1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property Masada

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details State(s) Party(ies)

Israel

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

1040

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

2001

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)		Buffer zone (ha)		Inscription year
Masada	31.314 / 35.353	276	28965	29241	2001
Total (ha)		276	28965	29241	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Masada World Heritage site	01/01/2000	æ

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

 Guy Kav-Venaki Israel Chair Monitoring, Follow-Up and Periodic Reporting Team Chairman

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

 Eitan Campbell Israel Nature and Parks Authority Director

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

- 1. <u>Israel Nature & National Parks Protection</u>
 Authority
- 2. <u>Masada National Park (Israel Nature & National</u> Parks Protection Authority)

1.8 - Other designations / Conventions under which the property is protected (if applicable)

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Statement of Outstanding Universal Value Brief synthesis

Masada is a dramatically located site of great natural beauty overlooking the Dead Sea, a rugged natural fortress on which the Judaean king Herod the Great constructed a sumptuous palace complex in classical Roman style. After Judaea became a province of the Roman Empire, it was the refuge of the last survivors of the Jewish revolt, who chose death rather

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than slavery when the Roman besiegers broke through their defences. As such it has an emblematic value for the Jewish people.

It is also an archaeological site of great significance. The remains of Herod's palaces are outstanding and very intact examples of this type of architecture, whilst the untouched siegeworks are the finest and most complete anywhere in the Roman world.

The Masada complex, built by Herod the Great, King of Judaea, who reigned between 37 BCE and 4 CE, and particularly the "hanging" palace with its three terraces, is an outstanding example of opulent architectural design, elaborately engineered and constructed in extreme conditions. The palace on the northern face of the dramatic mountain site consists of an exceptional group of classical Roman Imperial buildings. The water system was particularly sophisticated, collecting run-off water from a single day's rain to sustain life for a thousand people over a period of two to three years. This achievement allowed the transformation of a barren, isolated, arid hilltop into a lavish royal retreat.

When this natural defensive site, further strengthened by massive walls, was occupied by survivors of the Jewish Revolt against Roman rule, it was successfully besieged by a massive Roman army. The military camps, siegeworks and an attack ramp that encircle the site, and a network of legionary fortresses of quadrilateral plan, are the most complete anywhere in the Roman world. Masada is a poignant symbol of the continuing human struggle between oppression and liberty

Criterion (iii): Masada is a symbol of the ancient Jewish Kingdom of Israel, of its violent destruction in the later 1st century CE, and of the subsequent Diaspora.

Criterion (iv): The Palace of Herod the Great at Masada is an outstanding example of a luxurious villa of the Early Roman Empire, whilst the camps and other fortifications that encircle the monument constitute the finest and most complete Roman siege works to have survived to the present day.

Criterion (vi): The tragic events during the last days of the Jewish refugees who occupied the fortress and palace of Masada make it a symbol both of Jewish cultural identity and, more universally, of the continuing human struggle between oppression and liberty.

Integrity

Due to its remoteness, and the harsh climate of the southern end of the Judean Desert, following the dissolution of the Byzantine monastic settlement in the 6th century the Masada site remained untouched for more than thirteen centuries until its rediscovery in1828. The property encompasses the remains of the site on its natural fortress and the surrounding siegeworks.

Of equal importance is the fact that the setting of Masada, the magnificent wild scenery of this region, has not changed over many millennia. The only intrusions are the lower visitor and cable car facilities, which in their new form have been designed and relocated sympathetically, to minimize visual impact, though the siting of the summit station, is still controversial.

Authenticity

This is a site that remained untouched for more than thirteen centuries. The buildings and other evidence of human settlement gradually collapsed and were covered over until they were revealed in the 1960s. There have been no additions or reconstruction, beyond an acceptable level of anastylosis, and inappropriate materials used in early conservation projects are being replaced. Limited restoration works have been carried out to aid visitor interpretation with original archaeological levels being clearly defined by a prominent black line set in the new mortar joints. Certain significant archaeological elements, such as the Roman

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camps and siegeworks, remain virtually untouched. The authenticity is therefore of a very high level.

Protection and management requirements

The Judean desert remains a sparsely settled area, with the harshness of the environment serving as a natural barrier against modern urban and rural development pressures. The property and buffer zone are owned by the State of Israel, and the archaeological sites are protected by the 1978 Antiquities Law. Since 1966 the entire Masada site, and its surroundings, have been designated a National Park, updated by the 1998 National Parks, Nature Reserves, National Sites and Memorial Sites Law. The National Park is further protected through being entirely surrounded by the Judean Desert Nature Reserve, also established under the 1998 Act. The property is managed by the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, in cooperation with the Israel Antiquities Authority. An important aspect of the current management plan is the decision to carry out no further research excavation on the main site "in the present generation", although limited excavation will be permitted when required by conservation, maintenance or restoration projects.

Almost entirely invisible from the summit, a new visitor centre was opened on the plain beneath the eastern side of Masada in 2000. Providing all the anticipated facilities, the centre was designed to accommodate the 1.25 million visitors per annum. The cable car, originally installed in the 1970's, was replaced by a new, less intrusive, and heavily used system to connect the visitor centre with the summit. It is also still possible to undertake the arduous climb to the summit by the two historic pedestrian access routes.

The policy of prohibiting commercial activities of any kind, and picnicking on the summit, is rigorously maintained.

2.2 - The criteria (2005 revised version) under which the property was inscribed

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2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

- 2.4 If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised
- 2.5 Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value
- 3. Factors Affecting the Property
- 3.14. Other factor(s)
- 3.14.1 Other factor(s)

no other factors

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact		Origi	in
3.1	Buildings and Development	, i			
3.1.2	Commercial development	(1)			C
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	(3)	Ą		F
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities	(9	
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure				
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	0	E		3
3.3	Services Infrastructures			- '	
3.3.1	Water infrastructure	()	E)		C
3.3.4	Localised utilities	(Ą	()	
3.3.5	Major linear utilities	(9	
3.4	Pollution	, - ,			
3.4.5	Solid waste	()		(C
3.5	Biological resource use/modification	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
3.5.3	Land conversion	(9 🗐	A	C
3.5.5	Crop production	(•	A	C
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric	I I			
3.7.1	Wind	(9	9	
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	6	9	9	
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage			- '	
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	()		(
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage	(A	9	C
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	(Ą	()	
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events	, - ,			
3.11.6	Fire (widlfires)	(•	eq -	F
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species	1 1			
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	(9 9	(
3.13	Management and institutional factors	! !			
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities	(Ħ	9	C
3.13.3	Management activities	(A	•	C
Legend	Current Potential Negative Opositive	nside	Outsi		

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	•	Management response	Trend
3.5	Biological resource use/modification	•				1
3.5.3	Land conversion	restricted	one off or rare	minor	high capacity	static
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1	Wind	restricted	one off or rare	minor	high capacity	static
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	restricted	one off or rare	minor	high capacity	static
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species					
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	restricted	on-going	insignificant	low capacity	decreasing

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3.17. Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to factors affecting the property

3.17.1 - Comments

Expansion of the guest house"s waste water facility in the buffer zone, not visible due to local vegetation. The local stone is sensitive to hard rains and strong winds (soft limestone). Due to these factors the site managers and workers have specific drawings of each part and layer of the affected areas. There is daily and weekly monitoring. All affected areas were fixed as soon as possible. Bird feces near the visitor center outside the site, do not affect the site or the visitors.

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status There is a buffer zone

4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property **are adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property **are known** by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

4.1.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

4.2. Protective Measures

4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional)

The entire site is a National Park, established under the provisions of the National Parks, Nature Reserves, Memorial Sites and National Sites Law (1998), and the archaeological sites are covered by the Antiquities Law (1978). The World Heritage Site is further protected by being entirely surrounded by the Judaean Desert Nature Reserve, also established under the 1998 Act. There is also a belt of

open land between the site and the Dead Sea which is protected as open agricultural land under the provisions of a local master plan under the Planning and Building Law 1965. There are very severe penalties for any unauthorized actions that in any way affect the qualities of the National Park and the archaeological monuments.

4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity

4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?

There is **excellent** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property

4.2.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to protective measures

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

The entire World Heritage property and the buffer zone are owned by the State of Israel.

Management of the Masada National Park and of the Judaean Desert Nature Reserve is the legal responsibility of the Nature and Parks Protection Authority, whilst responsibility for the archaeological sites is vested in the Israel Antiquities Authority. The belt of agricultural land comes under the control of the Regional Council.

Direct management of the Park is in the hands of the Park Director. The nature reserves around the archaeological site is regularly patrolled by rangers, operating from En Gedi oasis and Arad, 20km north and 25km west of Masada respectively.

The headquarters of the Nature and Parks

Protection Authority has planning committees which are responsibility for approving and implementing development plans. Independent experts attend the meetings of these

committees and public hearings are held to consider issues of outstanding national and international interest. The Israel Antiquities Authority has an independent conservation committee which considers conservation and reconstruction proposals and projects.

Following the merger of the Nature Reserves Authority with the National Parks Authority in 1998 an outline management plan for heritage sites in nature reserves was prepared with the assistance of the Getty Conservation Institute. An updated version was also completed: the coverage is comprehensive and fully in conformity with the requirements of the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention so far as the cultural heritage element is concerned.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

The management document is located in the site"s nomination file, pages 55-62, covering all of the management needs. Each year new goals are added to the plan.

4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional / provincial / state; local / municipal etc.) coordinate in the management of the World Heritage Property?

There is **excellent coordination** between all bodies / levels involved in the management of the property

4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The management system / plan is **fully adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is being **fully** implemented and monitored

4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?

An annual work / action plan exists and **many activities** are being implemented

4.3.7 - Please rate the cooperation / relationship with World Heritage property managers / coordinators / staff of the following

Local communities / residents	Good
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Industry	Good

4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

No local communities are resident in or living near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer

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zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

No indigenous peoples are resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?

There is contact but only **some cooperation** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

4.3.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report

4.4. Financial and Human Resources

4.4.1 - Costs related to conservation, based on the average of last five years (relative percentage of the funding sources)

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	90%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	10%
Other grants	0%

4.4.2 - International Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)

4.4.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?

The available budget is **sufficient** but further funding would enable more effective management to international best practice standard

4.4.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?

The existing sources of funding **are secure** in the mediumterm and planning is underway to secure funding in the longterm

4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?

There is a **major flow** of economic benefits to local communities from activities in and around the World Heritage property

4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?

There are adequate equipment and facilities

4.4.7 - Are resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure adequately maintained?

Equipment and facilities are well maintained

4.4.8 - Comments, conclusion, and / or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure

No comments.

4.4.9 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Full-time	85%
Part-time	15%

4.4.10 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Permanent	95%
Seasonal	5%

4.4.11 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

4.4.12 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?

Human resources are adequate for management needs

4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines

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Research and monitoring	Good	
Promotion	Fair	
Community outreach	Fair	
Interpretation	Good	
Education	Good	
Visitor management	Good	
Conservation	Good	
Administration	Fair	
Risk preparedness	Good	
Tourism	Good	
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not applicable	

4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	High
Promotion	High
Community outreach	Medium
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Medium
Visitor management	High
Conservation	Medium
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	High
Tourism	Medium

Enforcement (custodians, police) Not applicable

4.4.15 - Do the management and conservation programmes at the World Heritage property help develop local expertise?

A capacity development plan or programme is **in place and fully implemented**; all technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, who are assuming leadership in management

4.4.16 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

No comments

4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

4.5.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is sufficient

4.5.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is **considerable** research but it is **not directed** towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **shared widely** with the local, national and international audiences

4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report

Back to Masada [2009], Amnon Ben-Tor.

4.5.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to scientific studies and research projects

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?

In many locations and easily visible to visitors

4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups

Local communities / residents	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Excellent
Local landowners	Not applicable
Visitors	Excellent

Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Average

4.6.3 - Is there a planned education and awareness programme linked to the values and management of the World Heritage property?

There is no need for an education and awareness programme

4.6.4 - What role, if any, has designation as a World Heritage property played with respect to education, information and awareness building activities?

World Heritage status has influenced education, information and awareness building activities, but it could be improved

4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?

There is **excellent presentation and interpretation** of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property

4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property

Visitor centre	Excellent
Site museum	Excellent
Information booths	Adequate
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Excellent
Information materials	Excellent
Transportation facilities	Adequate
Other	Not needed

4.6.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to education, information and awareness building

The site values are well known to the public.

4.7. Visitor Management

4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years

Last year	Static
Two years ago	Static
Three years ago	Static
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Major Increase (100%+)

4.7.2 - What information sources are used to collect trend data on visitor statistics?

Entry tickets and registries	
Tourism industry	

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

Visitor management documentation is found in the management plan in the nomination file.

4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property

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which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **effectively managed** and does not impact its Outstanding Universal

4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?

There is **excellent co-operation** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry to present the Outstanding Universal Value and increase appreciation

4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?

The fee is collected, and makes **some contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property No comments.

4.8. Monitoring

4.8.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is considerable monitoring but it is **not directed towards management needs** and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for defining and monitoring key indicators for measuring its state of conservation

4.8.3 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Average
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Excellent
NGOs	Average
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?

Implementation is complete

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4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee

4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring

WH umbrella is very beneficial in preserving and maintaining the OUV.

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.5	Biological resource use/modification						
3.5.3	Land conversion	Palm trees were planted in a near by field. No attributes affected, the land is outside the buffer zone and is only seen from the road.	NPA were involved in planning and approved the step after careful review.	No further monitoring is needed.	2011	NPA, Tamar Yam Regional Council.	No comment.
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.1	Wind	Wind may affect the fortress soft lime building stone.	Detailed drawings, preservation and conservation work are done as a preventive measure.	Daily monitoring takes place.	Seasonal.	Nature and Parks, Antiquities Authority	-
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	A wall near the upper cable car suffered after heavy rain.	Governmental funding was supplied immediately and the wall was reinforced.	Daily monitoring takes place.	2005, During heavy winter rains. Fixed immediately.	Government , Nature and Parks Authority.	-
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species						
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	Bird feces on some archaeological findings near the stage area.	Nets were tied above the artifacts to prevent birds access in the future.	Daily monitoring takes place, there seems to be an improvement on the subject.	On going.	Managed internally.	-

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

Answers provided have not outlined any serious management need.

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5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **preserved**

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is intact

5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.4.1 - Comments

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

•
No impact
Positive
No impact
Not applicable
Positive
No impact
Positive
No impact
Not applicable

6.2 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to World Heritage status

6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report

Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff	
Others	

6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?

no

6.5 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire

6.6 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire from the following entities

UNESCO	Very poor
State Party Representative	Very good
Advisory Body	Very good

6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

All required information was accessible

6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following

Monitoring and reporting

6.9 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

UNESCO	Not Applicable
State Party	Not Applicable
Site Managers	Not Applicable
Advisory Bodies	Not Applicable

6.10 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee

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6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise

The monitoring team of the Israel National Commission for UNESCO was involved in the preparation of the report.