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Item 15 of the Provisional Agenda: International Assistance

- INF.15 Part I. International Assistance requests processed by the World
Heritage Centre from 24 May 2007 to 31 December 2007**
**Part II. International Assistance requests processed by the World
Heritage Centre from 01 January 2008 to 15 April 2008**

SUMMARY

1. This document contains under Part I: a list of International Assistance requests processed by the World Heritage Centre from 24 May 2007 to 31 December 2007, and status of the International Assistance budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and under Part II: a list of International Assistance requests processed by the World Heritage Centre from 01 January 2008 to 15 April 2008 and the status of the International Assistance budget for the biennium 2008-2009.
2. The present document also recalls some key decisions on International Assistance, explanation for the abbreviations on type of economy of a State Party and *Annex 9 of the Operational Guidelines*.

Reference is made to some key decisions on International Assistance as adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its previous sessions.

A circular letter ref. CL/WHC-08/04 dated 17 January 2008 on Reform of the World Heritage Fund's International Assistance system based on Documents *WHC-06/30.COM/14A* and *WHC-07/31.COM/18B* and on decisions **30 COM 14A** and **31 COM 18B** has been sent to States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention*, Advisory Bodies of the World Heritage Committee and staff of the World Heritage Centre as well as to all UNESCO Field Offices.

Decision Number	Text as adopted	Remarks
30 COM 14A para. 7.d	the requests for International Assistance will be evaluated by a panel composed of the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee or one vice-Chairperson, representatives of the World Heritage Centre Regional Desks and Advisory Bodies, meeting at least twice a year before action by the Chairperson and Committee	In 2007, four International Assistance panel meetings were held on the following dates: - 25 January, 04 June, 02 July and 11 September 2007. In 2008, the first International Assistance panel meeting was held on 31 January 2008. A second panel meeting is foreseen for 27 May 2008.
30 COM 14A para. 5 a)	Preference will be given to developing countries as defined by the United Nations Economic and Social Council's Committee for Development Policy in the grant of international assistance, as already provided for in paragraph 239(b) of the <i>Operational Guidelines</i>	The decision has been applied.
31 COM 18B para. 4	Considers that the preference for Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Low Income Economies (LIEs); Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and post-conflict countries apply when the funds available are limited and a selection has to be made.	The decision has been applied.
31 COM 20A para.5	Authorizes the Director of the World Heritage Centre to proceed, in liaison with the UNESCO Services, to make all necessary budgetary adjustments in the World Heritage Fund within the ceiling approved by the World Heritage Committee.	In 2007, preparatory assistance requests could not be approved due to insufficient funds under Preparatory International Assistance. Following this decision, budgetary adjustments within the total

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		International Assistance budget were made, thus allowing request approvals.
31 COM 18B para.5 c)	[Decides] to dedicate 35% of the envelope foreseen for International Assistance in the World Heritage Fund budget (excluding Emergency Assistance) to natural heritage and 65% to cultural heritage	The decision has been applied for the biennium 2008-2009 (refers to requests under Part II)
30 COM 14A para. 5 b)	International Assistance will now comprise the following three types: (i) Emergency Assistance (ii) Preparatory Assistance (iii) Conservation and Management Assistance (incorporating assistance for training and research, technical cooperation, and promotion and education)	The decision has been applied for the biennium 2008-2009 respecting the budget ceilings and authority of approval, according to the <i>Operational Guidelines</i> , paragraph 241 (refers to requests under Part II)
30 COM 14A para. 5 c)	There will be no earmarking of funds against the different types of International Assistance, except in the case of Emergency Assistance	The decision has been applied for the biennium 2008-2009 (refers to requests under Part II)
31 COM 18B para. 5 e)	[Decides]that there will be no more earmarking of funds against the different types of international assistance, except emergency assistance, beginning in the 2008-2009 biennium	The decision has been applied for the biennium 2008-2009 (refers to requests under Part II)
31 COM 18B para.7	Further decides that requests for Emergency Assistance of up to USD 75,000 will be submitted for approval by the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee after comments by the Advisory Bodies and without examination by the panel, provided they meet the definition established for Emergency Assistance	The decision has been applied.
31 COM 18B para. 9	Requests the World Heritage Centre to include details about the application of the selection criteria to each project in future reports on	The decision has been applied for the biennium 2008-2009 (refers to requests under Part II)

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	international assistance approved by the Director and the Chairperson	

<i>Operational Guidelines:</i> Article 237 under Section VII D on Principles and priorities for International Assistance	States Parties in arrears of payment of their compulsory or voluntary contributions to the World Heritage Fund are not eligible for international assistance, it being understood that this provision does not apply to requests for emergency assistance.	The decision has been applied.
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Type of economy as per UNECOSOC and World Bank	Explanation
LDC	Least Developed Country
LIE	Low Income Economy
LMIC	Lower Middle Income Country
UMIC	Upper Middle Income Country
HIC	High Income Country



Annex 9 of the Operational Guidelines:
**EVALUATION CRITERIA OF THE ADVISORY BODIES
FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS**



The following considerations are to be taken into account by the Advisory Bodies, World Heritage Centre, and the relevant Decision-maker (the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee, the World Heritage Committee or the Director of the World Heritage Centre) when assessing International Assistance requests.

These items do not constitute a checklist, and not every item will be applicable to every International Assistance Request. Rather the appropriate items are to be considered together in an integrated manner in making balanced judgments concerning the appropriateness of allocating the limited financial support available through the World Heritage Fund.

A. Eligibility requirements

1. Is the State Party in arrears for payment of its contribution to the World Heritage Fund?
2. Is the request coming from an authorized organization/institution of the State Party?

B. Priority considerations

3. Is the request from a State Party on the list of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Low Income Economies (LIEs), Small Island Developing States (SIDS) or post-conflict countries?
4. Is the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger?
5. Does the request further one or more of the Strategic Objectives of the World Heritage Committee (Credibility, Conservation, Capacity building, and Communication)?
6. Does the request respond to needs identified through the Periodic Reporting process at the property and/or regional levels?
7. Is the request linked to a regional or sub-regional capacity building programme?
8. Is there a capacity building aspect to the activity (no matter what type of assistance sought)?
9. Will the lessons learned from the activity provide benefits to the larger World Heritage system?

C. Considerations linked to the specific content of the proposed activity

10. Are the objectives of the request clearly stated and achievable?
11. Is there a clear work plan for achieving the results, including a timeline for its implementation? Is the work plan reasonable?
12. Does the agency/organization responsible for implementing the proposal have the capacity to do so, and have they identified a person who will be responsible for ongoing contact?

13. Are the professionals proposed to be engaged (whether national or international) qualified to carry out the work being requested? Are there clear terms of reference for them, including an adequate period for their involvement?
14. Has the involvement of all relevant parties been taken into account in the proposal (for example stakeholders, other institutions, etc.)?
15. Are the technical requirements clearly expressed and are they reasonable?
16. Is there a clear plan for reporting the results and for continued monitoring, including appropriate indicators for success?
17. Is there a commitment from the State Party for appropriate follow-up after the activity is completed?

D. Budgetary / Financial considerations

18. Is the overall budget reasonable for the work that is proposed to be carried out?
19. Is the budget sufficiently detailed to ensure that the unit costs are reasonable and in line with local costs and/or UNESCO norms and rules as appropriate?
20. Does the request act as a catalyst (multiplier) for other funding (are other sources of funding, either cash or in-kind clearly specified)?

E. Considerations for specific types of International Assistance

a) *Emergency Assistance Requests*

21. Does the threat or disaster covered by the request conform to the definition of an emergency within the *Operational Guidelines* (unexpected phenomena)?
22. Can the proposed intervention be carried out with reasonable safety for those involved with its implementation?
23. Does the intervention respond to the most critical issues related to the protection/conservation of the property?

b) *Preparatory Assistance Requests*

For requests for preparation of nomination files

24. Is the property on the State Party's Tentative List?
25. Does the State Party already have properties inscribed on the World Heritage List? If yes, how many?
26. Is the type of property proposed for World Heritage listing un-represented or under-represented in the World Heritage List?
27. Is sufficient attention paid to necessary elements, such as the preparation of the management plan, comparative analysis, Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, mapping, etc.?
28. Is sufficient attention given to community involvement?

For requests for preparation of Tentative Lists

29. Is the process designed to include all the necessary stakeholders and points of view?

30. Are both natural and cultural heritage professionals proposed to be involved?
31. Is the State Party new to the *World Heritage Convention*?
32. If the request is for harmonization of Tentative Lists, are representatives from all the necessary States Parties in the region or sub-region involved?

For requests for preparation of other types of assistance

33. If the request is for the preparation of a request for other assistance, is the need for the eventual request well-documented?

c) *Conservation and Management Assistance Requests*

For requests for conservation work or the preparation of a management plan

34. Is the property on the World Heritage List?
35. Is the work being proposed a priority for protecting or safeguarding the property?
36. Does the work being proposed conform to best practice?

For requests for training activities

37. Is it clearly related to the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*?
38. Does it take place on a World Heritage property or involve a visit/case study of a World Heritage property?
39. Does it involve those responsible for conservation at a World Heritage property as trainees or resource persons?
40. Does it respond to well-defined training needs?
41. Are the training methods appropriate to ensure that the learning objectives will be met?
42. Does it strengthen a local and/or regional training institution?
43. Is it linked with practical applications in the field?
44. Is there a provision for disseminating results and related training materials to other organizations in the World Heritage system?

For requests related to scientific research

45. Can it be demonstrated that the subject matter is of a priority nature for better protection and safeguarding of World Heritage properties?
46. Can it be demonstrated that the results will be concrete and applicable widely within the World Heritage system?

For requests for educational or awareness activities

47. Will it help make the *World Heritage Convention* better known or create a stronger interest in it amongst the target audience?
48. Will it create a greater awareness of the different issues related to the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*?

49. Will it promote more involvement in *World Heritage Convention* related activities?
50. Will it be a means of exchanging experiences or stimulate joint educational and information programmes, especially amongst school children?
51. Will it produce appropriate materials to increase awareness and promote the *World Heritage Convention* that may be used by the target audience?

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS PROCESSED BY THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE
from 24 May 2007 to 31 December 2007
Part I

	COUNTRY	TYPE	TITLE	AMOUNT REQUESTED (USD)	AMOUNT APPROVED (USD)	REQUEST RECEIVED ON	IA PANEL HELD ON	CHAIRPERSON'S / DIRECTOR'S / COMMITTEE'S DECISION ON	REMARKS
I	EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE								
	ASIA-PACIFIC								
1	Afghanistan (LDC)	C	Emergency River Defence Project for the safeguarding of the Minaret of Jam	74,828	0	27/09/2007	N/A	See Part II (2008)	The emergency work was carried out in 2007, mainly financed by the State Party, and with some financial support from the Italian Funds in Trust See Part II (2008) for details of this request.
	LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN								
2	Mexico (UMIC)	N	Emergency Assistance for Recuperation of <i>supervision</i> infrastructure lost after hurricane "Dean" in Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve, Quintana Roo, Mexico	62,000	62,000	10/09/2007	NA	08/10/2007	The Chairperson approved the request, noting that the request met with the Committee's definition of 'emergency' as damage due to "sudden unexpected phenomena" as per section 241 of the <i>Operational Guidelines</i> . Note: The Chairperson also pointed out that distinction between '(i) emergency measures for the safeguarding of the property' and on-going post-emergency work is not that clear; this warrants a discussion by the Committee at a future date.
	SUB-TOTAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			136,828	62,000				

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II	PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE								
	AFRICA								
1	Angola (LDC)	C	Preparation of the nomination file for M'Banza Kongo	29,220	0	06/02/2006	21/06/2006	Foreseen for 2008	A revised request was received on 22/01/2008 and will be submitted to the Panel of January 2008.
2	Chad (LDC)	M	Preparation of nomination file for the region of Archei	29,998	0	03/07/2007	11/09/2007	pending	The panel asked for a re-structured request from the State Party, which has not yet been received.
3	Ivory Coast (LIE)	N	Preparation of the nomination file for Ehotile Islands	29,985	29,985	12/07/2006	25/01/2007	09/09/2007	
4	Guinea Bissau (LDC)	N	Preparation of Bijagos nomination file	23,712	0	14/12/2006	25/01/2007	Foreseen for 2008	This request could not be approved in 2007, as information requested by the Chairperson has been received in 2008.
5	United Republic of Tanzania (LDC)	N	Nomination file for Eastern Arc Mountains	30,000	30,000	13/10/2006	25/01/2007	09/09/2007	Approval by the Chairperson was "conditional on choice of appropriate expertise (as per decision 31COM 18B) to increase potential for success». This condition was fulfilled.

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6	United Republic of Tanzania (LDC)	N	Workshop for the development of a new Protected Marine Area	29,900	0	13/02/2007	04/06/2007	pending	Panel recommended to send the comments to the State Party and to keep the request pending until all requirements are fulfilled, such as the Protected Marine Area to be inscribed on Tentative List.
ARAB STATES									
7	Syrian Arab Republic (LMIC)	C	Nomination file of Archaeological Site of Mari	28,500	0	27/12/2006	04/06/2007	n.a.	As per panel recommendation, this request was withdrawn by the State Party, at the time of submission of a revised Preparatory assistance request 'Nomination file for Saint Simeon and the Dead Cities' on 09/03/2007.
8	Syrian Arab Republic (LMIC)	C	Assistance to the General Directorate of Antiquities and Museums in preparing the nomination file for Saint Simeon and the Limestone villages (Revised request)	30,000	30,000	28/08/2007	11/09/2007	01/10/2007	1. The initial request received on 09/03/2007 as "Nomination file for Saint Simeon and the Dead Cities", was jointly discussed in the panel of 04/06/2007, with another preparatory assistance request on 'Archaeological Site of Mari'. 2. Based on previous panel recommendations of 04/06/2007, this revised request with a new title was received on 28/08/2007.
ASIA-PACIFIC									
9	Fiji Islands (LMIC)	C	Preparatory Assistance for Development of legislative protection for the conservation of heritage in Levuka and development of Management Plan for Levuka	15,000	0	07/09/2007	See Part II (2008)	See Part II (2008)	See Part II (2008)

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10	Indonesia (LMIC)	N	Institutional Strengthening for Development and Management of the Integrated Serial Marine Mega-Diversity of Indonesia	29,290	0	10/04/2006	21/06/2006	pending	The State Party was requested to provide clarifications, which have not been received to date.
11	Kyrgyzstan (LIE)	C	International workshop on Serial Nomination for Petroglyphs in Central Asia	29,932	29,932	13/10/2006	25/01/2007	01/10/07	
12	Kyrgyzstan (LIE)	C	Completion of the nomination file for the Sulaiman-Too Cultural Landscape	25,530	28,240	06/08/07	11/09/07	01/10/07	Panel recommended the approval of this request with a slightly higher amount.
13	Mongolia (LIE)	C	Preparation of a serial World Heritage nomination and management plan for the Rock Paintings in Mongolia, including Khoit Tsenkher Cave and Tsagaan Sala Rock Paintings (Revised request)	30,000	30,000	12/06/07	11/09/07	01/10/07	1. The initial request was received on 24 February 2006 and discussed in the panel of June 2006. 2. This revised request was received on 12 June 2007. 3. The request has been approved by the Chairperson, under condition that (1) national commitment would be ensured to continue documentation beyond the 2-year project and (2) broad comparative analysis would be ensured beyond the region, with reference to ICOMOS Rock Art studies.
14	Philippines (LMIC)	C	Tabon Cave and Lipuun Point nomination file	29,120	0	04/05/2006	12/09/2006	n.a.	Following the Advisory Bodies comments, the panel, , asked for a revised request. The State Party, however, decided to withdraw this request.

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15	Philippines (LMIC)	N	Nomination Dossier of the Mount Apo Natural Park	30,000	30 ,000	09/05/2007	04/06/2007	30/10/2007	
16	Philippines (LMIC)	N	Preparation of a World Heritage extension nomination for Tubbataha Reef Marine Park in the Philippines	18,488	18,488	28/08/2007	11/09/2007	01/12/2007	
17	Tajikistan (LIE)	C	Preparatory assistance for the nomination of Sarazm	30,000	30,000	03/09/2007	11/09/2007	01/10/2007	
18	Vietnam (LIE)	C	Preparatory assistance for the Cultural Landscape Complex of Thang Long Ha Noi	29,700	29,700	24/08/2007	11/09/2007	01/10/2007	
EUROPE & NORTH AMERICA									
19	Albania (LMIC)	C	Proposal for revised nomination and a common management plan for two towns of Berat and Gjirokastra	30,000	30,000	07/08/2007	11/09/2007	19/10/2007	1. Approval by the Chairperson was based on the analysis and technical advice from the Director, WHC, and aimed at a final dossier for submission by 31 January 2008 as per Decision 31 COM 8B.48. 2. Nomination dossier has been submitted by the State Party on 29/01/2008 for presentation to the Committee under agenda item 8, as 'Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokastra – Towns of southern Albania, exceptional testimonies of well-preserved Ottoman settlements in the Balkan region'.

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20	Croatia (UMIC)	C	Nomination file for Croatian part of the Roman Limes	29,286	29,286	13/06/2006	25/01/2007	09/09/2007	
21	Russian Federation (UMIC)	N	International Training Workshop on Preparation of Trilateral (Russian-Mongolia-China) Transboundary World Heritage Nomination 'Daurian Steppes'	29,703	0	22/08/2007	See Part II (2008)	See Part II (2008)	See Part II (2008)
	LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN								
22	Dominican Republic (LMIC)	M	Technical assistance for the training of Dominican experts in the application of the World Heritage Convention	20,000	0	28/02/2007	04/06/2007	n.a.	The panel recommended to send the request back to the State Party and to consider merging it with the Training & Research Assistance request, (received on 10/01/2007), and submit a revised request for a higher amount (e.g. US\$30,000)
23	Jamaica (LMIC)	M	Preparation of a nomination file for the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park	10,450	10,450	29/06/07	11/09/07	16/10/07	
	SUB-TOTAL PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE			617,814	356,081				

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III	TECHNICAL COOPERATION ASSISTANCE								
	AFRICA								
1	Senegal (LDC)	C	Workshop for public spaces planning of the city of Saint-Louis	30,000	0	29/04/2007	04/06/2007	n.a.	The panel recommended that the State Party reformulates this request. The State Party has withdrawn this request.
2	Seychelles (UMIC)	N	Goats eradication in Aldabra Atoll	22,540	0	02/10/2006	25/01/2007	pending	This request has not been approved by the Chairperson pending further information, which has not yet been received.
	ARAB STATES								
3	Jordan (LMIC)	C	Assistance to assess the damage and make recommendations for the conservation and presentation of the 1 st century BC Nabatean wall paintings in al-Bayda, Petra	??	0	10/11/2006	25/01/2007	pending	Request submitted with no budget; budget not yet received
	ASIA-PACIFIC								
4	Nepal (LDC)	C	Development of an Integrated Management Plan for Lumbini (Revised request)	30,000	30,000	13/06/2007	11/09/2007	01/10/2007	A revised request was submitted with a lower amount.

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5	Papua New Guinea (LIE)	C	Kuk Swamp GIS and Web interface project	20,030	0	13/09/2006	25/01/2007	n.a.	Kuk site, which is not on the World Heritage List (it will be examined by the 32nd Session of the World Heritage Committee in July 2008), is not eligible for Technical cooperation, as pointed out by the Panel. Should the property be inscribed on the List, the Secretariat shall re-contact the State party to enquire on whether it intends to re-submit this request.
6	Vietnam (LIE)	N	Ha Long Bay Management Department Institutional Strengthening Project (Revised request)	65,780	65,780	13/03/2007	04/06/2007	29/06/2007	Based on panel recommendation of 04/06/2007, this revised request was submitted to the Committee and was approved, as per decision 31 COM 18A para.2
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN									
7	Chile (UMIC)	C	Protection and consolidation of the Humberstone and Santa Laura Salpetre Works (Revised request)	30,000	30,000	02/05/2007	04/06/2007	26/06/2007	A revised request with a reduced amount was received on 02 May 2007.
8	Argentina (UMIC)	N	Update of Iguazu National Park's management plan	29,820	0	20/11/2006	25/01/2007	n.a.	The State Party has obtained these resources from other sources.
	SUB-TOTAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION ASSISTANCE			228,170	125,780				

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IV	TRAINING & RESEARCH ASSISTANCE								
	ARAB STATES								
1	Egypt (LMIC)	N	World Heritage Training Diploma at Cairo University (revised request)	29,800	0	13/01/2007	04/06/2007	Foreseen for 2008	A reformulated request was received on 19 September 2007 for USD29, 900. It will be submitted to the panel of 31 January 2008.
	ASIA-PACIFIC								
2	China (LMIC)	N	3 rd . Session of International Conference on World Natural Heritage	30,000	30,000	01/06/2007	11/09/2007	01/10/2007	
3	India (LIE)	C	Regional training Workshop for conservation and management of Central Asian and Mogul architecture	59,600	59,600	01/02/2007	04/06/07	29/06/07	Based on panel recommendations of 01/02/2007, this request was submitted to the Committee and was approved, as per decision 31 COM 18A para.2
4	Mongolia (LIE)	C	Workshop on the Integrated Values-Based Management Plan of Orkhon Valley Cultural Landscape: revision and application of the Management Plan	30,000	30,000	29/12/2006	04/06/2007	26/06/07	

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	EUROPE & NORTH AMERICA								
5	Belarus (LMIC)	N	Migrations study in Belovezhskaya National Park	30,000	0	30/01/2006	21/06/2006	pending	The panel requested some clarifications. They have not yet been received.
6	Poland (UMIC)	M	Periodic Reporting follow-up meeting for Eastern and Central Europe	18,480	18,480	13/06/2007	n.a.	20/08/2007	Due to timing issues, the panel meeting did not take place but the request was reviewed and commented on by the Advisory Bodies and the Secretariat and the latter recommended it for approval by the Chairperson. The request was approved on the basis of supporting the travel costs for the non-EU States Parties of the sub-region. This has resulted in an overall contribution of USD5, 500, under this request.
7	Russian Federation (UMIC)	C	9th World Congress of the Organisation of World Heritage Cities	30,000	25,600	13/02/2007	04/06/2007	26/06/2007	As per panel recommendation, this request was approved with a reduced amount.
	LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN								
8	Costa Rica (UMIC)	N	CATIE'S 29 th . International Protected Areas Course: Ecosystems Management of Buffer Zones and Biological Corridors at the Landscape Scale	30,000	23,775	23/02/2007	02/07/2007	02/07/2007	The panel meeting was held in Christchurch, New Zealand, on 02 July 2007, and it recommended submission of this request to the Chairperson for approval.

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9	Venezuela (UMIC)	N	Workshop to evaluate the management effectiveness in Canaima National Park	14,095	0	11/08/2006	04/06/2007	26/06/2007	The request was submitted to the Chairperson <i>for rejection</i> .
10	Dominican Republic (LMIC)	M	Training of Dominican experts in the application of the World Heritage Convention	20,000	0	10/01/2007	04/06/2007	n.a.	The panel recommended sending the request back to the State Party and to consider merging it with the Preparatory assistance request received on 28/02/2007, and submit a revised request for a higher amount (e.g. USD30, 000). A revised request under Conservation and Management (Training) was received on 10/03/2008. See Part II (2008)
	SUB-TOTAL TRAINING & RESEARCH ASSISTANCE			291,975	187,455				
V	PROMOTIONAL & EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE								
	AFRICA								
1	Ethiopia (LDC)	M	Production of the "World Heritage in Young Hands" Kit in Amharic (Revised request)	10,000	10,0000	30/08/2007	11/09/2007	01/10/2007	As per panel recommendation of 04/06/07, a revised request with a slightly higher amount was received on 30/08/07.

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	ASIA-PACIFIC								
2	Lao PDR (LDC)	C	MoU Luang Prabang	1,716	0	14/08/2006	25/01/2007	n.a.	As per panel's request, the Secretariat requested clarifications from the State Party, but these were not received. In the meantime, the Secretariat identified alternative funding for the implementation of this activity. In the light of the above explanation, this request is no longer necessary.
	SUB-TOTAL PROMOTIONAL & EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE			11,716	10,000				
	TOTAL			1,286,503	741,316				

**INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS PROCESSED BY TYPE AND REGION AS OF
24 MAY 2007 TO 31 DECEMBER 2007
Part I**

Type / Number of requests	Preparatory assistance	Technical cooperation assistance	Training & research assistance	Promotional & educational assistance	Emergency assistance	Total number of requests
Cultural heritage	12	5	3	1	1	22
Natural heritage	8	3	5	0	1	17
Mixed heritage	3	0	2	1	0	6
Total	23	8	10	2	2	45
REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION						
Africa	6	2	0	1	0	9
Arab States	2	1	1	0	0	4
Asia-Pacific	10	3	3	1	1	18
Europe and North America	3	0	3	0	0	6
Latin America & Caribbean	2	2	3	0	1	8
Total	23	8	10	2	2	45

**INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED BY TYPE AND REGION
FOR THE BIENNIUM 2006 – 2007
Part I**

Type / Number of requests	Preparatory assistance	Technical cooperation assistance	Training & research assistance	Promotional & educational assistance	Emergency assistance	Total number of requests
Cultural heritage	15	7	6	1	1	30
Natural heritage	5	5	8	0	1	19
Mixed heritage	6	0	1	3	0	10
Total	26	12	15	4	2	59
REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION						
Africa	7	3	1	1	0	12
Arab States	1	2	1	0	0	4
Asia-Pacific	14	5	4	2	1	26
Europe and North America	2	0	4	0	0	6
Latin America & Caribbean	2	2	5	1	1	11
Total	26	12	15	4	2	59

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007
FOR THE BIENNIUM 2006 – 2007
Part I

	2006-2007 budget	2006-2007 adjusted budget ref. decision 31 COM 20A para.5	Amount approved until May 2007	Amount left for approvals between June and December 2007	Amount approved from June- December 2007	Total Amount approved 2006-2007	Amount left from adjusted budget as at 31 December 2007
Preparatory assistance	400 000	741 186	385 102	14 898	356 081	741 183	3
Conservation and Management assistance	1 355 000	825 792	502 458	852 542	323 235	825 693	99
<i>Technical cooperation</i>	700 000	374 878	248 999	451 001	125 780	374 779	99
<i>Culture</i>	466 667	249 919	132 833	333 834	60 000	192 833	57 086
<i>Nature</i>	233 333	124 959	116 166	117 167	65 780	181 946	-56 987
Training & Research	575 000	425 914	238 459	336 541	187 455	425 914	0
<i>Culture</i>	287 500	212 957	61 389	226 111	124 440	185 829	27 128
<i>Nature</i>	287 500	212 957	177 070	110 430	63 015	240 085	-27 128
Promotional and Educational assistance	80 000	25 000	15 000	65 000	10 000	25 000	0
Emergency assistance	400 000	400 000	112 561	287 439	62 000	174 561	225 439
TOTAL	2 155 000	1 966 978	1 000 121	1 154 879	741 316	1 741 437	225 541

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS PROCESSED BY THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE
from 1st January 2008 to 15 April 2008
Part II

	COUNTRY	TYPE	TITLE	AMOUNT REQUESTED (USD)	AMOUNT APPROVED (USD)	REQUEST RECEIVED ON	IA PANEL HELD ON	CHAIRPERSON'S / DIRECTOR'S / COMMITTEE'S DECISION ON	REMARKS
I	EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE								
	CULTURE								
1	Afghanistan (LDC)	C	Emergency River Defence Project for the safeguarding of the Minaret of Jam	74,828	0	27/09/2007	n.a.	pending	1. The imminent emergency work was carried out in 2007, mainly financed by the State Party, and with some financial support from the Italian Funds in Trust 2. In the light of the remarks given in para. 1, and the Advisory Bodies and the Secretariat's updated information to the Chairperson, the final decision is pending on the results of an expert's meeting to be held in June 2008, which will evaluate the degree of necessity to complete the emergency works as initially foreseen.
	NATURE								
2	Bangladesh (LDC)	N	MoU-Re-establishing essential management capacity in the Sundarbans WH site following the passage of Cyclone Sidr	75,000	75,000	05/03/2008	n.a.	09/04/2008	The request was approved by the Chairperson on the understanding that the State Party's contribution will be more clearly indicated. The Secretariat has conveyed this to the State Party. Selection criteria applied for evaluation (see Annex 9 of <i>Operational Guidelines</i>): A.2, B.3, B.5, B.8, E.21, C.10 to C.12, C.14 to C.17, D.18, D.19, E.21, E.23.

	COUNTRY	TYPE	TITLE	AMOUNT REQUESTED (USD)	AMOUNT APPROVED (USD)	REQUEST RECEIVED ON	IA PANEL HELD ON	CHAIRPERSON'S / DIRECTOR'S / COMMITTEE'S DECISION ON	REMARKS
3	Seychelles (UMIC)	N	Emergency vessel for Aldabra Atoll	30,000	0	18/03/2008	n.a.	n.a.	In its evaluation, IUCN has noted that the request did not conform to the definition of an emergency as defined in para 241 of the <i>Operational Guidelines</i> . IUCN recommended that the State Party revise and submit the request under Conservation & Management category. 2 The State Party has been informed.
	SUB-TOTAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: CULTURE / NATURE			179,828	75,000				
II	PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE								
	CULTURE								
1	Fiji Islands (LMIC)	C	Preparatory Assistance for Development of legislative protection for the conservation of heritage in Levuka and development of Management Plan for Levuka	15,000	15,000	07/09/2007	31/01/2008	25/03/2008	1. The Chairperson in her approval, remarked that <i>Operational Guidelines</i> para. 241 should be reformulated, so as to indicate explicitly whether the ceiling of USD 30,000 should be applied by IA request or by site. A revision of this provision should be included in the update to be done in late 2008. 2. Selection criteria applied for evaluation (see Annex 9 of <i>Operational Guidelines</i>): A.1, A.2, B.5, C.11, C.14, D.18, E.24, E.27, E.28 (based on Advisory Bodies comments).

	COUNTRY	TYPE	TITLE	AMOUNT REQUESTED (USD)	AMOUNT APPROVED (USD)	REQUEST RECEIVED ON	IA PANEL HELD ON	CHAIRPERSON'S / DIRECTOR'S / COMMITTEE'S DECISION ON	REMARKS
2	Angola (LDC)	C	Preparation of the nomination file for M'Banza Kongo (Revised request)	30,000	0	22/01/2008	31/01/2008	Pending.	This is a revised request. Panel recommended sending the revised request back to the State Party for revision (with written Advisory Bodies comments).
3	Swaziland (LMIC)	C	Technical Assistance for Nomination for inscription on the list of World Heritage Ngwenya Old Mines-Lion Cavern	27,800	0	04/01/2008	31/01/2008	n.a.	Panel recommended to send the request back to the State Party with comments from Advisory Bodies, as Ngwenya Old Mines – Lion Cavern is not yet on the Tentative List.
	SUB-TOTAL PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE CULTURE:			72,800	15,000				
	NATURE								
4	Russian Federation (UMIC)	N	International Training Workshop on Preparation of Trilateral (Russia-Mongolia-China) Transboundary World Natural Heritage Nomination 'Daurian Steppes'	29,703	0	22/08/2007	31/01/2008	n.a.	The panel recommended contacting the State Party, and see, if a focused request could be submitted by Mongolia after taking into consideration the comments and also encouraging cooperation between Mongolia and China for inclusion of this site on their respective Tentative Lists.
5	Colombia (LMIC)	N	Preparatory Assistance for nomination of a natural property, Seaflower Marine Protected Area, Colombia	30,000	0	16/01/2008	31/01/2008	pending	The panel recommended to send the request back to the State Party and re-submit, a revised request, taking into account, IUCN's recommendations.

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6	Guinea Bissau (LDC)	N	Preparation of Bijagos nomination file	23,712	0	14/12/2006	25/01/2007	pending	1. This request was not approved by the Chairperson on 09 September 2007, pending information, which has been received in 2008. 2. The request is now ready for approval by the Chairperson.
	SUB-TOTAL PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE NATURE:			83,415	0				
III	CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE								
	CULTURE								
1	India (LIE)	C	Follow-up on the Periodic reporting for World Heritage Sites in India, Workshop for exchange and capacity building of Indian World Heritage Site managers	30,000	0	10/01/2008	31/01/2008	pending	Panel asked for further Programme details, which, at present are being reviewed by the Advisory Bodies.
2	Malawi (LDC)	C	Conservation and Preservation of Chongoni Rock Art	22,660	0	06/12/2007	31/01/2008	pending	Panel recommended sending the request back to the State Party and re-submit, a revised request, based on a two-phased approach.

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3	Turkmenistan (LMIC)	C	Technical assistance for conserving AK-Kala fortress and strengthening the top of Kutlug Timur minaret	29,992	0	08/04/2008	Foreseen for May 2008	pending	The request will be submitted to the panel which will be held in May 2008.
	SUB-TOTAL CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT CULTURE:			82,652	0				
	NATURE								
4	Ethiopia (LDC)	N	Open Arquazye Critical Wildlife Corridor (of Simien Mountains National Park-World Heritage Site) by facilitating voluntarily relocation of villagers	30,000	0	09/10/2007	31/01/2008	Pending	The State Party has paid its dues, and has acknowledged the panel's recommendations. The request is now ready for submission to the Chairperson for approval.
5	Ethiopia (LDC)	N	Development of wild life health caring and disease preventive strategy in Simien Mountain National Park.	29,864	0	09/10/2007	31/01/2008	n.a.	Panel did not recommend this request for approval in its present form and to send it back to the State Party with IUCN's recommendations.
	SUB-TOTAL CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT NATURE:			59,864	0				

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	MIXED								
6	Egypt (LMIC)	M	World Heritage Training Diploma at Cairo University (Reformulated request)	29,900	0	19/09/2007	31/01/2008	n.a.	1. Panel of 04/06/07 requested the State Party to reformulate the request, which was received on 19/09/07. 2. The panel of 31/01/08, did not recommend this request for approval by the Chairperson, but asked that this request be returned to the State Party with a joint reply from the Secretariat and all three Advisory Bodies, asking the State Party to undertake a feasibility study in consultation with the three Advisory Bodies about the contents, scope and impact of this course.
	SUB-TOTAL CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT MIXED:			29,900	0				
	TOTAL			508,459	90,000				

**INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS PROCESSED BY TYPE AND REGION
FROM 01 JANUARY 2008 TO 15 APRIL 2008
Part II**

Type / Number of requests	Preparatory assistance	Conservation and Management assistance	Emergency assistance	Total number of requests
Cultural heritage	3	3	1	7
Natural heritage	3	2	2	7
Mixed heritage	0	1	0	1
Total	6	6	3	15
REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION				
Africa	3	3	1	7
Arab States	0	1	0	1
Asia-Pacific	1	2	2	5
Europe and North America	1	0	0	1
Latin America & Caribbean	1	0	0	1
Total	6	6	3	15

**INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED BY TYPE AND REGION
FROM 01 JANUARY 2008 TO 15 APRIL 2008
Part II**

Type / Number of requests	Preparatory assistance	Conservation and Management assistance	Emergency assistance	Total number of requests
Cultural heritage	1	0	0	1
Natural heritage	0	0	1	1
Mixed heritage	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1	2
REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION				
Africa	0	0	0	0
Arab States	0	0	0	0
Asia-Pacific	1	0	1	2
Europe and North America	0	0	0	0
Latin America & Caribbean	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1	2

**INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET AS AT 15 APRIL 2008
FOR THE BIENNIUM 2008-2009
Part II**

	2008-2009 budget	Preparatory assistance	Conservation & Management assistance	Amount approved until 15 April 2008	Amount left for approvals between 16 April 2008 and 31 December 2009
International Assistance budget	1 400 000	15 000	0	15 000	1 385 000
<i>Culture</i>	<i>910 000</i>	<i>15 000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>15 000</i>	<i>895 000</i>
<i>Nature</i>	<i>490 000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>490 000</i>
Emergency assistance	400 000	0	0	75 000	325 000
TOTAL	1 800 000	15 000	0	90 000	1 710 000