



**FORMAT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF
STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORTS
BY THE STATES PARTIES**

(in compliance with Paragraph 169 of the *Operational Guidelines*)

Nan Madol: Ceremonial Centre of Eastern Micronesia, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)
(1503)

1. Executive Summary of the report

- (i) The Reactive Monitoring mission to the property on/around took place January 15-25, 2018.
- (ii) Final draft of LB 392 completed. Composition of board of trustees for LB 392 is under review.
- (iii) The FSM identified a professional, Dr. Christophe Sand, to assist in improving the management system of the site and conservation strategy.
- (iv) The FSM coordinated and established a committee for planning a cultural/interpretative center funded by Japan for Pohnpei State.
- (v) The FSM has, with the assistance of international partners begun to address the recommendations of the WHC and we expect a final report to be submitted to the WHC by June/July 2018. UNESCO funding has been delayed for the whole year and only available through FSM Congress at the end of January 2018.

2. Response to the Decision of the World Heritage Committee

1. As part of the recommendations of the WHC, the State Party (FSM) has invited and organized a joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission to the property in January 15-25, 2018 to agree on a Desired State of Conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger.
2. Final draft of LB 392 completed, to be submitted to the Pohnpei State Legislature for the passage and implementation of legislation LB 392 (May 2018).
3. The FSM continues to develop, improve and extend the management system to include a designated property manager trained in cultural management who will assist in:
 - (i) Prepare a draft conservation plan for the site by June/July 2018;
 - (ii) Extend the current maintenance program to cover the full area of the property, developing scientific research and studies to understand water circulation and currents before any final decision is taken on the partial removal of the silt.
 - (iii) Start a long term action for the maintenance and removal of vegetation that puts the remains at risk.
 - (iv) Based on the conclusions of the reactive monitoring mission, work on long term strategy for the removal of Nan Madol from the endangered list.

If the property is inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger

Please also provide detailed information on the following:

- a) Progress achieved in implementing the corrective measures adopted by the World Heritage Committee
1. The FSM has invited a reactive monitoring mission January 15-25, 2018 to agree to a state of conservation allowing to remove Nan Madol from the endangered list.
 2. Has hired a specialist with funding from UNESCO to prepare a draft conservation plan for the site.
 3. Will start removing vegetation putting structures at risk in February 2018.

If needed, please describe the success factors or difficulties in implementing each of the corrective measures identified

The year 2017 has allowed to organize long term assistance by different specialists to get scientific expertise regarding some of the main corrective measures identified by UNESCO (vegetation, silting, stone decay). The late arrival of the UNESCO special funding has delayed the urgent cleaning of parts of the site.

- b) Is the timeframe for implementing the corrective measures suitable? If not, please propose an alternative timeframe and an explanation why this alternative timeframe is required.

It has been agreed with the reactive monitoring mission that corrective measures will need to be implemented over several years. Some of these will only start after completion of related scientific studies.

- c) Progress achieved towards the Desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSOCR)

After expertise of different specialists in their respective fields, it appears that the removal of the property of the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSOCR) will be achieved only after significant work on the property. This suggests a time frame of several years.

3. Other current conservation issues identified by the State(s) Party(ies) which may have an impact on the property's Outstanding Universal Value

The FSM will be able to report about other conservation issues once we have the final reports from our international partners on their ongoing evaluation/assessment of the property.

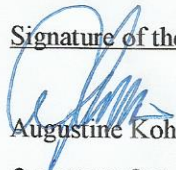
4. In conformity with Paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines, describe any potential major restorations, alterations and/or new construction(s) intended within the property, the buffer zone(s) and/or corridors or other areas, where such developments may affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, including authenticity and integrity.

At the present, all developments within the property, the buffer zones and/or corridors or other areas where such development may affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, including authenticity and integrity are now on hold awaiting the results of the assessment surveys that will be conducted by our international partners.

5. Public access to the state of conservation report

No objections.

6. Signature of the Authority



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