

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Ancient Building Complex in the Wudang Mountains

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

• China

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

705

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1994

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Ancient Building Complex in the Wudang Mountains	32.467 / 111	0	0	0	1994
Total (ha)			0		

Comment

The updated data will be available on the retrospective inventory which is currently under preparation.

1.4 - Map(s)

Comment

The retrospective inventory is under preparation and will be submitted before 1 Feb, 2012.

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

the Provincial Cultural Relic Bureau of Hubei Province

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

• Shu Tao

Cultural Relic Bureau of Mt. Wudang Special Zone

Comment

Add: No. 2 Laoying Road, Mt. Wudang Special Zone, Shiyan City, Hubei Province, China. Email:wdwwj@163.com

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. 1001wonders.org : visit this site in panophotographies - 360 x 180 degree images

Comment

www.chinawudang.com www.wdstq.com

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

Comment

No other designations/ Conventions.

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

The retrospective statement of OUV has been submitted to the World Heritage Center for examination before February 1st, 2011.

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

(i)(ii)(vi)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

i The ancient buildings scattered around the Sky pillar peak of the Wudang Mountains ii The palaces and temples in wood, bronze, stone and various statues of gods cast in bronze, wood, stone, or modeled with clay. The golden hall in the Wudang Mountains and the statues in the hall are all cast in bronze and gilded. Massive in body and cast with the lost wax method. vi The overall spatial planning of the architectural complex based on the myth of Emperor ZhenWu cultivating himself into an immortal

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

No comment

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

No comment

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)







3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

None

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact	Origin
3.1	Buildings and Development		
3.1.2 Commercial development			
3.1.3 Industrial areas			
3.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure			
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities			
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure		
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure			
3.2.2 Air transport infrastructure			
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure			
3.3	Services Infrastructures		
3.3.1 Water infrastructure			
3.3.4 Localised utilities			
3.3.5 Major linear utilities			
3.5	Biological resource use/modification		
3.5.1 Fishing/collecting aquatic resources			
3.5.2 Aquaculture			
3.5.3 Land conversion			
3.5.5 Crop production			
3.6	Physical resource extraction		
3.6.4 Water (extraction)			
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric		
3.7.1 Wind			
3.7.2 Relative humidity			
3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)			
3.7.7 Pests			
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			
3.8.5 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			
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events		
3.10.1 Storms			
3.10.2 Flooding			
3.10.3 Drought			
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events		
3.11.2 Earthquake			
3.11.6 Fire (wildfires)			
3.13	Management and institutional factors		
3.13.1 Low 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					
3.1.3	Industrial areas	localised	one off or rare	significant	medium capacity	static
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1	Wind	extensive	on-going	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.7.2	Relative humidity	localised	frequent	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.7.7	Pests	extensive	on-going	significant	medium capacity	static
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	localised	on-going	significant	medium capacity	static
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.2	Flooding	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static

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

3.17.1 - Comments

No comments

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 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 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

No comments

4.2. Protective Measures

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

The ancient building complex, which belongs to the People's Republic of China, is protected by a series of legal instruments deriving from the Constitution of the People's Republic of China; among these are the Penal Code of the People's Republic of China, the Law on the Protection of Cultural Relics and Ruins of the People's Republic of China, and the Environmental Protection Laws of the People's Republic of China. This is comprehensive interlocking legislation with severe penalties for transgression.

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?

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**

4.2.4 - 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 **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

No comments

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Comment

The ancient building complex in Wudang Mountain is the State Priority Protected Site. Under the leadership of National and Provincial Cultural Relic Bureau, Wudang Mountain Management Committee is mainly in charge of the whole Wudang district and the Wudang Cultural Relic Bureau is mainly in charge of the ancient buildings, under its leadership, there are four administrative offices set up according to the layout of the ancient buildings in Wudang Mountain for the daily management

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

The Master Plan Outline of the Wudang Mountain Scenic Area, the Twelfth Five-Year (2011-2015) Conservation Plan of the Ancient Building Complex in the Wudang Mountains, the Management Measures for the Environment and the Infrastructure Building in the Wudang Mountain Special

Planning Zone. The Conservation Plan of Wudang Mountain Cultural Heritages is under preparation.

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 coordination between the range of administrative bodies / levels involved in the management of the property but it could be improved

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?

An annual work / action plan exists and **most or all activities** are being implemented and monitored

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	Good
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Fair
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?

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 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

No comments

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

No comments

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)	29%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	20%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	15%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	3%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	33%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

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

Comment

None

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 **some** adequate equipment and facilities, but deficiencies in at least one key area **constrain** management at the World Heritage property

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	100%
Part-time	0%

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

Permanent	96.5%
Seasonal	3.5%

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

Paid	61.4%
Volunteer	38.6%

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

A range of human resources exist, but these are **below optimum** to manage the World Heritage Property.

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

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	Low
Promotion	Low
Community outreach	Not available
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Low
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	Medium
Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	Medium
Tourism	Medium
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Low

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

various kinds of educational programs provided for local people and visitors on the laws and knowledges of cultural heritage conservation; sending staff to attend training programs and enhance conservation and management level

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 with local participants and some national agencies**

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

Analysis of Wudang Mountain Tourism Resource, Li Lin, 20, Jan. 2007, www.stvda.net Nature, history, Taoism: collected papers of Wudang Mountain Research, Yang Lizhi, 01, Jan. 2007, Social Sciences Academic Press Research on Layout of Architectural Complex and Art of Construction in Wudang Taoism Mountain, Song Xiaochuan, Zhang Jijuan & Zhang Lan; June, 2009 <http://epub.cnki.net/grid2008/detail.aspx>

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

Working with universities to survey and draw the Liang Yi Palace of South Crag Palace which is a national key scientific research project

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	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Average
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Average
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 planned education and awareness programme but it only **partly meets the needs** and could be improved

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 been an **important influence** on education, information and awareness building activities

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	Adequate
Information booths	Not needed
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Adequate
Other	Not needed

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

No comments

4.7. Visitor Management

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

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

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

Entry tickets and registries
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

Wudang Mountain Scenic Area Management Measures issued by the Hubei Provincial Government

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

some visitor management and control measures in hot season and peak hours to guarantee the safety of the site

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 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	Average
Local communities	Not applicable
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Not applicable
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	Non-existent

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

No comments

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

No comments

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
3.1	Buildings and Development						
3.1.3	Industrial areas	Criteria I,II and VI;Dongfeng Investment Casting Co., Ltd has an impact on the Yu Xu Palace and its surroundings	monitor	cultural relic management station of wudang special zone	long-trem	cultural relic bureau of wudang special zone	No comments
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.1	Wind	Criteria I and II; affecting the inscriptions on a tablet and cliff carvings	periodic cleaning, protection and monitor	cultural relic management station of wudang special zone	long-term	cultural relic bureau of wudang special zone	No comments
3.7.2	Relative humidity	Criteria I and II; affecting the stone inscriptions	periodic cleaning and copping to paper	cultural relic management station of wudang special zone	long-trem	cultural relic bureau of wudang special zone	No comments
3.7.7	Pests						
3.7.8	Micro-organisms						
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.2	Flooding						

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.4 Financial and Human Resources					
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
4.4.13	Promotion	employ more personnel trained in cultural heritage conservation, history, architectural restoration and maintain, gain more fund for heritage protection and maintainance	long-trem	local government of wudang special zone and wudang cultural relic bureau	no comment
4.7 Visitor Management					
4.7.4	Some management of visitor use of the property but this could be improved	monitoring of the tourist carrying capacity of the site providing more public educational program to raise public awareness on the site protection	long-trem	wudang cultural relic bureau and Tourist Administration Bureau	No 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

No 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

Conservation	Very positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Not applicable
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Not applicable
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

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

No comments

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
Staff from other World Heritage properties

External experts
Advisory bodies

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

yes

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

No comments

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

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

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 World Heritage Convention
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	Satisfactory
State Party	Excellent
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Excellent

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: The retrospective statement of OUV has been submitted to the World Heritage Center for examination before February 1st, 2011.

• Geographic Information Table

Reason for update: The updated data will be available on the retrospective inventory which is currently under preparation.

• Map(s)

Reason for update: The retrospective inventory is under preparation and will be submitted before 1 Feb, 2012.

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

No comments