

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Parthian Fortresses of Nisa

### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

#### State(s) Party(ies)

• Turkmenistan

#### Type of Property

cultural

#### Identification Number

1242


#### Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

2007

### 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
New Nisa , Etrap of Rukhabad	37.966 / 58.199	42.671	200.15	242.821	0
Old Nisa , Etrap of Rukhabad	37.966 / 58.199	35.234	200.15	235.384	0
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>77.905</b>	<b>400.3</b>	<b>478.205</b>	

### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
NISA Location Map, 1:9,000	31/01/2006	

### 1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

#### Comment

Department for the protection, study and restoration of monuments of Turkmenistan Address Magtymkuli street 73a 744000 Ashgabat Turkmenistan Telephone: (993-12) 35 05 16 or 35 45 54 Fax: (993-12) 35 05 16 Email: monument@online.tm

### 1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

• A. Mamedov Mukhammed

Head of the Department  
for the protection, study and restoration of Turkm

#### Comment

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### 1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

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

#### Comment

The site also is protected by the Law of Turkmenistan on culture

## 2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

### 2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

#### Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

Nisa was the capital of the Parthian Empire, which dominated this region of central Asia from the mid 3rd century BCE to the early 3rd century CE. As such it formed a barrier to Roman expansion, whilst at the same time serving as an important communications and trading centre, at the crossroads of north-south and east-west routes. Its political and economic power is well illustrated by the surviving remains, which underline the interaction between central Asian and Mediterranean cultures.

Criterion (ii): Nisa is situated at the crossroads of important commercial and strategic axes. The archaeological remains vividly illustrate the significant interaction of cultural influences from central Asia and from the Mediterranean world.

Criterion (iii): The Parthian Empire was one of the most powerful and influential civilizations of the ancient world, and a brilliant rival of Rome which prevented the expansion of the Roman Empire to the east. Nisa, the capital of the Parthian Empire, is the outstanding symbol of the significance of this imperial power.

The integrity and authenticity of the property, and also of the surrounding landscape, in terms of the size of the two tells and the siting of the capital at the foot of the Kopet-Dag mountains, are unquestionable. The two tells do not in any sense represent the original appearance of the Parthian capital, but their present appearance is due solely to natural erosion. The site is gazetted as one of the 1,300 historical and cultural monuments of Turkmenistan. Nisa is also one of the eight State Historical and Cultural Parks (SHCP) that have been created to protect the most significant sites in Turkmenistan. A buffer zone has been established. The property comes within the provisions of the Bagyr town development plan. Serious efforts are still needed to set up an efficient preventive maintenance scheme that will ensure the survival of recently excavated parts of the site. A five-year plan has been formulated for 2006-2010, in order to ensure a better balance between the different activities (e.g. archaeology vis-à-vis conservation) and to combine and harmonize all the existing documents and strategies relating to the site.

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

(ii)(iii)

### 2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

No comments

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

No comments

### 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)

No additional factors

## 3.15. Factors Summary Table

## 3.15.1 - Factors summary table

Heritage Factors Summary table						
		Name	Impact		Origin	
3.1		Buildings and Development				
3.1.1 Housing						
3.1.3 Industrial areas						
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities						
3.2		Transportation Infrastructure				
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure						
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure						
3.4		Pollution				
3.4.5 Solid waste						
3.7		Local conditions affecting physical fabric				
3.7.1 Wind						
3.7.2 Relative humidity						
3.7.3 Temperature						
3.7.5 Dust						
3.8		Social/cultural uses of heritage				
3.8.1 Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses						
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation						
3.9		Other human activities				
3.9.2 Deliberate destruction of heritage						
3.10		Climate change and severe weather events				
3.10.3 Drought						
3.10.6 Temperature change						
3.11		Sudden ecological or geological events				
3.11.2 Earthquake						
3.11.5 Erosion and siltation/ deposition						
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

## 3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

## 3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

Appendix 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	decreasing
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1	Wind	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	decreasing
3.7.2	Relative humidity	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	static
3.7.3	Temperature	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition	localised	one off or rare	minor	high capacity	decreasing

### 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 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

No comments

#### 4.2. Protective Measures

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

The site is gazetted as one of the 1,300 historical and cultural monuments of Turkmenistan. In addition, Nisa is one of the eight State Historical and Cultural Parks (SHCP) that have been created to protect the most significant sites in Turkmenistan.

The SHCP Nisa was originally established by the Council of Ministers of the Turkmen Soviet Socialist Republic by Decree No. 111 dated 3 March 1980. The precise limits of the SHCP Nisa are given in the *Policy for the State Historical and Cultural Park Nisa* (1980) and Decree No. 202 of the Council of Ministers of the Turkmen Soviet Socialist Republic dated 4 May 1982.

The Policy rules that it is forbidden on the territory of the Park:

- to carry out any form of economic activity;
- to build new constructions;

- to use cultural assets for domestic purposes;
  - to lay cables, pipelines, and electric or other lines which are not necessary for the requirements of the Park;
  - to permit dwelling by private individuals, including park staff;
  - to guide tourists, carry out archaeological excavation, and all other scientific and educational activities by non-authorized persons, organizations, or enterprises, without the permission of the DPM and the Park administration.
- In addition to this policy, Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Ashgabat Regional Council of the People's Deputies No. 1/61 dated 25 January 1989 defines the buffer zones with increased control over the lands directly surrounding the protected sites. The implementation of these laws is ensured by on-site Park staff and by regional authorities (police, chiefs of *daykhan birleshiks*).

##### 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

No comments

#### 4.3. Management System / Management Plan


##### 4.3.1 - Management System

Management is exercised at the site level by the SHCP Nisa office in Bagyr-Ashgabat, and at the national level by the DPM in Ashgabat. NSHCP is responsible for the everyday maintenance of the site, the overall state of conservation, and tourism management. The

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Department of Restoration and Design of DPM supervises conservation work on the site.  
The Park Director prepares an annual action plan which is submitted to the DPM for approval.

### 4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
2006-2010 Management Plan	In Force	Available	31/01/2006	

### 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 **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	Good
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Good
Landowners	Good
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Good
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

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### 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 **regular contact** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone and **substantial co-operation** on management

### 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)	5%
Governmental (National / Federal)	86%
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.)	7%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	2%
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 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

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### 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?

There is **basic** maintenance of equipment and facilities

### 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	90%
Seasonal	10%

### 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

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

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Risk preparedness	Medium
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 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 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 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

2005 BOLLATI A., "Antecedenti delle sculture greco-buddiste in argilla cruda da Nisa Vecchia," in Art et archéologie des monastères gréco-bouddhiques du Nord-Ouest de l'Inde et de l'Asie centrale, (ed. par Tarzi Z.), Actes du Colloque international du Crpoga, Strasbourg, 17-18 mars 2000. Paris (2005), pp. 29-49. INVERNIZZI A., "Representations of Gods in Parthian Nisa." Parthica 7 (2005), pp. 71-80. LIPPOLIS C., "Osservazioni sui fregi in pietra dall'Edificio Rosso di Nisa Vecchia." Electrum, 10 (2005). 2006 INVERNIZZI A., "La cultura di Nisa partica tra steppe e impero." Quaderni dell'Accademia delle Scienze di Torino, 13 (2006), pp. 47-66. INVERNIZZI A: 2006, "Cornici dentate da Nisa Vecchia," in P. Callieri (ed.) Architetti, Capomastri, Artigiani. L'organizzazione dei cantieri e della produzione artistica nell'Asia Ellenistica, Studi offerti a D. Faccenna, Roma, 49-57. LIPPOLIS C. "La Sala Rotonda e l'Edificio Rosso. Bilancio e prospettive delle attività della missione italiana a Nisa Vecchia", Topoi 14/1 (2006), 179-206. LIPPOLIS C., "Nisa Partica su Enciclopedia Archeologica Treccani" (collana Il Mondo dell'Archeologia), 2006. 2007 INVERNIZZI A., "The culture of Nisa, between



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steppe and empire" in Cribb, Joe & Herrmann, Georgina (eds.), After Alexander: Central Asia before Islam. Themes in the history and archaeology of Western Central Asia, British Academy Conference, June 23-25, 2004 (London: Oxford University Press, 2007), 163-177. LIPPOLIS C., "Nisa-Mitridatkert. Alle origini dell'arte dei Parti" in V. Messina (a cura di), Sulla via di Alessandro. Da Seleucia al Gandhara, catalogo alla mostra di Torino, febbraio-maggio 2007, Palazzo Madama, Milano, pp. 147-153. LIPPOLIS C. "Ricerche a Nisa Partica: arte ed architettura dei primi Arsacidi," Atti dei Lincei della Giornata in memoria di Giorgio Gullini (2007), pp. 193-210. 2008 INVERNIZZI A. & LIPPOLIS C., "Nisa Partica. Ricerche nel complesso monumentale arsacide 1990-2006." Monografie di Mesopotamia IX (Firenze: 2008). LIPPOLIS C., MESSINA V., "Preliminary Report on the 2007 Italian Excavations in Parthian Nisa." Parthica 10 (2008), 53-61. PILIPKO V.N., "The Central Ensemble of the fortress Mhrdatkirt. Layout and chronology." Parthica 10 (2008), 33-51. 2009 INVERNIZZI A. "Nisa Partica. Le sculture ellenistiche." Monografie di Mesopotamia, XI (Firenze: 2009). LIPPOLIS C. "Notes on the Iranian Traditions in the Architecture of Old Nisa." Orbis Parthicus: Studies in Memory of Professor Józef Wolski. Electrum 15 (2009), 53-72.

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

No comments

## 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	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Average
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Excellent

### 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

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### 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	Adequate
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	Minor Increase
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
Visitor surveys

### 4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

#### Comment

Since 2010 it was introduced to collect trend data by using registers and entry tickets.

### 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 **effectively managed** and does not impact its Outstanding Universal Value

### 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 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** 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	Not applicable
Industry	Average
Local indigenous peoples	Poor

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

Implementation is **complete**

**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
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>						
<b>3.1.5</b>	<b>Interpretative and visitation facilities</b>	Criterion: II and III. Attributes affected: the Royal citadel, defensive ramparts	1. Erection of information boards on the concrete basements. 2. Keeping in good conditions of visitor's itineraries with concrete covers.	Observing and checking their integrity.	Seasonally in each year	Staff of the "Old Nisa" state historical and cultural Park	No comments
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>						
<b>3.7.1</b>	<b>Wind</b>	Criterion: II and III. Attributes affected: the Royal citadel, defensive ramparts.	1. Detecting of areas which most endangered by wind erosion. 2. Implementation of conservation activities at the wind eroded areas.	1. Determination of dimensions conserved areas of wind eroded areas.	Seasonally	Staff of the "Old Nisa" state historical and cultural Park	No comments
<b>3.7.2</b>	<b>Relative humidity</b>	Criterion: II and III. Attributes affected: the Royal citadel, defensive ramparts.	1. Determination of areas affected by the relative humidity. 2. Implementation of conservation measures.	1. Determination of erosion by the relative humidity at most affected areas.	Seasonally each year	Staff of the "Old Nisa" state historical and cultural Park	No comments
<b>3.7.3</b>	<b>Temperature</b>	Criterion: II and III. Attributes affected: the Royal citadel, defensive ramparts.	1. Study of effects of changing of temperature to the structures	1. Measuring of temperature's effects to the structures at selected areas	Seasonally each year	Staff of the "Old Nisa" state historical and cultural Park	No comments
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>						
<b>3.11.5</b>	<b>Erosion and siltation/deposition</b>	Criterion: II and III. Attributes affected: the Royal citadel, defensive ramparts.	1. Determination of eroded areas 2. Keeping in good conditions of local drainage at endangered areas	Measurement of dimensions of erosion at the walls	At the end of winter and spring seasons	Staff of the "Old Nisa" state historical and cultural Park	No comments

### 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.

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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

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	Very positive
Management effectiveness	Very positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Very positive
Infrastructure development	Very positive
Funding for the property	Very positive
International cooperation	Very positive
Political support for conservation	Very positive
Legal / Policy framework	Very positive
Lobbying	Very positive
Institutional coordination	Very positive
Security	Very 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
Local community

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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?

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	Excellent
State Party	Excellent
Site Managers	Excellent
Advisory Bodies	Excellent

### 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

No comments