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Item 5 of the Provisional Agenda: Requests for International Assistance

SUMMARY

Decision required: In accordance with paragraphs 90-117 of the Operational Guidelines, the Bureau is requested:

- (i) to take decisions concerning International Assistance requests for natural and cultural heritage between US \$ 20,000.00 and US \$ 30,000.00 (inclusive) [**SECTION 1.**];
- (ii) to recommend to the Committee decisions concerning International Assistance requests for natural and cultural heritage above the amount of US \$ 30,000.00 [**SECTION 2.**];
- (iii) to take note of International Assistance requests for natural and cultural heritage already recommended for approval to the Committee by the Bureau at its session in June 1997 [**SECTION 2.**];
- (iv) to take note of International Assistance requests for natural and cultural heritage to be approved by the Chairperson [**SECTION 3.**].

A synthesis table showing all International Assistance requests is attached as Table 1. The guidelines for International Assistance requests in paragraphs 90-117 of the Operational Guidelines have been synthesized in Table 2.

A. NATURAL HERITAGE

SECTION 1 : For decision by the Bureau

A.1.1 TRAINING

A.1.1.1 CAMEROON (Sub-Regional workshop on Strengthening Biodiversity Conservation at the Dja Faunal Reserve)

World Heritage site concerned: Dja Faunal Reserve

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions:

Training	1989 Dja Faunal Reserve	(US \$ 4,800.00)
	1991 Sub-regional training	(US \$ 30,000.00)
	1993 Seminar of Experts	(US \$ 25,000.00)
Technical Co-operation	1988 Purchase of 2 vehicles	(US \$ 30,000.00)

Summary description: The request was submitted by the Ministry for Environment and Forests of the Republic of Cameroon for organizing a four-day international training workshop, to be held at Sangmélima in the Dja Faunal Reserve, in early 1998. The site was included on the World Heritage List in 1987 and has been recognized as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve since 1983. Numerous international projects for the conservation of the biodiversity and concerning development in surrounding areas have been carried out at the site. The objectives of the workshop are to:

- (a) promote exchange of experiences;
- (b) enable interactions between international experts (IUCN, WWF, UNDP, GTZ etc.), site managers and project leaders (ECOFAC etc.);
- (c) promote the World Heritage site and Biosphere reserve network.

Direct target beneficiaries: World Heritage site staff from Dja, international and national staff working with donor-funded projects in and around Dja.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:	US \$ 29,900.00
National or other input:	Not indicated.
Amount requested from the Fund:	US \$ 29,900.00
• conference rooms	1,000.00
• office expenses	300.00
• rent of equipment (overhead projector etc.)	600.00
• miscellaneous	3,000.00
• Range Rover (rental)	1,000.00
• international experts	5,000.00
• international and national experts (per diem)	5,000.00
• travel of international experts (11-13 persons)	6,000.00
• communication	500.00
• publications	6,500.00
• unforeseen	1,000.00

Comments from advisory bodies and other UNESCO units: The request was briefly discussed by a staff member of the World Heritage Centre, a representative of the UNESCO Division of Ecological Science and the Sub-director for Protected Areas during a seminar held in Niger in

1996. IUCN recommends that the training workshop should be linked to specific themes, such as the biological isolation of Dja, exploitation of natural forests surrounding Dja, and the value of buffer zones and protected corridors. These themes are discussed in the monitoring report for Dja submitted to the twenty-first extraordinary session of the Bureau.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to approve the total amount of **US \$ 29,900.00** for a training workshop for strengthening of biodiversity conservation at Dja Faunal Reserve, subject to satisfactory revision of the workshop programme to include themes and issues identified by IUCN which are directly relevant to the conservation of Dja Faunal Reserve. The Bureau may also wish to recommend that the Ministry of Environment and Forests consider postponing the convening of the workshop to a later date to allow for better planning, in consultation with IUCN and the Secretariat.

A.1.1.2 PHILIPPINES (Training of a Core-group of personnel on Human and Scientific Dimensions of Managing Tubataha Reef as a natural World Heritage Site)

World Heritage site concerned: Tubataha Reef Marine Park

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions:

1996 *Protection and Awareness Campaign for the Conservation of Tubataha Reef National Marine Park* (US \$ 20,000.00)

Summary description: The implementation of the project on the *Protection and Awareness Campaign for the Conservation of Tubataha Reef National Marine Park* by a Project Management Team (PMT) comprising UNESCO National Commission (UNACOM), National Committee for the Marine Sciences (NCMS), Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PMB) and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), was finalized in September 1997. It was revealed that the protection of Tubataha, accessible by boat only 3-4 months a year, is heavily dependent on co-operation between Palawan based units of the Navy and Coast Guards, PAWB and PCSD, as well as local people resident throughout the year in municipalities near the World Heritage site. Mechanisms for resolving leadership conflicts among co-operating agencies and local people, optimizing the use of available marine science knowledge to benefit site management, and translating the meaning of Tubataha as World Heritage into forms understandable and acceptable at the local, national, regional and international levels have been identified as important issues for training a core group of people concerned with site management. The project foresees a series of workshops and consultations in Palawan and on-site. The materials used and the outcome of discussions are to be published as a book on the Tubataha World Heritage site.

Direct target beneficiaries: Staff from Palawan based agencies concerned with the management of Tubataha and local people from municipalities near the World Heritage site.

Budget Breakdown:

Total project budget:	US \$ 68,000.00
National and other inputs:	US \$ 38,000.00
No breakdown has been provided.	
Amount requested from the Fund:	US \$ 30,000.00
• Staff costs of Resource persons (no. of person months not defined)	4,500.00
• Travel related to organization of training workshops and consultations	8,000.00
• Data processing and documentation for training	2,000.00
• Preparation of book on Tubataha and publication	14,500.00
• Finalization of project report and other expenses	1,000.00

Comments from advisory bodies: The Secretariat has requested the Authorities of the Philippines to submit a revised proposal, suggesting a reduction in the amount requested for publication and a breakdown of expenditures to be met by contributions from national organizations, which will be transmitted to IUCN for comments upon receipt. If received, this information, comments from IUCN and recommended actions will be presented to the Bureau.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to consider this request in light of additional information from the Secretariat and comments from the advisory body.

A.1.1.3 RUSSIAN FEDERATION (Training workshop for natural heritage site managers from Central and Eastern Europe and Russian Central Asia)

World Heritage sites concerned: 11 sites from Central and Eastern Europe and Russian Central Asia

Summary description: The present request was discussed during a World Heritage Centre mission to Lake Baikal. It foresees a one-week training workshop for site-staff from the 11 World Heritage sites as well as other natural sites, and aims to improve skills of trainees with regard to designation of sites, legislation, protection, management and monitoring. The workshop will be held at the Russian Centre for Environmental Education (CEE) in Moscow with a visit to Komi Virgin Forest, a site inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1995.

Direct target beneficiaries: Staff from 11 World Natural Heritage sites of Central and Eastern Europe and Russian Central Asia and from 3 other sites in Russia.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:		US \$ 48,900.00
• conference rooms, office expenses	7,000.00	
• 4 international experts (IUCN, WCMC, WHC)	6,000.00*	
• 5 Russian experts	5,500.00	
• 2 interpreters	1,000.00	
• 3 project development/resource persons	3,000.00*	
• travel expenses including field trip	16,400.00*	
• publications	2,000.00	
• accommodation/meals	7,000.00	
• reservation	1,000.00	
National and other input:		US \$ 18,900.00
Breakdown not provided.		
Amount requested from the Fund:		US \$ 30,000.00

The Secretariat is currently in consultation with the Russian authorities to verify the following: (a) reasons for the change of venue of the workshop from Lake Baikal, as agreed during the discussions undertaken as part of the Centre mission, to CEE, Moscow/Virgin Komi Forest as indicated in the request; and (b) budget-line items marked with an *.

Comments from advisory bodies: The request was transmitted to IUCN on 17 September 1997. Comments will be presented at the time of the Bureau session.

<p>Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to consider this request in light of additional information from the Secretariat and comments from the advisory body.</p>

A.1.1.4 TANZANIA (Support for three Fellowships for African Specialists in Protected Area/Wildlife Management to the Mweka College of African Wildlife Management for the Academic Year 1998-1999)

World Heritage sites concerned: Candidates from World Heritage sites will be given priority subject to their satisfying other criteria for enrolment in the courses under consideration.

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: Since 1993, the Mweka College of African Wildlife Management has requested and received annual grants of US \$ 30,000.00 which have been used for supporting 3 study grants, at US \$ 10,000.00 per grant, awarded to 3 candidates from among English speaking African nationals who are involved in management of national parks and similar reserves, including those which are designated as World Heritage sites. Before 1993, several African specialists obtained individual scholarships to attend training courses at Mweka.

Summary description: Renewal of this annual grant of US\$ 30,000.00 for the academic year 1998-1999 is requested.

Direct target beneficiaries: Resident staff of the protected areas and young professionals aspiring to be wildlife and protected area management specialists.

Budget breakdown:

National or other input:

The Government of Tanzania, and several other donors including EEC, WWF, etc., provide support for staff and for operations and maintenance of Mweka.

Amount requested from the Fund: **US \$ 30,000.00**

The cost of one study grant, estimated at **US \$ 10,000.00** is as follows:

• Tuition	5,000.00
• Stipend (for 12 months)	1,200.00
• Educational materials	600.00
• Airfare	2,000.00
• Immigration fees	300.00
• Excess baggage	200.00
• Transit allowance	50.00
• Airport tax	20.00
• Miscellaneous/unforeseen	630.00

Advice from advisory bodies: IUCN recommends that this annual grant be approved again for 1998-1999 and that it will participate in identifying potential candidates.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to approve the total amount of **US \$ 30,000.00** for this request. Within the framework of the Strategy for Training Natural Heritage Specialists, adopted by the Committee at its nineteenth session, the Bureau may wish to recommend that the Secretariat and IUCN review the curriculum of Mweka and other World Heritage Fund scholarship recipient training centres and report to the twenty-second session of the Committee, on lessons learned from past experience and recommend actions for the future.

SECTION 2 : For recommendation by the Bureau and decision by the Committee

A.2.1. TRAINING

A.2.1.1 INDIA (Meeting of Regional Training Centres and Selected Academic/Training Institutions for Curricula and Training Materials Development, Wildlife Institute of India)

World Heritage sites concerned: All natural sites on the World Heritage List.

Summary description: The Strategy for Training Specialists in Natural Heritage, adopted by the Committee at its nineteenth session, called for increased efforts to develop protected area management curricula by using World Heritage site-based case studies as training materials. Regional Training Centres, including Wildlife Institute of India (WII), CATIE (Costa Rica), Mweka (Tanzania) and Garoua (Cameroon) conduct World Heritage Fund supported training courses and workshops. However, the extent to which they utilize case studies from World Heritage sites as training materials remain undetermined.

WII and the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF) of India have offered to host the above meeting in March-April 1998 at Dehra Dun to: (a) review past experience in designing and conducting protected area management training; (b) suggest approaches and guidelines for writing case studies focused on World Natural Heritage sites for use as training materials; (c) draft a plan for establishing and operating a network between Regional Training Centres, academic institutes, the Secretariat and IUCN for developing a global set of such case studies; and (d) set up a schedule for developing sub-regional curricula and training materials development and validation projects.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:	Not indicated.
National and other inputs:	Not indicated.
The WII and MOEF will meet all local and national costs for conducting the meeting at the new campus of WII in Dehra Dun. An estimate of the total value of the national contributions has been requested from the Indian authorities and, if received, will be presented at the time of the Bureau session.	
Amount requested from the Fund:	US \$ 41,000.00
(a) Travel (International + Delhi-Dehra Dun return) for 2 representatives each from CATIE (Costa Rica), Mweka (Tanzania) and Garoua (Cameroon)	15,000.00
(b) Allowances for 6 persons representing CATIE, Mweka and Garoua (US\$ 100/day/person for 5 days) for accommodation, meals and miscellaneous expenses	3,000.00
(c) International travel for a minimum of 6 other experts representing relevant academic/training institutes outside of India and IUCN Training Task Force	10,000.00
(d) Allowances for the 6 experts mentioned above for accommodation, meals and miscellaneous expenses (US\$ 100/day/person for 5 days)	3,000.00

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| (e) Contribution to the participation of World Natural Heritage site managers of India (5 sites; includes travel, accommodation, meals and allowances) | 5,000.00 |
| (f) Contribution to the participation of Indian training specialists, organizational expenses, and other miscellaneous and unforeseen costs | 5,000.00 |

Comments from advisory bodies: IUCN, which has been fully involved in reviewing early draft proposals and the exchange of communications between the Secretariat and WII, supports this request.

Action by the Bureau: Subject to receipt of details concerning the Indian national inputs, the Bureau may wish to recommend that the Committee approve a reduced amount of **US \$ 35,000.00** for this project, requesting the Secretariat to consult with the Indian authorities to reduce the costs of items (e) and (f).

A.2.2 TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

A.2.2.1 COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA (Revision of the Management Plan for Morne Trois Pitons National Park)

World Heritage site concerned: Morne Trois Pitons National Park
(To be considered for inscription on the World Heritage List by the Committee at its twenty-first session).

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: None

Status of payment due to the World Heritage Fund: Outstanding payment of US \$ 742.00 for 1996 and 1997.

Summary description: The site was nominated in 1996 and is being considered for inscription on the World Heritage List by the Committee at its twenty-first session. The Bureau, at its twenty-first session, recommended that the Committee inscribe the Morne Trois Pitons National Park on the basis of natural criteria (i) and (iv) and asked the Secretariat to contact the Authorities of Dominica for requesting them to provide a time frame for the revision of the management plan and for encouraging them to submit a technical co-operation request for this revision. In response, via a letter dated 12 September 1997, the Authorities of the Commonwealth of Dominica informed the Secretariat that they are in the process of submitting a technical co-operation request for undertaking a revision of the Management Plan for Morne Trois Pitons National Park, and that a formal application for technical assistance will be forwarded shortly under a separate cover.

If the request is received by the Secretariat, a summary description will be presented to the Bureau for consideration.

Comments from the advisory bodies: At the twenty-first ordinary session of the Bureau, IUCN recommended that the State Party be encouraged to submit a technical assistance request for revising the management plan for Morne Trois Pitons National Park.

<p>Action by the Bureau: Based upon details of the awaited request, the Bureau may wish to adopt a recommendation to the Committee, in relation to the nomination of the Morne Trois Pitons National Park, which will be considered for inscription on the World Heritage List at the twenty-first session of the Committee.</p>

A.2.2.2 NIGER (Purchase of equipment for W National Park)

World Heritage site concerned: W National Park.
Status of payment due to the World Heritage Fund: Fully paid up to 1996.
Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: In 1997, W National Park, has so far received an amount of US\$ 10,000.00 for one consultant and for the purchase of a GPS system for monitoring site-based projects.

Summary description: This project foresees the purchase of a range of equipment to reinforce the management capacity of the W National Park.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:		US \$ 105,000.00
• 3 pirogues/boats with motor	10,000.00	
• 4 motorbikes	15,000.00	
• 4 radios/transmission	13,000.00	
• 10 bicycles	2,000.00	
• 1 video camera	3,000.00	
• wildlife fences	4,000.00	
• house of guards at La Tapoa	12,000.00	
• 5 guard posts	6,000.00	
• 20 binoculars	2,000.00	
• 20 field clothing	1,600.00	
• 20 pairs outdoor shoes	1,200.00	
• 4 camp-beds	1,200.00	
• maintenance of cars	34,000.00	
National or other inputs:		US \$ 30,000.00
Amount requested from the Fund:		US \$ 75,000.00

Advice from the advisory bodies and the Secretariat: The request was reviewed by the UNESCO equipment section and a comparative table of prices for the purchase of the majority of items mentioned above was submitted to the Secretariat for information. If the State Party agrees to competitive bidding for the supply of equipment and international purchase, cost of selected items could be reduced by as much as 50%. IUCN has pointed out that the purchase of these equipment could reinforce patrolling effectiveness and hence help the staff's ability to address pastoral and hunting pressures on the site.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to recommend that the Committee approve an initial amount of **US \$ 50,000.00** and suggest that purchases of equipment be made through competitive bidding in co-operation with the Secretariat. The Bureau may also suggest that the Committee request the Secretariat and the State Party to co-operate to submit a report to the Bureau, at its twenty-second session, on the progress of the project in order to enable the Bureau to determine whether additional funding is necessary.

A.2.3 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

A.2.3.1 INDIA (Contribution towards the Implementation of a Emergency Rehabilitation Plan for Manas Wildlife Sanctuary)

Concerned World Heritage site(s): Manas Wildlife Sanctuary
Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: 1997, US \$ 75,000.00 (see comments below)

Summary description: Following the on-set of Bodo militancy for an autonomous territory within the Indian State of Assam, in 1989, infrastructure of the site was badly damaged and staff morale declined sharply resulting in heavy poaching of wildlife. The Committee included Manas in the List of World Heritage in Danger in 1992, and requested the Government of India (GOI) to submit a state of conservation report and a rehabilitation plan. A joint GOI-UNESCO mission in January 1997 confirmed extensive damage to infrastructure but noted that militancy of the Bodo was subsiding and that the staff had established access to all parts of the Sanctuary. GOI and the State Government of Assam prepared a 2-3 year rehabilitation plan and a state of conservation report which were reviewed by the Bureau at its twenty-first session, and was found to be satisfactory.

The restoration plan, estimated at a total cost of US \$ 2,130,000.00 foresees completion of the restoration of site infrastructure, including purchase of equipment within a period of 2 years. Research and surveys; habitat improvement programmes; eco-development schemes for surrounding villages however, are expected to require a longer period of time, up to about 3 years.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:	US \$ 2,130,000.00
National or other input:	US \$ 1,895,000.00
(over the 2-3 year period)	
• restoration of 19 wooden bridges and link-roads	500,000.00
• reconstruction of 30 ranger quarters and camps and construction of new buildings, including living quarters for staff	500,000.00
• Habitat improvement programmes	285,000.00
• eco-development programmes: GOI/UNDP-GEF Project on eco-development for adjacent villages	500,000.00
• research and surveys	60,000.00
• arms and ammunition	50,000.00
Amount requested from the Fund: (over a two year period)	US \$ 235,000.00
• 3 vehicles (4-wheel drive)	30,000.00
• 55 Wireless sets	40,000.00
• 5 wooden/fiber boats	10,000.00
• Contribution for restoration of bridges and roads	60,000.00
• Contribution for building reconstruction	70,000.00
• Purchase of 400 patrolling gear	15,000.00
• Contribution to Office automation	10,000.00

Comments from advisory bodies and the Secretariat: The request has been prepared in full consultation with the IUCN/WCPA Vice-Chair for South Asia.

Note: The Bureau may recall that, at its twenty-first session, it approved US \$ 75,000.00 under emergency assistance, to enable the purchase of: 3 vehicles (US \$ 30,000.00); 55 wireless communication sets (US \$ 40,000.00); and 2-3 wooden/fibre boats (US \$ 5,000.00). The Bureau recommended that the Committee review the progress on the use of these funds and consider approving additional amounts of the sum of US \$ 235,000.00 requested by the Indian authorities under emergency assistance. The Bureau requested the Secretariat to ensure that counterpart contributions of US\$ 1,895,000.00 from Indian sources were provided and used as described in the emergency assistance request. At present, the use of US\$ 75,000.00 approved by the Bureau is being directly co-ordinated by UNESCO New Delhi under competitive bidding. A progress report on use of the funds and a description of the amounts of counterpart funds disbursed by Indian sources since the twenty-first session of the Bureau, are expected to be available at the time of the twenty-first extraordinary session of the Bureau.

<p>Action by the Bureau: Subject to receipt of information indicating satisfactory progress in the use of the funds already provided, the Bureau may wish to consider recommending approval by the Committee, of an additional sum of US \$ 90,000.00 as emergency assistance covering the following expenditures: purchase of an additional 2-3 wooden/fiber boats (US \$ 5,000.00); purchase of 400 patrolling gear (US \$ 15,000.00); and contribution towards buildings construction (US\$ 70,000.00).</p>
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For decision by the Committee
(Recommended by the Bureau at its session in June 1997)

A.2.2 TECHNICAL-CO-OPERATION

A.2.2.3 INDIA (Strengthening Protection of the Kaziranga National Park)

World Heritage site concerned: Kaziranga National Park.
Status of payment due to the World Heritage Fund: Fully paid up to 1997.
Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: None.

Summary description: Kaziranga National Park is well known for its success in the conservation of South Asia's greater one-horned rhinoceros. The Park supports 1,200 (60%) of the 2,000 rhinos remaining in wild in South Asian nations of India, Nepal and Bhutan. Annually about 26 rhinos are poached and double that number (52) and many other wildlife species die during the annual floods of the Brahmaputra River. Although poaching has been kept under control, encounters with poachers have risen sharply during recent years.

The project foresees to strengthen protection and improve wildlife survival opportunities in a two-to-three year plan (1997-1999). The Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF) and the State Government of Assam (SGA) have requested a total amount of US \$ 100,000.00 for a two year period. These funds are to be used in US \$ 50,000.00 blocks each year during 1997-1998 and 1998-1999, respectively.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget: (for 2 years) **US \$ 831,833.00**
National and other input: (for 2 years) **US \$ 731,833.00**

- MOEF, SGA are contributing the salaries, wages, travel allowances materials, project elephant and project eco-development operations, vehicle maintenance, deployment of home guards, daily-worker payments, medical expenses of staff, maintenance of guard camps and captive elephants, ecological studies, communications, conservation and development operations, buildings, publicity, administrative expenses and miscellaneous costs.

Amount requested from the Fund: (for 2 years) **US \$ 100,000.00**

- Construction of 10 guard camps (US\$ 2,500.00 per camp) 25,000.00 x 2 years
- Construction of 5 highland shelters for wildlife to withdraw during floods (US\$ 4,200.00 per shelter) 21,000.00 x 2 years
- Audio-visual equipment for the Park interpretation Centre at Kohora 4,000.00 x 2 years

Comments from advisory bodies: The request has been prepared in full consultation with the IUCN/WCPA Vice-Chair for South Asia.

Action by the Committee: The Committee may wish approve an amount of **US \$ 50,000.00**, for one year (1998) in accordance with the recommendation of the Bureau at its session in June 1997.

B. CULTURAL PROPERTIES

SECTION 1 : For decision by the Bureau

B.1.1 TRAINING

B.1.1.1 LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (Training programme for the Historic Town of Luang Prabang)

World Heritage site concerned: The Historic Town of Luang Prabang

Previous World Heritage Fund contribution:

Technical-Co-operation : 1996 Conservation of traditional houses in Luang Prabang (US \$ 39,900.00)

Preparatory Assistance : 1996 Preparation for guidelines for the conservation and renovation of historic buildings (US \$ 7,342.00)
1994 Nomination of Luang Prabang (US \$ 15,000.00)

Summary description: This request is to prepare a fully-illustrated booklet and short video film in the Lao-language explaining the Safeguarding and Development Plan of Luang Prabang (first phase completed in June 1997) to be used as training tools in at least five training sessions for the local community. The training programme will address:

- the World Heritage value of Luang Prabang ;
- the responsibility of the Government, local authorities and the inhabitants in safeguarding the site ;
- the first phase of the Safeguarding and Development Plan, notably, the delimitation of the World Heritage boundaries, the registered houses, and the degrees of protection needs ;
- the protection of the two rivers and their embankments ;
- the urban ecology, the role of the humid zones and the health hazards ;
- basic conservation practice - « do's and don'ts » - in renovation ;
- the national cultural properties protection law and its implementation;
- the need for safeguarding for the socio-economic benefits of the local community.

Direct target beneficiaries: Monks, secondary school teachers, shop-keepers, guest house owners and managers, law enforcement officials. Estimated number of participants : 50 persons per training session.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget: US \$ 35,000.00

National or other input: US \$ 10,000.00

- Luang Prabang Culture & Information Department will provide national trainers and logistical support
- Chinon (France) will provide international project co-ordination for 3 working months

Amount requested from the Fund: US \$ 25,000.00

- conception and draft text of training booklet 5,000.00
- Lao-language writer/translator/editor for training booklet 1,000.00
- layout printing training booklet 5,000.00
- conception and script of training video film 10,000.00
- organizational costs for five training sessions 4,000.00

Advice from the advisory bodies: The request was submitted on 1 October 1997 and thereafter forwarded to ICCROM and ICOMOS for comments, to be presented at the session. The Secretariat recommends approval of this request, as it follows-up on the safeguarding activities financed under the World Heritage Fund in 1997, as well as those referred to the state of conservation report in Working Document WHC-97/CONF.207/2.

Action by the Bureau: Upon considering the advice from the advisory bodies, the Bureau may wish to approve this request for the amount of **US \$ 25,000.00** to prepare a training booklet and video film on the Safeguarding and Development Plan of Luang Prabang and to hold a minimum of five training sessions for the local community leaders.

B.1.1.2 PHILIPPINES (Training to enhance management of the Baroque Churches)

World Heritage site concerned: Baroque Churches

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: None

Summary description: The project foresees a training workshop to be held at the Paoay Church in Ilocos Norte and Santa Maria Church in Ilocos Sur during 1998. The goals would be to raise awareness of :

- the codified conservation ordinances
- the universal significance of the site and the World Heritage Convention
- the importance of documenting historical buildings prior to any intervention
- techniques in conservation using traditional material

Issues to be discussed:

- management of World Heritage sites
- means of maintaining the authenticity and integrity of cultural heritage, while accommodating the needs of a living community in modern times
- means of mobilizing community support and co-operation
- creation of a sustainable and viable conservation programme
- means of continuing traditional conservation / restoration building techniques

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:	US \$ 23,000.00
National or other input (provision of organizational support staff):	US \$ 1,000.00
Amount requested from the Fund:	US \$ 22,000.00
• organization	6,500.00
• publication	3,500.00
• personnel (international and national experts)	8,000.00
• travel expenses, per diem for trainees	4,000.00

Direct target beneficiaries: Participants, trainers and trainees will be selected from parish priests of Paoay, Santa Maria, and Vigan (on Tentative List), traditional craftsmen, municipalities of Paoay and Santa Maria, National Museum of Philippines staff, United Architects of the Philippines - Ilocos Sur Chapter, Archdiocesan Commission for the Conservation of the Patrimony of Art and History of the Church in Nueva Segovia, National Historical Institute, National Commission on Culture and the Arts, Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Philippine National Commission to UNESCO, Department of Tourism, Philippine Information Agency-Province of Ilocos Sur, University of Northern Philippines.

Advice from the advisory bodies: The request was received on 26 September 1997. Advice from ICCROM and ICOMOS was requested thereafter, and will be presented to the Bureau at its session. UNESCO Regional Advisor for Culture advised the Government of the Philippines in preparing this request. In view of the serious state of conservation of the Churches and especially that of Paoay Church (see state of conservation report in Working Document WHC-97/CONF.207/2), the Regional Advisor and the Secretariat recommend approval of this request to enhance the management of these sites.

Action by the Bureau: Upon considering the advice from the advisory bodies, the Bureau may wish to approve the total amount of **US \$ 22,000.00** requested to carry out this training

activity.

B.1.1.3 RUSSIAN FEDERATION (Training workshop for staff and specialists in the fields of designation, protection, management and rehabilitation of Cultural World Heritage Sites, located in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia)

World Heritage sites concerned: All World Heritage sites in the Russian Federation and countries of Central & Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: None

Summary description: The proposed training activity to be held in Moscow in autumn 1998 for 5 days aims to improve the professional skills of experts and managers concerned with cultural World Heritage sites. The results expected are recommendations for local authorities on how to most effectively conserve cultural heritage. The following themes will be covered:

- development of legislation for cultural World Heritage sites
- practical methods of rehabilitation of valuable cultural objects
- protection and management of valuable cultural landscapes
- recommendations for local authorities dealing with the protection and management of cultural heritage

Direct target beneficiaries: Cultural World Heritage site managers, local and regional authorities. Expected number of participants not indicated.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:		US \$ 35,800.00
National contribution:		US \$ 6,000.00
• Ministry of Culture:	4,000.00	
• Regional Departments of Culture:	2,000.00	
Amount requested from the Fund (use not specified):		US \$ 29,800.00

Advice from the advisory bodies: ICCROM stated that the objectives and themes are well thought out and important. However, the period of 5 days appeared insufficient for the training activity proposed, given the number and substance of themes to be discussed. ICCROM suggests that the organizers collaborate with ICCROM, which is organizing a similar activity under its ITUC initiative for the Baltic States, for which funding is requested in B.3.1.3 of this document.

<p>Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to approve the request and to recommend to the State Party to co-ordinate with ICCROM, which is organizing the ITUC Training Course, the planning and content of the course in order to complement both activities. It may wish to ask the State Party to submit a detailed budget-breakdown for approval by the Chairperson of the Committee.</p>
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B.1.2 TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

B.1.2.1 CHINA (Research project for the protection of the Terracotta Warriors and Horse Pits of the Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor)

World Heritage site concerned: Terracotta Warriors and Horse Pits of the Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor

Status of payments due to the World Heritage Fund: Dues fully paid up to 1997.

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: None.

Summary description: The project foresees research on the conservation methodology of the terracotta warriors and horses of this site, which continue to suffer efflorescence and erosion since their excavation. The Scientific Research Institute of Archives Conservation of Shaanxi Province will conduct experiments to test oxidation resistance, efflorescence resistance, water solubility, ion-association, etc. and research means for preventing further damage to the terracotta relics.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget: US \$ 70,000.00

National or other inputs: US \$ 40,000.00

- Analysis of the structure of the earth 10,000.00
- Research ion-association 30,000.00

Amount requested from Fund: US \$ 30,000.00

- International expertise 5,000.00
- Research ion-association 10,000.00
- Test efflorescence 15,000.00

Advice from the advisory bodies: Both ICOMOS and ICCROM requested further details on the planned activities with a budget breakdown and schedule of activities, as well as information on the international expertise requested. The State Party was asked to provide this information on 16 July 1997. The Secretariat has not yet received a reply.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to consider this request in light of additional information from the Secretariat and comments from the advisory body.

B.1.2.2 NEPAL (Studies on traditional architecture, construction and conservation techniques of historic buildings, documenting in Bhaktapur Monument Zone buildings, Kathmandu Valley)

World Heritage site concerned:

Kathmandu Valley

Status of payment of dues to the World Heritage Fund: US \$ 371.00 outstanding for 1997.

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions:

Preparatory Assistance	1997 Kokhana Village as an additional Monument Zone of Kathmandu Valley World Heritage Site (US\$ 7,510.00)
Training Organization	1997 Development Control Unit, Department of Archaeology (US \$ 14,000.00)
Technical Co-operation	1995 UNESCO International Technical Advisor for a 6-month period in view of the serious and urgent need to strengthen measures to redress the present state of conservation of Kathmandu Valley. (US \$ 52,000.00)
Emergency Assistance	1997 Ritual Kitchen upper floors, Taleju Mandir Complex, Patan (Lalitpur) Monument Zone (US \$ 19,969.00) 1995 Tower roof, Taleju Mandir Complex, Patan (Lalitpur) Monument Zone (US \$ 24,310.00)
Monitoring	1996 Attendance of International Technical Meeting on the Conservation of the 55 Windows Palace, Bhaktapur Monument Zone. (US \$ 2,300.00) 1996 Preparation of Kathmandu Valley Donor's Meeting (US \$ 3,000.00) 1996 Monitoring mission, assistance for preparation of state of conservation report for submission to the World Heritage Committee (US \$ 6,129.33) 1994 Monitoring mission and attendance to a Strategy Meeting on Kathmandu Valley site (US \$ 3,356.00)

Summary description: Bhaktapur Monument Zone has received international and bilateral assistance since the 1970's and is the best preserved Monument Zone within the Kathmandu Valley site. However, in order to ensure development control of the core and buffer zones of Bhaktapur through the enforcement of existing laws and regulations, each traditional vernacular building must be identified and documented. International assistance provided under the 1991-1996 UNESCO-Japan Funds-in-Trust project and the World Heritage Fund training budget enabled the historic monuments and vernacular buildings of Patan Monument Zone to be completely documented, hence facilitating law enforcement. However, funds have not sufficed to document the buildings within Bhaktapur Monument Zone.

This project foresees;

- to identify and prepare a complete inventory of all historically and architecturally significant houses and street elevation within the core and buffer zones of Bhaktapur ;
- to prepare a basis for a detailed and realistic Master Management Plan ;
- to update the cadastral map of the core and buffer zone of Bhaktapur ;
- to document traditional architectural construction technology and conservation practices ;

- to improve the technical capability of the Municipality of Bhaktapur in safeguarding the historic fabric of Bhaktapur ;
- to raise awareness within the Bhaktapur Municipality concerning the World Heritage Convention and the need to safeguard the traditional vernacular buildings.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:	US \$ 40,000.00
National or other input:	US \$ 10,000.00
• Identification of monuments	3,000.00
• Identification of significant vernacular, historic buildings	2,000.00
• Preparation of updated cadastral map of Bhaktapur City	5,000.00
Amount requested from Fund	US \$ 28,000.00
• Documentation of traditional architecture construction	8,000.00
• Document of house and street elevations within the protected monument zone	12,000.00
• International expert mission x 2	8,000.00

Direct target beneficiaries: site managers, development control officers, local authorities and residents at Bhaktapur Municipality, staff of the Department of Archaeology.

Advice from the advisory bodies and comments from the Secretariat: An ICOMOS expert, who serves as UNESCO International Technical Advisor, has recommended approval for this request, following detailed discussions with the Bhaktapur Municipality and the Department of Archaeology, taking into account the vital need for the co-operation of the local authorities in safeguarding each Monument Zone of the Kathmandu Valley site. The UNESCO Regional Advisor for Culture has recommended approval of this request. The Secretariat recommends approval of this request, in light of the state of conservation report in Working Document WHC-97/CONF.207/2 and Information Document WHC-97/CONF.207/INF.2.

Action by the Bureau: Considering the report of the Secretariat concerning Kathmandu Valley in Working Document WHC-97/CONF.207/2 and Information Document WHC-97/CONF.207/INF.2, the Bureau may wish to approve this request for the amount of **US \$ 28,000.00**.

B.1.2.3 ICCROM (Technical Assistance Programme - TAP)

Summary description : During the last 14 years the World Heritage Fund has provided financial support to TAP. These contributions have been an essential complement to the funds and staff time allocated by ICCROM from its own budget and have been utilized to fulfil a very large number of requests from valuable institutions dealing with conservation of immovable property, located in Countries that are parties to the World Heritage Convention.

In 1996 the World Heritage Committee restricted the use that ICCROM may make of the contribution: from assistance to countries which are parties to the World Heritage Convention as well as to assistance exclusively to World Heritage sites. The WHC/ICCROM training strategy for World Heritage sites which is being developed will create a group of competent conservators on the sites, many of whom will have been instructed in the use of instruments and conservation laboratories. TAP could supply instruments and laboratories (an activity which it has been continuing for quite a time), in synergy with the training action. In addition, TAP would continue its work of dissemination of scientific information by supplying the World Heritage sites with basic conservation documents to support libraries.

Direct target beneficiaries: World Heritage site managers

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:	Not mentioned.
ICCROM Contribution:	Not mentioned.
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund:	US \$ 25,000.00

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to approve this request for the amount of US \$ 25,000.00

SECTION 2 : For recommendation by the Bureau and decision by the Committee

B.2.1 TRAINING

B.2.1.1 AUSTRIA (Training course for the Examination and Conservation of Architectural Surfaces)

World Heritage sites concerned: All World Heritage sites in Austria.

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions:

Training : 1996 Scholarships for 8 participants to attend a training course « European Course on the Examination and Conservation of Architectural Surfaces -ASC-96 », Vienna, Austria 28 Aug. - 18 Oct. 1996 (US \$ 20,000.00) (Note: This 1996 request was submitted by ICCROM)

Summary description: The ASC-96 course resulted with the recognition that a second European regional training activity would be useful for addressing the following themes

- technical, philosophical and management aspects of the conservation of architectural surfaces;
- communication and co-operation between specialists of related disciplines;
- regional networking ;
- awareness raising amongst local authorities and community members concerning methods of preserving architectural surfaces of private houses.

Direct target beneficiaries: Experts, national authorities and conservators from the region; maximum participants - 16.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:	US \$ 155,000.00
National and other input:	US \$ 120,000.00
• Federal Office for the Protection of Monuments	45,000.00
• ICCROM	20,000.00
• European Union DG X Programme	45,000.00
• Council of Europe	10,000.00
Amount requested from World Heritage Fund:	US \$ 35,000.00
• operational funds (not specified)	20,000.00
• scholarships (not specified)	15,000.00

Advice from the advisory bodies: Advice from ICCROM was requested on 20 September 1997. The Secretariat asked the State Party on 2 October 1997 to provide more detailed information concerning the request. Further information will be presented at the session.

<p>Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to consider this request in light of additional information from the Secretariat and comments from the advisory body.</p>

B.2.1.2 BRAZIL (Inter-regional Postgraduate Course in the Conservation of Monuments and the rehabilitation of Historic Cities (CECRE), Salvador de Bahia)

World Heritage sites concerned: Salvador de Bahia and other World Heritage sites in Latin America and the Caribbean

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: The course has received World Heritage assistance for international professors in 1988 (US \$ 14,500.00), 1990 (US \$ 19,500.00), 1993 (US \$ 29,750.00) and 1996 (US \$ 30,000.00) and for international fellowships in 1988 (US \$ 40,000.00), 1990 (US \$ 62,000.00), 1993 (US \$ 40,000.00) and 1996 (US \$ 35,000.00).

Summary description: The Inter-regional Postgraduate Course in the Conservation of Monuments and the rehabilitation of Historic Cities (CECRE) is held on a biannual basis at the Federal University of Bahia in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil. Each course provides a ten-month graduate training to twenty students from Brazil and ten from other countries in Latin America and Lusophone Africa.

An in-depth evaluation of the course was undertaken in 1995 (the evaluation report as well as reports on the 1988, 1990 and 1996 courses are available at the Secretariat). The evaluation concluded:

- (1) that the course is outstanding in its field,
- (2) that, based on the evaluation of each of the courses, its curriculum had been improved continuously and,
- (3) that it is the only post-graduate conservation course of this level in Latin America.

The Tenth CECRE will be held from March to December 1998 at the Federal University of Bahia in Salvador de Bahia. Financial assistance is requested to fund the participation of six international professors, international students, and the publication cost.

Direct target beneficiaries: National institutions for cultural heritage, local authorities and institutions with responsibility for cultural World Heritage sites.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:	US \$ 298,000.00
National or other input:	US \$ 248,000.00
• Ministry of Culture (IPHAN)	90,000.00
• MEC/CAPES (national fellowships)	90,000.00
• University of Bahia (national professors)	18,000.00
• University of Bahia (logistics, co-ordination) in-kind	50,000.00
Amount requested from World Heritage Fund	US \$ 50,000.00
• Six international professors	30,000.00
• International students	10,000.00
• Publication	10,000.00

Advice from advisory bodies: ICCROM advised favourably on this request on the basis of the following :

- the course has a record of success over many years.
- the course is inter-regional, interdisciplinary, theoretical, practical and well structured.

ICCROM considers the request for a publication of special importance, for sharing information and especially appropriate, given that it will be the tenth anniversary of this inter-regional course. ICCROM requested information concerning the duration of the international professors' participation (which has an average of 2 weeks).

<p>Action by the Bureau: Considering the advice from ICCROM, the Bureau may wish to recommend the Committee to approve this request for the total amount of US \$ 50,000.00.</p>
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B.2.1.3 GHANA (Ashanti Traditional Buildings)

World Heritage site concerned: Ashanti Traditional Buildings

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: In 1997, after a visit to some of these sites by a UNESCO/WHC consultant at the request of the Ghana Museum and Monument Board (GMMB), US\$ 20,000.00, which had been originally allocated for Fort Prinzenstein (Ghana forts), was provided to prepare a diagnosis of the state of conservation of Ashanti Shrines and to carry out the emergency works to prevent further destruction. The work was undertaken in June 1997 through the implementation of a training activity within the frame of the Training Strategy for sub-Saharan Africa.

Summary description: The Ashanti Traditional Buildings were inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1980. They spread throughout the North/Northeast of Kumasi and are located in 12 different sites. Although much effort have been made in order to preserve them, some structures remain in a bad state and with a high risk of further deterioration.

This project proposes to complement the work carried out in 1997, which was limited to emergency measures and foresees;

- i) to train the technicians and craftsmen who are involved in the conservation of the Ashanti Traditional Buildings through theoretical and *in situ* conservation activities;
- ii) to offer practical and scientific experience to increase the competence and skill of local workers and conservators;
- iii) to prepare a preliminary “Management Plan” for this site.

The programme foresees: 8 weeks of *in situ* training with 2 international experts from CRATerre and more theoretical training on:

- i) Conservation plan (2 days)
- ii) Maintenance scheme (3 days)
- iii) Traditional building techniques (3 days)
- iv) Sites presentation (2 days)

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:		US \$ 63,000.00
National and other inputs:		US \$ 16,000.00
• operating budget for the maintenance of the site	10,000.00	
• Ghana Museums and Monuments Board	2,000.00	
• French Embassy contribution	4,000.00	
Amount requested from World Heritage Fund:		US \$ 47,000.00
• fee, travel of international experts, preparation, of training course content preparation and dissemination of the results	34,000.00	
• organisational costs, internal travel, <i>per diem</i> of trainees, purchase of building materials, tools and equipment to be managed by the Ghana Museums and Monuments Board	13,000.00	

Advice from the advisory bodies: Although the request was prepared by CRATerre, who is

a partner of the Secretariat and ICCROM for the implementation of the Training Strategy south of the Sahara, in accordance with paragraph 93 of the operational guidelines, the request was submitted by ICCROM. ICCROM requested clarifications concerning target beneficiaries. The matter will be discussed at the forthcoming co-ordination meeting in January 1998 between the World Heritage Centre, ICCROM and CRATerre.

Action by the Bureau: Considering the advice from ICCROM, the Bureau may wish to recommend to the Committee, the approval of the total amount of US \$ **47,000.00** for this *in-situ* conservation training activity.

B.2.1.4 ICCROM (Development of a training strategy and procedural framework)

Summary description: The World Heritage Committee, at its twentieth session, decided that ICCROM should be the “priority partner” in further development and co-ordination of implementing the Convention, with respect to training of professionals responsible for the conservation of cultural heritage sites. Furthermore, the Committee decided that ICCROM should evaluate, when appropriate, the requests related to training proposed by States Parties.

The request seeks assistance

- i) to continue the development of an overall training strategy within the context of the World Heritage Convention;
- ii) to develop a regional training strategy within the specific context of Latin America;
- iii) to clarify the criteria and procedures which will allow for the proper assessment of training requests submitted by States Parties to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

Partners: ICCROM, UNESCO World Heritage Centre, and the national authorities of the States Parties concerned.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:	Not mentioned.
ICCROM Contribution:	Not mentioned.
Amount requested from World Heritage Fund:	US \$ 50,000.00
• Expert Meeting in Paris or Rome for refining Overall Strategy	20,000.00
• Survey of Latin America/Development of Training Strategy (Consultant contract and meeting)	20,000.00
• 2 Meetings with the World Heritage Centre to establish procedures for assessment of requests to the World Heritage Fund	10,000.00

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau may wish to recommend the approval of this request to the Committee for a reduced amount of **US \$ 20,000.00** to develop the Training Strategy in Latin America, and that the cost of the 1998 meetings to establish procedures for assessments of requests to the World Heritage Fund be borne by the operating budget of ICCROM and the World Heritage Centre in connection with the bi-annual meetings of the World Heritage Centre and the advisory bodies. A request to refine the overall strategy could be submitted to the next Committee meeting, once all the regional analyses have been completed.

B.2.2 TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

B.2.2.1 VIETNAM (Revision of urban planning regulations of the Complex of Hué Monuments)

World Heritage site concerned: Complex of Hué Monuments

Status of payment of dues to the World Heritage Fund: Fully paid to 1997.

Previous World Heritage Fund contribution:

Technical Co-operation	1996	Re-evaluation of perimeters of the site and establishment of building guidelines (US \$ 12,500.00)
Training	1995	Technical and training assistance for a wood conservation laboratory (US \$ 108,000.00)

Summary description: International support for this site has largely focused on the conservation of historic monuments in zone 1 (core zone). Due to inadequate legislation, the local authorities have been facing considerable problems in regulating and controlling demolition of historic vernacular houses and construction of inappropriate new buildings in the buffer zones, 2 and 3. The 1997 World Heritage technical co-operation grant of US \$ 12,500.00 enabled an evaluation of the existing laws and regulations which resulted in a recommendation to revise the preservation plan of the site. A co-operation project, to be concluded in mid-November 1997 between the Province and the City of Hué and Communauté urbaine de Lille (France) under the auspices of UNESCO, will initiate the elaboration of a Safeguarding and Development Plan of Hué. However, in view of the time required to develop this plan and due to the rapid development of the City of Hué and threats of major transport infrastructure imposing upon the historic section of the City, this project foresees the co-financing of the elaboration of a provisional regulation. The International Technical Advisor (urban planner) to be employed under this grant will work with the Urban Planning Offices of the Province of Thua Thien-Hué and the City and Province of Hué. A report on the state of conservation, indicating information on on-going infrastructural projects and their impact on the World Heritage values of the City, and a draft provisional urban planning regulations on zones 2 and 3, will be prepared for submission to the twenty-second session of the Committee.

Budget breakdown:

Total budget breakdown: US \$ 75,000.00

National or other input: US \$ 40,000.00

Province and City of Hué (in kind) :

- national architects, urban planners, logistical support
Lille (France) :
- establishment of a « Heritage House » attached to the Urban Planning Office of Hué and short-term experts

Amount requested from Fund: US \$ 35,000.00

- International Technical Advisor (urban planner)
fees, travel and DSA for 3 working months 20,000.00
- International legal advisor mission
fees, travel and DSA for 2 working weeks 2,500.00
- Interpreters, translators 3,000.00
- Organization of meeting with co-ordinators of the 5,000.00

- international and intranational projects
- Report 4,000.00
- Photo/Map reproduction costs 500.00

Advice from advisory bodies: The request was received on 2 October 1997 and thereafter transmitted to the advisory bodies for comments. Their advice will be presented at the session. The Secretariat recommends the approval of this request in light of the state of conservation report of Hué in Working Document WHC-97/CONF.207/2.

Action by the Bureau: Upon considering the advice from the advisory bodies, the Bureau may wish to recommend the approval of this request for the amount of US \$ **35,000.00** to the Committee.

B.2.2.2 ZIMBABWE (Preparation of a conservation plan for Khami Ruins National Monument)

World Heritage site concerned: Khami Ruins National Monument
Status of payment of dues to the World Heritage Fund: Fully paid up to 1997.

Summary description: At the twentieth session of the Committee, it was reported that the National Museum and Monuments of Zimbabwe (NMMZ) was preparing a Strategic Action Plan for the conservation and management of Khami. The Committee, noting this information, encouraged the Authorities of Zimbabwe to pursue their efforts for better conservation of this site by allocating adequate resources and transferring the expertise acquired at the World Heritage site of Great Zimbabwe.

This project aims at reducing the natural and human-induced threats to the architectural fabric and cultural integrity of Khami. Inscribed on the List of 100 most endangered sites on the World Monuments Fund List in 1996, the site is threatened by the encroachment of the development of Bulawayo City. The project foresees the appointment of an engineering consultant to produce, in conjunction with NMMZ and its professional staff, a comprehensive strategic conservation plan for Khami to carry out:

- i) a condition survey of the state of preservation of all the walls which will be the basis for all future monitoring and restoration activities,
- ii) improvements of the visitor's facilities,
- iii) the placement of a better security fence,
- iv) the purchase of specialised equipment and instruments for use during restoration and monitoring.

Direct target beneficiaries: National Museums and Monuments of Zimbabwe and site manager of Khami.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:		US \$ 144,650.00
• Production of a strategic conservation plan including consultancy fees	10,900.00	
• Condition survey	11,000.00	
• Monitoring, restoration and purchase of instruments and equipment	65,000.00	
• Security fence and gate	40,000.00	
• Provisions of on-site custodians to carry out day to day maintenance work, labour to carry out urgent monitoring and restoration work, basic improvement of the visitor 's facilities.	17,750.00	
National and other inputs:		US \$ 67,750.00
NMMZ	17,750.00	
World Monument Fund	50,000.00	
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund:		US \$ 76,900.00

Advice of the advisory body: ICOMOS gives its support to this request, as it considers the project to be amply justified and well conceived. It hopes that it will be possible for the full

sum requested to be provided from the World Heritage Fund. However, if this proves impossible in the present year, ICOMOS suggests that the item relating to the security fence and gate might be withdrawn from the present request and made the subject of a supplementary request in the next financial year.

Action by the Bureau: Considering the advice from ICOMOS, the Bureau may wish to recommend to the Committee, the approval of the amount of **US \$ 36,900.00** with a recommendation to the State Party to submit a supplementary request to the twenty-second session of the Committee.

For decision by the Committee
(Recommended by the Bureau at its session in June 1997)

B.2.2 TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

B.2.2.3 MEXICO (Special Course on the World Heritage Convention for Latin America and the Carribbean)

Status of payment of dues to the World Heritage Fund: Fully paid up to 1997.

Summary description: The project foresees that the Mexican National Institute for Anthropology and History (INAH) organizes a three-week course on the World Heritage Convention and its application over a period of twenty-five years, addressing all related issues.

At the end of the course, the participants from Mexico and twelve other countries from the region (selected and proposed by States Parties) will be able to:

- (i) apply the basic criteria of the Convention in the inscription process and the subsequent conservation and management programmes,
- (ii) identify and apply to the different mechanisms of international assistance, and
- (iii) evaluate the needs of personnel training for the conservation of natural and cultural properties.

The maximum number of participants will be fifty. Lectures will be given by renowned international experts with experience in the implementation of the Convention.

Direct target beneficiaries: States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean..

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget: US \$ 67,000.00

National or other input: US \$ 37,000.00

The national contribution will cover the infrastructure, support personnel and the edition of the report of the course estimated

Amount requested from World Heritage Fund US \$ 30,000.00

- Travel for six lecturers 6,000.00
- Accommodation for six professors (six days each) 3,600.00
- Travel for twelve participants (Belice, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Paraguay, Dominican Republic, Venezuela) 6,000.00
- Accommodation for 12 participants 14,400.00

Decision by the Bureau at its twenty-first ordinary session: On the basis of recommendations of ICOMOS, IUCN and ICCROM, the Bureau recommended the approval for the amount of US \$ 30,000.00. The Bureau, however, agreed to the suggestions of ICCROM to place this special course within the context of the Regional Training Strategy adopted by the Committee, and to IUCN's recommendation to ensure a balanced participation of natural and cultural heritage experts, and to better define the target audience of the course.

Action by the Committee: The Committee may wish to endorse the above recommendation

of the Bureau and approve this request for the amount of **US\$ 30,000.00.**

SECTION 3 : For decision by the Chairperson

B.3.1 TRAINING

B.3.1.1 UGANDA (Training for the conservation and maintenance of Kasubi Tomb)

Description of the request: Kasubi Tomb, a site on Uganda's Tentative List, is the burial site of the former kings of Buganda Kingdom. The site is composed of three Ganda architectural style houses: the gate house, the drums house and the burial shrine. On-site conservation and maintenance work will be carried out in accordance with the methodology of the Training Strategy for sub-Saharan Africa. The project foresees:

- i) to carry out conservation work,
- ii) to offer practical and scientific experience to increase the competence and skills of local workers and conservators,
- iii) to prepare a maintenance scheme and a programme foreseeing 2 weeks in situ training.

Direct target beneficiaries: Antiquities Department, curators, site managers, craftsmen

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:		US \$ 25,000.00
National and other inputs:		US \$ 5,000.00
• Organisational costs	1,000.00	
• Personnel	4,000.00	
Amount requested from the Fund:		US \$ 20,000.00
• Fees and travel of International experts (preparation of training content, training report)	18,000.00	
• Local expenditures	2,000.00	

Advice from the advisory bodies: The request was prepared by CRA Terre, a partner of UNESCO/WHC and ICCROM for the implementation of the Training Strategy south of the Sahara. ICCROM submitted this request on behalf of Uganda, with its endorsement.

Action by the Chairperson: The Chairperson may wish to approve the total amount of **US \$ 20,000.00** requested.

B.3.1.2 ICCROM (Rock Art Preservation in Southern Africa)

Summary description: The principal aim of the project is to develop a strategy for the sustainable development of human and infrastructural resources in different regions, capable of ensuring the long-term protection and effective management of rock-art sites. The programme will follow a global approach, integrating related issues such as the protection of nature and the involvement of local communities and will be developed with the expertise of organizations, such as the Australian Heritage Commission.

The objectives of this project are:

- i) **Co-operate with and give support to organizations** with a particular expertise in the field of enhancement, documentation and preservation of rock-art sites as well as training, and/or already operating in the concerned region;
- ii) **Strengthen professional capacities** of institutions and individuals working in rock-art preservation, by disseminating existing know-how and relevant information through a series of training courses and workshops, tailored to the specific needs of different target groups and regional conditions and by encouraging conservation professionals working in related fields (e.g. stone conservation, architectural surfaces) to move into rock art;
- iii) **Facilitate the exchange of information and stimulate transdisciplinary communication (especially between the natural and cultural sectors)** by (1) setting-up and sustaining regional and inter-regional networks, (2) encouraging institutional co-operations, (3) organising conferences and (4) disseminating information through publications;
- iv) **Raise awareness about the cultural significance and the historic values of rock-art** through actions on regional, national and local level, addressing local communities, government departments and senior managers responsible for cultural and natural heritage.

The project foresees to organize an expert meeting in Southern Africa to define a 2-3 year plan of action with partners such as IUCN, Australian Heritage Commission and national, regional and international organisations in the region.

Direct target beneficiaries: Administrators responsible for heritage conservation and site managers.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:		US \$ 90,000.00
• Programme development (1 st semester)	30,000.00	
• Expert meeting	30,000.00	
• Programme implementation (1 st phase to start at the end of 1998)	30,000.00	
ICCROM Contribution: (1998-99)		US \$ 70,000.00
• Regular Programme:	10,000.00	
• General Programme: administration and staff time	60,000.00	
Amount request from the Fund:		US \$ 20,000.00

The contribution from the Fund would be used for programme development costs and for the organization of an Expert Meeting in Southern Africa, for defining a 2-3 year plan of action.

Comments from the Secretariat: It is recommended that the Chairperson approve this request for the total amount of US \$ 20,000.00.

Action by the Chairperson: The Chairperson may wish to approve the total amount of **US \$ 20,000.00** requested, particularly as this project is consistent with the recommendations of the Harare and Addis Ababa Global Strategy Meetings in 1995 and 1996.

B.3.1.3 ICCROM (ITUC North-eastern Europe - Training Course)

World Heritage sites concerned: Vilnius (Lithania), Kiev (Ukraine), St. Petersburg (Russian Federation), Riga (Latvia) and Tallinn (Estonia); the last two sites are to be considered for inscription on the World Heritage List by the Committee at its twenty-first session.

Summary description: The ICCROM Integrated Territorial and Urban Conservation Programme (ITUC) is an international programme which aims to establish a world-wide network of training, research and information institutions working in the field of urban and territorial conservation. The network is structured around ICCROM with regional courses in Latin America (Brazil 1997) and North-eastern Europe (Vilnius 1997-1998), amongst others. ITUC in North-eastern Europe is co-ordinated by a working group made up of the Lithuanian Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Construction and Urban Development, Ministry of Environment, State Conservation Institution, Centre of Restoration and the Canadian Urban Institute Programme in Lithuania.

The project foresees a one-week training course discussing management related issues in integrated conservation planning. The objectives of this project are :

- to strengthen the understanding of professional planners and government decision-makers concerning management process relating to urban and territorial cultural heritage,
- to reinforce regional co-operation, communication and exchange of information concerning « best practice » cases and management policy.

Direct target beneficiaries: Government decision makers at national and institutional levels, professional urban planners from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Belarus and the Ukraine. Expected number of participants : 15-20.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:		US \$ 45,000.00
• ICCROM staff	8,000.00	
• outside lecturers	3,000.00	
• staff travel	5,000.00	
• temporary personnel (as necessary)	3,000.00	
• interpretation	1,000.00	
• facilities, accommodation, meals	7,000.00	
• participant travel	5,000.00	
• excursions	1,000.00	
• didactic material	3,000.00	
• social activities	1,000.00	
• general administration and management	8,000.00	
ICCROM or other contribution:		US \$ 25,000.00
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund:		US \$ 20,000.00

Action by the Chairperson: The Chairperson may wish to approve this request for the total amount of **US \$ 20,000.00** as the objectives of the proposed training activity responds to the needs of the region, and furthermore, complements the revitalization strategy for Vilnius Old

Town.

B.3.1.4 ICCROM (Regional training programme for conservation of historic and archaeological mosaics in the Mediterranean Region)

World Heritage sites concerned: All sites with mosaics in the Mediterranean region.

Summary description: Since 1997, ICCROM has promoted research, networking, development in adopting new approaches for the conservation of mosaics. However, the condition of mosaics in the Mediterranean area call for continued efforts for training specialized conservators, site managers, and for better access to information. The project foresees to develop a plan of action, taking into consideration the results of a needs-assessment completed within the general framework of the ICCROM-NAMEC Programme for cultural heritage conservation in North-Africa and the Middle East. The plan of action will aim to support on-going initiatives in this field and to plan training activities and expert meetings, with emphasis on World Heritage sites such as Paphos (Cyprus), Islamic Cairo (Egypt), Archaeological sites of Delphi, Delos, Olympia, Vergina (Greece), Early Christian Monuments and Mosaics of Ravenna (Italy), Tyre and Balbeek (Lebanon), Archaeological site of Leptis Magna (Libya), Site of Palmyra (Syria), Site of Carthage and the Punic Town of Kerkuane (Tunisia), Historic Areas of Istanbul (Turkey).

The project foresees:

- to prepare a needs-assessment through questionnaires sent to key institutions in the region ;
- to organize a programme development meeting, with the participation of senior site managers from different nations in the concerned region, representatives of partner organizations and scientific advisors. The meeting agenda will include the final evaluation of the needs-assessment and definition of a 3-5 years *plan of action*. ;
- to organize the first regional training workshop based at a World Heritage Site in the region, addressed to the broadest possible audience.
- to organize a series of activities (at least one per year), such as workshops and expert meetings, with the collaboration of public institutions in various countries of the region. Programme implementation will largely depend on the availability of funds.

Direct target beneficiaries: Archaeologists, architects, conservators, and site managers responsible for the conservation and maintenance of archaeological sites or historic monuments with mosaics. Expected number of participants per year : 20.

Potential partners: The European Commission, International Committee for Mosaics (ICCM), UNESCO, World Heritage Centre, national conservation institutes, universities.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget	US \$ 45,000.00
<Programme development meeting 1998>	
• Project staff	16,000.00
• General administration	5,000.00
• Travel costs (20 participants)	12,000.00
• Daily subsistence allowance (20 participants)	6,000.00
• Local logistics	6,000.00
ICCROM or other inputs:	US \$ 25,000.00

• Regular Programme (1998-99)	5,000.00
• General Program: administration and staff time	10,000.00
• Other sources (European Commission, bilateral agreements)	10,000.00
Amount requested from Fund:	US \$ 20,000.00

<p>Action by the Chairperson: The Chairperson may wish to approve the total amount of US \$ 20,000.00 requested.</p>
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B.3.1.5 ICCROM (Training seminar for the conservation of archaeological sites in the Near and Middle East Region)

World Heritage sites concerned: Archaeological sites in the Near and Middle East region.

Summary description: This project foresees the organization of a seminar in the Near and Middle East region in 1998. The seminar's goals will be

- to strengthen the operational capacity of national authorities in the region for the preservation of archaeological sites ;
- to improve institutional and administrative infrastructure in the region ;
- to establish a network of experts who specialize in management and conservation of archaeological sites ;
- to consolidate existing scientific and educational institutional frameworks for preservation of archaeological sites ;
- to set up an operational framework for co-ordinating international and multi-national activities in a politically delicate environment, for the protection of archaeological sites ;
- to raise awareness on the need to preserve archaeological sites at the decision making and general public level.

Direct target beneficiaries: Decision-makers, antiquities departments, site managers, tourism industries, local NGO community, general public in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestinian Territories. Impact of the project is foreseen for other countries in the region such as Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Cyprus, Iran, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan. Collaboration is foreseen with partners such as UNESCO, ICOMOS, ICOM, IIC, and universities.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget	US \$ 60,000.00
• Survey of heritage in the Middle East region and seminar preparation, including ICCROM personnel	15,000.00
• Participant per diems, accommodation (15 x 7 days)	30,000.00
• Meeting assessment and final report publication	15,000.00
ICCROM input:	US \$ 15,000.00
Italian Government input:	US \$ 30,000.00
Amount request from the Fund:	US \$ 15,000.00

<p>Action by the Chairperson: The Chairperson may wish to approve this request for US \$ 15,000.00.</p>

B.3.1.6 ICCROM (Seminar for NAMEC-ITUC urban conservation, Morocco 1998)

Summary description: This project foresees the organization of a seminar, within the framework of the Support Programme for the Historic Cities of North Africa and Near and Middle East Countries (NAMEC) «Safeguarding the Cultural Heritage of the Maghreb 1998-2001» programme. The NAMEC-ITUC urban conservation programme in the Arab region has been carried out with the collaboration of the authorities of Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia since 1992, with the support of the Governments of Italy and France, UNESCO, the World Heritage Centre, and the Getty Grant Programme. The objectives of the programme have been :

- to promote research in conservation ;
- to strengthen support facilities and laboratories ;
- to standardize inventories
- to raise awareness

As part of the programme, a seminar, to be held in Morocco in 1998, is proposed. The seminar will :

- present a case study to a national, regional, and international audience
- discuss the development and application of relevant conservation strategies in historic cities ;
- discuss activities related to training for enhanced management skills and human resource development ;
- establish common standards of cultural heritage inventories in the Maghreb region ;
- discuss means for building up appropriate institutional and professional capacities for conservation to improve the effectiveness of executing bodies ;
- create a communication-platform within the Maghreb region and with external partners.

Direct target beneficiaries: Professionals responsible for the planning and management of historic urban areas.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget	US \$ 60,000.00
• Survey of urban conservation, seminar preparation including ICCROM personnel	15,000.00
• Participants' per diem, accommodation (15 x 7 days)	30,000.00
• Meeting assessment and final report publication	15,000.00
ICCROM input:	US \$ 15,000.00
Italian Government input:	US \$ 30,000.00
Amount request from the Fund:	US \$ 15,000.00

Action by the Chairperson: The Chairperson may wish to approve the total amount of **US\$ 15,000.00**.