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11. Examination of International Assistance requests

SUMMARY

This document contains under Part I an update on the International Assistance requests received by the World Heritage Centre and which were originally for decision by the Committee, and under Part II the status of the International Assistance budget for the biennium 2014-2015 as of 15 May 2014.

The present document contains also, in Annex, the lists of International Assistance requests approved for the biennium 2014-2015 as of 15 May 2014, as well as the final list of International Assistance requests approved during the previous biennium (2012-2013).

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I. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED FOR DECISION BY THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

1. Three requests examined by the International Assistance panel on 15 January 2014, and which were for decision by the World Heritage Committee because of their amounts, were recommended for non-approval:
 - Egypt: Afro-Egyptian Center for World Heritage (US\$ 150,000);
 - Pakistan: Conservation and Management Assistance Request - Technical Cooperation for: Consolidation and conservation of Satcharni Monument at Makli Hill Monuments, Thatta (US\$ 38,800);
 - Vietnam: Survey and research the techniques to quarry, craft and transport stones from the mountain to build the Ho Dynasty's Citadel Heritage Site (US\$ 113,000).
2. All three requests were withdrawn by the States Parties concerned on 30 April 2014, 29 April 2014 and 3 April 2014 respectively.

II. STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2014-2015 AS OF 15 MAY 2014

3. By Decision **37 COM 15.I**, the International Assistance budget approved for 2014-2015 amounts to US\$ 720,000 for Preparatory and Conservation & Management Assistance, and US\$ 400,000 for Emergency Assistance. But due to the significant funding shortfall, the World Heritage Centre utilizes the reduced allocations to implement the budget. Therefore the International Assistance budget on which the approvals are based amounts to US\$ 450,000, namely US\$ 120,000 for Preparatory Assistance and US\$ 330,000 Conservation & Management Assistance (following Decision **36 COM 13.I** by which each type of assistance has an earmarked budget), and US\$ 400,000 for Emergency Assistance.

	Total budget 2014-2015 (in US\$)	Total amount approved in 2014- 2015 (in US\$)	Available for approval in 2014- 2015 (in US\$)
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE	120 000	109 107	10 893
Cultural heritage (65% as per Committee's decision)	78 000	59 994 <i>(2 requests)</i>	0
Natural heritage (35% as per Committee's decision)	42 000	0	10 893
Mixed heritage (50%: culture, 50%: nature)		49 113 <i>(2.5 requests)</i>	
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE	330 000	128 674	201 326
Cultural heritage (65% as per Committee's decision)	214 500	128 674 <i>(6 requests)</i>	85 826
Natural heritage (35% as per Committee's decision)	115 500	0	115 500
Mixed heritage (50%: culture, 50%: nature)		0	
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	400 000	75 000	325 000
Cultural heritage	<i>no earmarking</i>	75 000 <i>(1 request)</i>	
Natural heritage		0	
Mixed heritage		0	

4. The funds listed below have been made available since 2008 for the approval of International Assistance requests in case the International Assistance budget would be insufficient:

Donor	Amount, excluding support costs (received on)	Amount approved as of 15 May 2014	Amount left for approvals as of 15 May 2014
Italy	250,000 EUR , equivalent to US\$ 357,348 (September 2008)	US\$ 359,533 (10 Preparatory Assistance requests plus a percentage of 1 Preparatory Assistance request, 5.5 Conservation & Management Assistance requests and 2 Emergency Assistance requests)	US\$ 0
India	US\$ 90,864 (September / November 2011)	US\$ 90,864 (3 Preparatory Assistance requests plus a percentage of 1 Preparatory Assistance request)	US\$ 0
Private partnership*	US\$ 45,454 (April 2013)	US\$ 45,454 (2 Conservation & Management Assistance requests plus a percentage of 2 Preparatory Assistance requests)	US\$ 0
Finland**	200,000 EUR , equivalent to US\$ 247,036 (November 2013)	US\$ 30,000 (1 Conservation & Management Assistance request)	US\$ 217,036
Rep. of Korea	US\$ 54,545 (November 2013)	US\$ 24,645 (1 Preparatory Assistance request)	US\$ 29,900

* funds secured by the World Heritage Centre from an extra-budgetary project with the private sector

** for the approval of Conservation & Management Assistance requests (natural or mixed heritage).

5. The second panel of the new cycle established by Decision **36 COM 14** took place on 14 April 2014. The panel considered that 11 requests were fine for approval, but due to the limited funding, only 10 of them would be submitted to the Chairperson on the basis of the priorities defined in the *Operational Guidelines* (paragraphs 236 to 241). The other request may be submitted again for the next cycle.
6. Four requests were already approved in May 2014. If the other six requests are approved, the balances available for International Assistance will be as follows:
- Preparatory Assistance budget-Cultural heritage: **US\$ 0**
 - Preparatory Assistance budget-Natural heritage: US\$ 10,893
 - Conservation & Management Assistance budget-Cultural heritage: US\$ 15,551
 - Conservation & Management Assistance budget-Natural heritage: US\$ 115,500
 - Finnish funds earmarked for Conservation & Management Assistance-Natural/mixed heritage: US\$ 167,730
 - Italian funds earmarked for International Assistance: **US\$ 0**
 - Indian funds earmarked for International Assistance: **US\$ 0**
 - Partnerships funds earmarked for International Assistance: **US\$ 0**
 - Korean funds earmarked for International Assistance: **US\$ 0**
7. In view of this situation, the circular letter to States Parties issued on 13 May 2014 for the 2015 cycle included an appeal for voluntary contributions to the sub-account for International Assistance.

8. Concerning the Emergency Assistance budget, in response to the powerful earthquake and the tsunami that affected Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works and to the fire that ravaged the northern hilly residential neighbourhoods of the Seaport City of Valparaiso in April 2014, the World Heritage Centre is working in close collaboration with the National authority in charge of the protection of World Heritage in the country, the Council for National Monuments and the local authorities of Valparaiso and Humberstone to develop a comprehensive Emergency Action Plan for Chilean World Heritage sites.
9. The Plan includes an Emergency Assistance request for Humberstone (amount: US\$ 75,000), which is currently under preparation. It aims at carrying out a detailed assessment of damage, risk and needs, to plan the reconstruction process and to support the re-building of capacity of the site management authority. This Emergency Assistance will be complemented by a request to the UNESCO Emergency Participation Program (amount: US\$ 50,000) for a restoration project in Valparaiso with a social inclusion component to revitalize one of the historic elevators affected by the fires.
10. Finally, a National Risk Management Program will be elaborated by the Chilean authorities, in close cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies. In order to support these efforts, a Conservation and Management request will be submitted by the State Party before 31 October 2014 for examination by the panel in January 2015.
11. Any new information received after the finalization of this document will be conveyed to the Committee at the time of discussion of this item.

III. DRAFT DECISION

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The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-14/38.COM/11,
2. Notes with concern the already low level of the International Assistance budget;
3. Thanks the States Parties of Italy, India, Finland and the Republic of Korea for their generous contribution which made possible the approval of several International Assistance requests since 2010;
4. Strongly appeals to all States Parties to contribute to the sub-account of the World Heritage Fund for International Assistance.

I. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS IN 2014-2015 (AS OF 15 MAY 2014)

A. 11.5 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET (as of 15 May 2014)

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (4.5 requests)				109 107		
Culture (2 requests)				59 994		
AFR	Burkina Faso	Launching of the elaboration of the nomination of the sites of ancient metallurgy for iron reduction in the boose and bwi spaces: Ronguin, Tiwega, Yamane, Kindbo, Bekuy, Douroula	Les sites de métallurgie ancienne de réduction du fer dans les espaces boose et bwi (Ronguin, Tiwega, Yamane, Kindbo, Bekuy, Douroula) <i>(on Tentative List since 2012)</i>	29 994	25 February 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.24, E.25, E.26, E.28
APA	Cambodia	Preparation assistance request for the nomination of the Sambor Prei Kuk Group	Groupe de Sambor Prei Kuk <i>(on Tentative List since 1992)</i>	30 000	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.24, E.25, E.27
Mixed (2.5 requests)				49 113		
AFR	Equatorial Guinea	Establishment of a Tentative List for the Republic of Equatorial Guinea	n.a.	27 628	25 February 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.29, E.30
AFR	Cabo Verde	Update of the Tentative List <i>(approved for 78% under IA budget, and for 22% under the partnerships funds earmarked for IA)</i>	n.a.	11 485	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.29, E.30

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
LAC	El Salvador	Updating and formulating the Tentative List of Cultural and Natural Heritage of El Salvador (approved for 50% under IA nature budget, and for 50% under Italian funds earmarked for IA)	n.a.	10 000	29 March 2014	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.29, E.30
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (6 requests)				128 674		
Culture (6 requests)				128 674		
AFR	Benin	Evaluation of the conservation and management plan and presentation of the site of the Royal Palaces of Abomey (2007-2011)	Royal Palaces of Abomey (on the World Heritage List since 1985)	5 000	15 May 2014	n.a.
AFR	Ethiopia	Protection of vernacular architecture on the World Heritage site with better understanding and implementation of the World Heritage Convention	Konso Cultural Landscape (on the World Heritage List since 2011)	9 550	25 February 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.37, E.38, E.47
AFR	Mauritius	Preparation of a Local Economic Development Plan for the Buffer Zones of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property	Aapravasi Ghat (on the World Heritage List since 2006)	29 500	25 February 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.36
ARB	Yemen	Preparation of the conservation plan - Old City of Sana'a (phase I - inventory update)	Old City of Sana'a (on the World Heritage List since 1986)	29 830	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.37, E.38, E.39, E.42
APA	Vietnam	Strengthening the management capacity for the Complex of Hué Monuments	Complex of Hué Monuments (on the World Heritage List since 1993)	29 930	25 February 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.37, E.38, E.39, E.42
EUR	Malta	Studies for Stabilising the Facade of Ggantija Temples - Phase 1 - Movement sensors	Megalithic Temples of Malta (on the World Heritage List since 1980)	24 864	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.34

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (1 request)				75 000		
EUR	Czech Republic	Elimination of the effects after the flood of 2 and 3 June 2013 - revised version after ICOMOS's and ICCROM's review	Historic Centre of Prague (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1992</i>)	75 000	25 February 2014	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.21, E.22

B. 0.5 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS + A PERCENTAGE OF 1 REQUEST APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE ITALIAN FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE (as of 15 May 2014)

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (0.5 request + a percentage of 1 request)				12 732		
Culture (a percentage of 1 request)				2 732		
AFR	Comoros	Assistance for the elaboration of a nomination file for the "sultanats historiques des Comores" to UNESCO World Heritage (<i>approved for 82% under Korean funds earmarked for IA, for 9% under the Italian funds earmarked for IA, for 7% under the Indian funds earmarked for IA and for 2% under the partnerships funds earmarked for IA</i>)	Sultanats Historiques des Comores (<i>on Tentative List since 2007</i>)	2 732	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.24, E.27
Mixed (0.5 request)				10 000		
LAC	El Salvador	Updating and formulating the Tentative List of Cultural and Natural Heritage of El Salvador (<i>approved for 50% under IA nature budget, and for 50% under Italian funds earmarked for IA</i>)	n.a.	10 000	29 March 2014	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.29, E.30

C. A PERCENTAGE OF 1 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE INDIAN FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE (as of 15 May 2014)

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (a percentage of 1 request)				2 004		
Culture (a percentage of 1 request)				2 004		
AFR	Comoros	Assistance for the elaboration of a nomination file for the "sultanats historiques des Comores" to UNESCO World Heritage (<i>approved for 82% under Korean funds earmarked for IA, for 9% under the Italian funds earmarked for IA, for 7% under the Indian funds earmarked for IA and for 2% under the partnerships funds earmarked for IA</i>)	Sultanats Historiques des Comores (<i>on Tentative List since 2007</i>)	2 004	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.24, E.27

D. A PERCENTAGE OF 2 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE PARTNERSHIPS FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE (as of 15 May 2014)

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (a percentage of 2 requests)				3 719		
Culture (a percentage of 1 request)				619		
AFR	Comoros	Assistance for the elaboration of a nomination file for the "sultanats historiques des Comores" to UNESCO World Heritage (<i>approved for 82% under Korean funds earmarked for IA, for 9% under the Italian funds earmarked for IA, for 7% under the Indian funds earmarked for IA and for 2% under the partnerships funds earmarked for IA</i>)	Sultanats Historiques des Comores (<i>on Tentative List since 2007</i>)	619	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.24, E.27

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
Mixed (a percentage of 1 request)				3 100		
AFR	Cabo Verde	Update of the Tentative List (<i>approved for 78% under IA budget, and for 22% under the partnerships funds earmarked for IA</i>)	n.a.	3 100	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.29, E.30

E. 1 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE FINNISH FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE (as of 15 May 2014)

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (1 request)				30 000		
Nature (1 request)				30 000		
AFR	Tanzania (United Rep. of)	Building the capacity of local communities and stakeholders for a dialogue towards sustainable livelihoods in tune with wildlife protection and ecosystem management in Ngorongoro Conservation Area	Ngorongoro Conservation Area (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1979</i>)	30 000	25 February 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.37, E.38, E.43

F. 1 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST APPROVED IN 2014-2015 UNDER THE KOREAN FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE (as of 15 May 2014)

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (1 request)				24 645		
Culture (1 request)				24 645		
AFR	Comoros	Assistance for the elaboration of a nomination file for the "sultanats historiques des Comores" to UNESCO World Heritage (<i>approved for 82% under Korean funds earmarked for IA, for 9% under the Italian funds earmarked for IA, for 7% under the Indian funds earmarked for IA and for 2% under the partnerships funds earmarked for IA</i>)	Sultanats Historiques des Comores (<i>on Tentative List since 2007</i>)	24 645	11 May 2014	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, C.16, D.18, D.19, E.24, E.27

G. 8 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS NOT APPROVED IN 2014-2015 (as of 15 May 2014)

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (3 requests)					
Culture (2 requests)					
ARB	Sudan	Towards the conservation and revival of Suakin - Sudan's historical coral city	Suakin (<i>on Tentative List since 1994</i>)	25 February 2014	Management activities or conservation measures for non-inscribed sites fall out of the scope of International Assistance.

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
LAC	Paraguay	Feasibility study for the expansion of the current ecological belt, as property protection on the World Heritage List	Jesuit Missions of La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesús de Tavarangue (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1993</i>)	25 February 2014	This third version has still not taken into account the Advisory Bodies comments made on the two previous versions already submitted in 2009.
Nature (1 request)					
EUR	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Preparation of the nomination dossier for candidature of Vjetrenica cave to the World Heritage List of UNESCO	Vjetrenica cave (<i>on Tentative List since 2004</i>)	25 February 2014	The request needs to be thoroughly revised within the framework of the Dinaric Karst upstream project, in cooperation with the other States Parties involved in the process.
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (5 requests)					
Culture (4 requests)					
ARB	Egypt	Burg Al Arab- Mariotte, Dir Mary Mena- Alexandria (US\$ 30,000)	Abu Mena (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1979 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2001</i>)	25 February 2014	The activity foreseen goes against the World Heritage Committee Decision 37 COM 7A.23 and would increase the conservation problems of the property.
ARB	Egypt	Burg Al Arab- Mariotte, Dir Mary Mena- Alexandria (US\$ 10,000)			
ARB	Egypt	Historical Cairo Center for training on preservation and conservation	Historic Cairo (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1979</i>)	25 February 2014	Contrary to what its title states, the request is not for a capacity-building activity and it does not constitute a priority for the conservation of the site either.
APA	Pakistan	Conservation and Management Assistance Request- Technical Cooperation for: The Tomb of Sultan Ibrahim at Makli Hill Monuments, Thatta	Historical Monuments at Makli, Thatta (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1981</i>)	25 February 2014	The activity does not correspond to priority conservation issues at the site.

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
Nature (1 request)					
AFR	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Youth education to environmental preservation	n.a.	25 February 2014	The activity proposed does not contribute to the implementation of the corrective measures adopted by the World Heritage Committee and which are a priority for the sites in danger of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

II. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS IN 2012-2013

A. 20.5 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED UNDER THE 2012-2013 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (10 requests)				232 724		
Culture (7 requests)				161 130		
AFR	Mali	Preparatory assistance for the elaboration of the nomination of the Ruins of Es-Souk on UNESCO World Heritage List	Es-Souk (<i>on Tentative List since 1999</i>)	15 000	27 February 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.13, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27
AFR	Togo	Elaboration of the nomination file for the Greniers des Grottes de Nok et Mamproug	Les Greniers des Grottes de Nok et de Mamproug (<i>on Tentative List since 2000</i>)	14 995	4 January 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27
APA	Myanmar	Preparation of a nomination dossier for Pyu Cities: Beikthano-Myo, Halin, Tharay-Khit-taya (Sri Ksetra)	Pyu Cities: Beikthano-Myo, Halin, Tharay-Khit-taya (Sri Ksetra) (<i>on Tentative List since 1996</i>)	30 000	4 January 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27
APA	Nepal	Preparation of nomination dossier for Medieval earthen walled city of Lo Manthang	Medieval Earthen Walled City of Lo Manthang (<i>on Tentative List since 2008</i>)	30 000	4 January 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27
APA	Palau	Review old nomination and compile data to complete the nomination of the transboundary site of Chelchol Ra Orrak, Wet El Daob Me A Wet El Beluu and The Mangyol Stone Money Bank	Yapease Quarry Sites (<i>on Tentative List since 2004</i>)	30 000	3 May 2013	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
LAC	Jamaica	Preparation of Nomination Dossier for the Underwater City of Port Royal	The Underwater City of Port Royal (<i>on Tentative List since 2009</i>)	29 635	4 January 2012	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25
LAC	Uruguay	Pilot Project for the Nomination of the Cultural and Industrial Landscape of Fray Bentos	Paysage Culturel et Industriel Fray Bentos (<i>on Tentative List since 2010</i>)	11 500	25 December 2012	A.1, A.2, C.10, C.11, C.13, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27, E.28
Nature (1 request)				29 990		
AFR	Benin	Preparation of the nomination of the Parc National de la Pendjari, extension of W National Park of Niger	Parc National de la Pendjari (<i>on Tentative List since 2009</i>)	29 990	5 March 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.16, D.18, E.24, E.25
Mixed (2 requests)				41 604		
AFR	Djibouti	Establishment of the Tentative List of the Republic of Djibouti	n.a.	29 604	4 January 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.29, E.30, E.31
LAC	Grenada	Pilot Project on the Grenadines Island Group	Grenadines Island Group (<i>on Tentative List since 2004</i>)	12 000	4 January 2012	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.25, E.27
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (6.5 requests)				166 575		
Culture (3 requests)				78 069		
AFR	Gambia	Review, update and implementation of an integrated management plan for Kunta Kinteh Island and related sites in Gambia	Kunta Kinteh Island and Related Sites (<i>on the World Heritage List since 2003</i>)	18 069	26 February 2013	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.8, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34
ARB	Jordan	Conservation of mosaic floors at the World Heritage site of Quseir Amra	Quseir Amra (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1985</i>)	30 000	26 February 2013	A.1, A.2, B.8, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.38, E.39, E.41, E.42, E.43

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
LAC	Chile	International Expert Meeting - Conservation of Wood and Metal Structures in the Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works	Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works (on the World Heritage List since 2005, and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2005)	30 000	27 February 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.12, C.13, D.18
Nature (3.5 requests)				88 506		
AFR	Central African Republic	Workshop for the elaboration of an emergency plan for Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park	Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park (on the World Heritage List since 1988, and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1997)	25 488	26 June 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.35
APA	Indonesia	Development and socialization of the Emergency Action Plan for the integrated and coordinated management of the Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra	Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra (on the World Heritage List since 2004, and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2011)	30 000	26 June 2012	A.1, A.2, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.35
APA	Philippines	Strengthening Conservation Management Policies for Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (approved for 86% under IA culture budget, and for 14% under Italian funds earmarked for IA)	Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (on the World Heritage List since 1993)	19 262	5 November 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.15, D.18, E.34

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
LAC	Costa Rica	CATIE´s 33rd Annual International Protected Area Course: "Instruments for adaptation and mitigation to climate change"	n.a.	13 756	13 June 2012	A.1, A.2, B.5, B.7, B.8, B.9, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, D.18, D.19, E.39, E.40, E.42
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (4 requests)				291 722		
Culture (2 requests)				142 922		
AFR	Mali	International emergency assistance for the reinforced protection of the properties « Timbuktu », the « Tomb of Askia » and the « Old Towns of Djenné » inscribed on the World Heritage List	Timbuktu (on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2012), Old Towns of Djenné (both on the World Heritage List since 1988), Tomb of Askia (on the World Heritage List since 2004; on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2012)	70 000	19 November 2012	A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.12, C.14, D.19, E.21, E.22
APA	Cambodia	Emergency assistance for the World Heritage property "Temple of Preah Vihear"	Temple of Preah Vihear (on the World Heritage List since 2008)	72 922	27 May 2011 (funds released on 27 November 2012)	A.2, B.3, C.10, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.21, E.22
Nature (2 requests)				148 800		
AFR	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Emergency action plan for the rehabilitation of the Okapi Wildlife Reserve	Okapi Wildlife Reserve (on the World Heritage List since 1996, and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1997)	75 000	10 December 2012	A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.21, E.22, E.23

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
AFR	Seychelles	Eradication of introduced birds to preserve Aldabra's Outstanding Universal Value	Aldabra Atoll (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1982</i>)	73 800	4 October 2012	A.2, B.3, C.10, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.21, E.22

B. 4.5 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2012-2013 UNDER THE ITALIAN FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (2 requests)				47 950		
Nature (1 request)				29 910		
AFR	Chad	Preparation of a dossier for the inscription of Zakouma National Park as World Heritage site	Parc national de Zakouma (<i>on Tentative List since 2005</i>)	29 910	3 May 2013	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, D.18, D.20, E.24, E.25, E.27
Mixed (1 request)				18 040		
LAC	Ecuador	Preparation of the Tentative List of natural and cultural properties suitable for inclusion in the World Heritage List	n.a.	18 040	3 May 2013	A.1, A.2, B.5, B.8, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.14, D.18, E.29, E.30
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (2.5 requests)				62 857		
Nature (2.5 requests)				62 857		
AFR	Niger	Evaluation mission Air and Ténéré natural reserves	Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1991; on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1992</i>)	29 872	3 May 2013	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, D.18, E.34

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
APA	Solomon Islands	Survey of the Condition of the Marine Ecosystem within the East Rennell World Heritage Area	East Rennell (on the World Heritage List since 1998)	29 985	26 June 2012	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.35
APA	Philippines	Strengthening Conservation Management Policies for Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (approved for 86% under IA culture budget, and for 14% under Italian funds earmarked for IA)	Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (on the World Heritage List since 1993)	3 000	5 November 2012	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, D.18, D.19, E.34, E.35

C. 3 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2012-2013 UNDER THE INDIAN FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (3 requests)				88 860		
Nature (1 request)				30 000		
AFR	Ethiopia	Prepare a proposal for a significant boundary modification for Simien National Park World Heritage Site	Simien National Park (on the World Heritage List since 1978, and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1996)	30 000	26 February 2013	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.4, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, D.18, E.25, E.27
Mixed (2 requests)				58 860		
APA	Mongolia	Update of the Mongolian Tentative List	n.a.	28 860	26 February 2013	A.1, A.2, B.5, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, D.18, D.19, E.29, E.30
APA	Papua New Guinea	Review, assess and evaluate the Papua New Guinea Tentative List	n.a.	30 000	3 May 2013	A.1, A.2, B.5, B.8, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, D.18, E.29, E.30

D. 2 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2012-2013 UNDER THE PARTNERSHIPS FUNDS EARMARKED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Criteria applied (based on Advisory Bodies' comments)
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (2 requests)				41 735		
Nature (1 request)				29 981		
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire	Natural restauration of gold mining sites in the Soubré sector through an increased surveillance and through awareness-raising of populations living close to Taï National Park, World Heritage, Biosphere Reserve	Taï National Park (on the World Heritage List since 1982)	29 981	3 May 2013	A.1, A.2, B.3, C.10, C.11, C.12, C.13, C.14, C.15, D.18, E.34
Mixed (1 request)				11 754		
APA	Fiji	Capacity-building of 5 LDCs in the Pacific (Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu) through the Pacific World Heritage Workshop (Suva, 30 October-2 November 2013) and the Pacific Heritage Hub (PHH)	n.a.	11 754	19 August 2013	A.1, A.2, B.3, B.8, C.10, C.13, D.18, E.37, E.39

E. 10 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS NOT APPROVED IN 2012-2013

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (5 requests)					
Culture (3 requests)					
APA	Kazakhstan	Preparation of documentation for further inclusion of Syrdarya corridor as part of Serial Transnational Nomination «Silk Road» to the World Heritage List	Silk Road (on Tentative List since 2012)	26 February 2013	The activities foreseen are a mixture between conservation activities and surveys which do not fit well with Preparatory Assistance. Moreover, there is an overlap between these activities and what is already undertaken through extra-budgetary funding. Finally, as a transnational nomination, the request should be envisaged at the (sub) regional level.

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
EUR	Moldova	Preparation of the dossier "Orheiul Vechi Cultural Landscape" for its nomination on the World Heritage List	The Cultural Landscape Orheiul Vechi <i>(on Tentative List since 2007)</i>	5 March 2012	Funding is limited for the biennium 2012-2013 and a site which previously got a deferral/non-inscription assessment because the Outstanding Universal Value was not demonstrated could not be ranked as a high priority in this context.
LAC	Grenada	St. George Fortified System	St. George Fortified System <i>(on Tentative List since 2004)</i>	26 February 2013	The request is mainly for conservation works for a site on Tentative List, which falls out of the scope of International Assistance.
Mixed (2 requests)					
ARB	Egypt	Establishing a diploma master degree on management of World Heritage in Arabic and English by e-learning	n.a.	5 March 2012	The activity described in the request (gathering Steering Committee members) does not correspond to the definition of training assistance (which is meant to provide direct training). The World Heritage Fund being a seed money fund, it cannot bear the costs for the development without assurances on the sustainability of the course.
ARB	Egypt	Launching a World Heritage website at Cairo University	n.a.	26 June 2012	The activity described in the request (creation of a website) does not correspond to the definition of Preparatory Assistance (which is meant for Tentative Lists and nomination files). Moreover, the World Heritage Fund being a seed money fund, it cannot bear the costs for the development of this tool without assurances on the sustainability of the course, and no such assurances were given.
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (5 requests)					
Culture (3 requests)					
APA	Pakistan	Emergency Assistance for Archaeological Ruins at Moenjodaro	Archaeological Ruins at Moenjodaro <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1980)</i>	6 April 2013	A request for US\$ 1,012,000 falls out of the funding possibilities of the International Assistance budget (which is only US\$ 400,000 for 2012-2013).

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EUR	Serbia	World Heritage sites in Serbia	n.a.	6 April 2013	Promotional activities are not a priority for this cycle, given the limited funding available and the high number of requests submitted.
LAC	Peru	Update of the Restoration Project of the Nuestra Señora de la Soledad Chapel - Historic Center of Lima	Historic Centre of Lima (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1988</i>)	26 February 2013	The activity foreseen is not considered by the panel as a priority for the site. A comprehensive restoration project, of which an International Assistance request could be a small part, would be more appropriate.
Nature (2 requests)					
AFR	Malawi	Conservation of World Heritage Property through Improved Communication Technology and Aquatic Management	Lake Malawi National Park (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1984</i>)	27 February 2012	This request came back thrice with more or less the same content which did not state clearly the needs. As a first step, the State Party should better define the conservation needs of the site, and is encouraged to be in touch with IUCN Office in Nairobi for assistance in this. Then it will be welcomed to submit a new request, completely different from the previous one.
LAC	Costa Rica	Strengthening of Control and Surveillance Programme in Cocos Island National Park	Cocos Island National Park (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1997</i>)	26 February 2013	The project is almost exactly the same as the International Assistance request approved for this site in 2011 and it is unclear how the previous request has contributed to improve the management of the site.