

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Urnes Stave Church

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Norway

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

58


Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1979

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Urnes Stave Church	61.3 / 7.333	0	0	0	1979
Total (ha)			0		

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Boundary of Urnes Stave Church	30/09/2005	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Trond Taugbøl
Directorate for Cultural Heritage – Riksantikvaren
Senior Adviser

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Jon E Tamnes
The Society for the Preservation of Norwegian Ancient Monuments
Manager

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

- [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
- [Directorate for Cultural Heritage \(Riksantikvaren\)](#)

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

Comment

Statement of Outstanding Universal Value has been sent by State Party 01.02.2012, and are awaiting Committee decision.

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

(i) Carved décor/"Urnes style", Extraordinary series of 12th century figurative capitals, Medieval liturgical objects (ii) Specific tradition of highly developed wooden buildings in W. Europe in the Middle Ages (iii) One of the most elaborate types of wood construction, Reuse of elements originating from earlier stave churches in the location, Outside décor from the older church is preserved in an amazing state of conservation

2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised

Inscription was before 2005.

2.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

No comments.

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact					Origin
3.1	Buildings and Development						
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities						
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure						
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure						
3.2.3	Marine transport infrastructure						
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure						
3.3	Services Infrastructures						
3.3.1	Water infrastructure						
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities						
3.3.4	Localised utilities						
3.4	Pollution						
3.4.3	Surface water pollution						
3.4.5	Solid waste						
3.5	Biological resource use/modification						
3.5.4	Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals						
3.5.5	Crop production						
3.5.10	Forestry /wood production						
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.1	Wind						
3.7.2	Relative humidity						
3.7.3	Temperature						
3.7.4	Radiation/light						
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)						
3.7.8	Micro-organisms						
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses						
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage						
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system						
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community						
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation						
3.9	Other human activities						
3.9.1	Illegal activities						
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage						
3.9.5	Terrorism						
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.1	Storms						
3.10.6	Temperature change						
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events						
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)						
3.13	Management and institutional factors						
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities						
3.13.2	High impact research / monitoring activities						
3.13.3	Management activities						

Legend	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside
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3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.1 Buildings and Development					
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.2 Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.2.3 Marine transport infrastructure	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing
3.3 Services Infrastructures					
3.3.1 Water infrastructure	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.3.2 Renewable energy facilities	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.3.4 Localised utilities	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.4 Pollution					
3.4.3 Surface water pollution	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.4.5 Solid waste	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.5 Biological resource use/modification					
3.5.4 Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals	localised	on-going	minor	high capacity	static
3.5.5 Crop production	localised	on-going	minor	high capacity	static
3.5.10 Forestry /wood production	localised	one off or rare	minor	high capacity	static
3.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.4 Radiation/light	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.1 Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.8.4 Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system	localised	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	localised	on-going	minor	high capacity	static
3.9 Other human activities					
3.9.2 Deliberate destruction of heritage	restricted	one off or rare	minor	high capacity	static

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

3.17.1 - Comments

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is no buffer zone, but there is a need for one

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 **do not limit** the ability to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value but they could be improved

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

The property had **no buffer zone at the time of its inscription** on the World Heritage List

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 property had **no buffer zone** at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

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

The county of Sogn and Fjordane have, on commission from the Directorate of Cultural Heritage, made a plan with the aim of proposing a buffer zone. The Municipality of Luster are positive to secure a buffer zone around the World Heritage Site Urnes Stave Church through use of the Plan and buildings legislation.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

Note WHC (July 2012): Please carefully review, complete and update the information provided below, if appropriate.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

Source: [Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 \(2001-2006\)](#)

Submitted on Friday, October 28, 2005

- **Question 6.02**

The church building and its graveyard are automatically

protected under the Cultural Heritage Act §4, because of age (being Medieval). The surrounding area is covered by regulations in a land-use plan with special zoning requirements. See 03.06.

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?

An adequate legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists but there are **some deficiencies in implementation**

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 property had **no buffer zone at the time of inscription** on the World Heritage List

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?

An **adequate** legal framework exists for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone, but **there are some deficiencies in its implementation** which undermine the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the property

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

There is **acceptable** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies remain

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

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Note WHC (July 2012): Please carefully review, complete and update the information provided below, if appropriate. If a more recent management plan / system is in force, we will very much appreciate it if you could provide its 2 paper and electronic copies to the WHC. The submission should be accompanied by a cover letter to DIR/WHC. Thank you for your cooperation.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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- **Question 5.02**

Sterling group or similar management committee has been set up to guide the management of the site

- **Question 5.03**

Set up date: 1996

Function: Mutual information between stakeholders and bodies involved, coordination of initiatives and efforts. To oversee that suggested improvements are handled by the authorities in charge. To be a forum for discussions on tasks and matters that affects the World Heritage.

Mandate: To follow up the recommendations given by the ICOMOS Norway evaluation committee of 1995. To consider whether the present management and (legal) protection are appropriate. To be a forum for exchange of information, and also for discussions.

Constituted: formal

• **Question 5.05**

Overall management system of the site

- Management by the State Party
- Management under protective legislation

4.3.2 - Management Documents

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 a range of administrative bodies / levels involved in management but there is **little or no coordination** between them for managing different aspects 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 only **partially adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is **only partially** being implemented

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

No annual work / action plan exists

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

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

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?

Local communities have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role in management

4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer 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 **little or no 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

There has not been any meetings in the management committee the past three years.

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)	
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	
Governmental (National / Federal)	100%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	
Other grants	

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

Comment

We have not received international assistance from WHF.

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 medium-term and planning is underway to secure funding in the long-term

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

There is **some flow** of economic benefits to local communities

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

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

Full-time	
Part-time	100%

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

Permanent	30%
Seasonal	70%

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

Paid	100%
Volunteer	

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

Research and monitoring	Good
Promotion	Good
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Poor
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Good
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Good
Tourism	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

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	Medium
Community outreach	Medium
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Low
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	Medium
Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	High
Tourism	Medium
Enforcement (custodians, police)	High

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 **partially implemented**; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally **but most of the technical work is carried out by external staff**

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

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** for most key areas **but there are gaps**

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

Knud J. Krogh: Urnesstilens kirke (PAX forlag, 2011)

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 **one location 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	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Average
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Average
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 a **limited and ad hoc** 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?

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is adequately presented and interpreted **but improvements could be made**

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

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

4.7. Visitor Management

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

Last year	Decreasing
Two years ago	Static
Three years ago	Static
Four years ago	Static
Five years ago	Static

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

Entry tickets and registries

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

There is **some management** of the visitor use of the World Heritage property

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

There is **limited 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

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 a **comprehensive, integrated programme** of monitoring, which is relevant to 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 and key indicators have been defined **but monitoring the status of indicators could be improved**

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

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Average
Local / Municipal authorities	Poor
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 **underway**

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

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						
3.5.4	Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals	All criterias	Traditional use of the cultural landscape at Ornes is important to maintain it. Livestock farming is under pressure due to the economy of production, but can be helped by direct financial support to the farmers.	Continuous	Continuous	All parts No additional comments
3.5.5	Crop production	All criterias	Traditional use of the cultural landscape at Ornes is important to maintain it. Crop farming is under pressure due to the economy of production, but can be helped by direct financial support to the farmers.	Continuous	Continuous	All parts Growing under protection of plastic tunnels can have a negative visual effect of the landscape, but has not been introduced at Ornes.
3.5.10	Forestry /wood production	All criterias	Forestry is necessary to keep the three growth under control.	Continuous	Continuous	All parts No additional comments
3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	All criterias	Urnes stave church is having most of her visitors between middle of June till middle of August. Since Ornes has a remote location, we manage the logistics well even in the peak periods. We are, however, working to diversify the Urnes experience.	Continuous	Continuous	All parts No additional comments
3.9 Other human activities						
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage	All criterias	To avoid deliberate destruction of heritage, it is important to have permanent residents at Ornes, combined with necessary security measures.	Continuous	Continuous	All parts No additional comments

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones						
	Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.1.1	There is a need for a buffer zone	Establishing a buffer zone	2014	The Directorate for Cultural Heritage, Municipality of Luster	No additional comments	
4.1.2	Boundaries could be improved	Discuss if the present boundaries are the optimal ones	2014	The Directorate for Cultural Heritage, Municipality of Luster, County of Sogn and Fjordane and Fortidsminneforeningen	No additional comments	
4.3 Management System / Management Plan						
4.3.3	Little or no coordination between administrative bodies	The new national World Heritage policies has just now been passed. This will provide the necessary framework to formalize the management system, and to involve all parties and stakeholders in a better way than in the past.	2014-2015	All parties	No additional comments	

4.3.10	There is little or no cooperation with industry regarding management	Strengthen the contact and cooperation with local hotels and the cruise industry operating in the area.	Continuous	The owner of the stave church, local community	No additional comments
4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building					
4.6.3	There is a limited education and awareness programme	Find ways to make sure heritage and management are a part of the local debate, and raise awareness in the whole region.	Continuous	Directorate of Cultural Heritage, local municipality and the owner of the stave church	No additional comments
4.7 Visitor Management					
4.7.4	Some management of visitor use of the property but this could be improved	The new national World Heritage policies has just now been passed. This will provide the necessary framework to formalize the management system.	Continuous	The owner of the stave church	No additional comments

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

The state of conservation is very good

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

Conservation	Very positive
Research and monitoring	Very positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	No impact
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Very positive
International cooperation	Very positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	No impact
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

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

The authenticity and integrity of the Urnes Stave Church WH Site is maintained, and this rapport is not documenting any immediate or probable threats.

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

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff
Local community

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

The various WH sites are so different in size and challenges, so the guidance could have been much better.

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

UNESCO	Poor
State Party Representative	Fair
Advisory Body	Fair

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

Most of the required information was accessible

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

The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and / or Authenticity
The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting
Management effectiveness

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	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Not Applicable

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

- **Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**
Reason for update: Statement of Outstanding Universal Value has been sent by State Party 01.02.2012, and are awaiting Committee decision.

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

The new national World Heritage policies has just now been passed. This will provide the necessary framework to formalize the management system, and to ensure that the needed capacity will be provided. It is necessary to involve all parties and stakeholders in a better way than in the past.