

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Takht-e Soleyman

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

1077


Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

2003

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Takht-e Soleyman	36.604 / 47.235	10	7438	7448	2003
Total (ha)		10	7438	7448	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Takht-e Soleyman	15/11/2001	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicraft and Tourism Organization (ICHHTO)

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. 1001wonders.org : visit this site in
[panophotographies - 360 x 180 degree images](#)

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

Comment

This property has been registered on the natural heritage list and all Iranian heritage legislations are applicable for it. These

legislations restrict interventions to the cultural heritage administrations whose mission is conservation and protection of the site.

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

This information is available on section 2a. on the world heritage nomination document presented to the world heritage center. Upon the request of the world heritage centre, that information has been revised and sent to the above mentioned Email address "wh-periodicreporting@unesco.org" from the following Email address on 25th July 2011:
medhi_keramatfar@yahoo.com

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

(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(vi)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

Please refer to the question 2.1 since the required information spaces more than 500 characters.

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

The submitted SOUV is the most recent revision that has been changed upon the request of the world heritage committee and needs to be approved.

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)

The cold regional climate challenges the OUV of the property. Frozen rainfall water might have a negative effect on the historical structures. Although the temperature is out of control, but the conservation team is missioned to sweep the snow in the long rainy season and to perform more conservation tasks in warmer seasons. Installation of the protective shelter for some outstanding elements is the other protective measures implemented by the site administrative team.

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

3.1 Factors Summary table							Name	Impact			Origin	
3.1							Buildings and Development					
3.1.1 Housing												
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												
3.3							Services Infrastructures					
3.3.4 Localised utilities												
3.3.5 Major linear utilities												
3.4							Pollution					
3.4.3 Surface water pollution												
3.5							Biological resource use/modification					
3.5.5 Crop production												
3.5.7 Subsistence wild plant collection												
3.6							Physical resource extraction					
3.6.1 Mining												
3.6.2 Quarrying												
3.6.4 Water (extraction)												
3.7							Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1 Wind												
3.7.2 Relative humidity												
3.7.3 Temperature												
3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)												
3.7.7 Pests												
3.8							Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.1 Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses												
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												
3.10							Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.7 Other climate change impacts												
3.11							Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.2 Earthquake												
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						

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric				

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.7.1	Wind	widespread	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.7.2	Relative humidity	widespread	on-going	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7.3	Temperature	widespread	on-going	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	widespread	frequent	significant	medium capacity	static
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	localised	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.7	Other climate change impacts	widespread	frequent	significant	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 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)

Comment

The property is state owned through the Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicraft and Tourism Organization (ICHHTO). Heritage team based on the site is responsible for implementation of the conservation on behalf of the Iranian Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Handicraft Organization.

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

At present, the preservation and development activities and the management of the nominated area are the responsibility of the Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization. The provincial office of the ICHO in Orumiyeh is responsible for archaeological excavations and takes necessary safety measures for preservation in the buffer zones. A separate unit has been created for field management within ICHO, namely *The Directorate of the Takht-e Suleiman Development Project*. The purpose of this unit is to give impetus to the decision making mechanism and integrate the activities of various departments, following the example of the successful project scheme at Zogha Zambil. A five-year management plan has been adopted for Takht-e Suleiman, in 2002.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
TAKHT-E SOLEYMAN Concise Management Plan and Statement of Objectives	In Force	Available	15/11/2001	

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 **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	Fair
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Fair
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 **directly contribute** to some decisions relating to 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?

Indigenous peoples directly contribute to **some decisions** relating to management but their involvement could be improved

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

The management plan is being updated based on the site conservation and tourism requirements and will be soon presented for adoption.

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)	10%
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.)	0%
Other grants	0%

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

Comment

No international assistance has been received from the world heritage fund.

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

The available budget is **acceptable** but could be further improved to fully meet the management needs

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**

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

There is a great demand for commencement of a new conservation project that is seeking serious consideration.

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

Full-time	90%
Part-time	10%

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

Permanent	50%
Seasonal	50%

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?

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

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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

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 a **comprehensive, integrated programme of research**, which is relevant to 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

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	Excellent
Visitors	Excellent
Tourism industry	Excellent

Local businesses and industries	Average
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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 and effective** education and awareness programme that contributes to the protection of the World Heritage property

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	Excellent
Site museum	Excellent
Information booths	Excellent
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Excellent
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	Major Increase (100%+)
Three years ago	Decreasing
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

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

The visitor statistics are daily recorded. These records provides the information to the daily reports and diagrams.

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?

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is managed but **improvements could be made**

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

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	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Poor
Local communities	Poor
Researchers	Excellent
NGOs	Poor
Industry	Average
Local indigenous peoples	Poor

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
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.1	Wind						
3.7.2	Relative humidity	Criterion (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), and (v) might be affected by this trend.	Conserving actions are implemented on the site using different drainage systems.	Daily site observation is conducted by the experts.	The daily observation is reported to the site manager on the outcome of any risk.	The site management as the first responsible body on behalf of the Iranian government.	
3.7.3	Temperature	Criterion (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), and (v) might be affected by this trend.	The cultural relics have been brought to the sheltered site museum but the fragile mason structures are still vulnerable with the freezing cold temperature of the region especially in winter.	The temperature is predicted and recorded by the climatology organization of Iran. Any negative outcome of this risk is reported to the site manager if any.	The daily observation is reported to the site manager on the outcome of any risk.	The site management as the first responsible body on behalf of the Iranian government.	
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	Criterion (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), and (v) might be affected by this trend.	Relevant conserving actions are implemented on the site using different drainage systems like those for the relative humidity.	Drainage chanel and systems are frequently checked in the case of precipitation.	dependant on the precipitation.	The site management as the first responsible body on behalf of the Iranian government.	
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community						
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.7	Other climate change impacts						

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

Please select your top management needs in question 4.9 before filling in the summary table.

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

Conservation	Very positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Very positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Very positive
Infrastructure development	No impact
Funding for the property	Very positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Very positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	Very positive

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

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

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

The excellent questionnaire helps both site managers and WHC administration to connect more accurately on the essential information avoiding unnecessary explanations. The only problem coming out on this exercise occurred when logging out from this website. Although, this event might occur due to the state of our processor but, actually we could not log out from this website.

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

UNESCO	Good
State Party Representative	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

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	Unsatisfactory
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Satisfactory

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: This information is available on section 2a. on the world heritage nomination document presented to the world heritage center. Upon the request of the world heritage centre, that information has been revised and sent to the above mentioned Email address "wh-periodicreporting@unesco.org" from the following Email address on 25th July 2011: medhi_keramatfar@yahoo.com

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