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**Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda: Establishment of the World Heritage List
and of the List of World Heritage in Danger**

**8D: Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties in
response to the Retrospective Inventory**

SUMMARY

This document refers to the results of the Retrospective Inventory of nomination files of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List in the period 1978 - 1998.

To date, fifty-five States Parties have responded to the letters sent following the review of the individual files, in order to clarify the original intention of their nominations (or to submit appropriate cartographic documentation) for a hundred ninety-eight World Heritage properties.

This document presents twenty-one boundary clarifications received from eleven States Parties, as an answer to the Retrospective Inventory, by 1 April 2011.

Draft Decision: 35 COM 8D, see Point IV

I. The Retrospective Inventory

1. The Retrospective Inventory, an in-depth examination of the Nomination dossiers available at the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN, was initiated in 2004, in parallel with the launching of the Periodic Reporting exercise in Europe, involving European properties inscribed on the World Heritage List in the period 1978 - 1998. The same year, the Retrospective Inventory was endorsed by the World Heritage Committee at its 7th extraordinary session (Paris, 2004; see Decision **7 EXT.COM 7.1**).
2. The objective of the Retrospective Inventory is the identification and collection of baseline data (such as boundaries, geographical coordinates, serial components, area of properties in hectares, statements of significance, etc.) for early inscribed World Heritage properties. These data had never been gathered in a systematic way before, in spite of their key role in different processes, such as reactive monitoring, modification of boundaries and the review of Periodic Reports for World Heritage properties. The reason was that documents and maps received as part of the Nomination files:
 - a) had neither been registered nor inventoried until 1999;
 - b) had been dispersed in different archives at the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS, or IUCN.In this context, the identification of baseline data was already difficult when only one Nomination dossier had been received, but it was even more complicated when several versions of the Nomination file had been submitted. In case of uncertainty, no help could come from the side of the States Parties, as in most cases there was no institutional memory at the local and national levels concerning the inscription process of World Heritage properties.
3. Therefore, the Retrospective Inventory was initiated: all documentation available at the archives of the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN was inventoried and analysed, property by property. Baseline data were identified and made easily retrievable, through their insertion in Inventories and in the database of the World Heritage Centre. All maps were examined and compared to the text of the Nomination, the evaluation of the Advisory Bodies and the decision of the World Heritage Committee concerning the property, in order to identify which map was the authoritative one, displaying the delimitation of the World Heritage property as inscribed. This analysis allowed the detection of outstanding issues needing to be clarified (absence of delimitation, mistakes in the attribution of geographical coordinates, etc.). Such problems were subsequently presented to the States Parties concerned, whose cooperation was requested in order to clarify them. Letters were sent to Permanent Delegations, National Commissions and Focal Points identifying the maps and other geographical data on file and asking for the missing information. All satisfactory answers received were finally presented as “clarifications” to the World Heritage Committee.
4. This process (inventory – analysis – contact with the States Parties concerned – clarification noted by the World Heritage Committee) involved since 2004 more than three hundred and fifty properties inscribed on the World Heritage List in the period 1978 - 1998, on the basis of the following phases:
 - a) 2004-2005: Nomination files of European World Heritage properties were reviewed;
 - b) 2006: Nomination files of Arab World Heritage properties were reviewed;
 - c) 2007-2008: Periodic Reporting submissions (maps, Section II, etc.) concerning World Heritage European properties were reviewed;
 - d) 2009: Nomination files of African World Heritage properties were reviewed;
 - e) 2010-2011: Nomination files of Asian and Pacific World Heritage properties were reviewed.

The Retrospective Inventory of World Heritage properties for Latin America and the Caribbean is foreseen in 2011-2012; the first phase of the project will then be concluded with the review of World Heritage properties in North America, which will be carried out in the second half of 2012.

II. Boundary clarifications

1. This document presents “boundary clarifications”, i.e. clarifications of the delimitation of properties at the time of their inscription on the World Heritage List. In fact, the perimeter of early inscribed World Heritage properties is often unclear, as at the time of the submission of the Nomination file:
 - a) either a map was submitted, but without clear boundaries for the nominated property;
 - b) or clear boundaries for the nominated property were displayed, but on a document which technically could not be defined as “a map” (for example, lacking a coordinate grid, or a scale, or a legend, etc.).
2. “Boundary clarifications” submitted by States Parties in order to solve these problems are usually represented by maps. They are considered satisfactory (and are therefore presented in this document) only if they:
 - a) are consistent with the Nomination, the evaluation of the concerned Advisory Body(ies) and the decision of the World Heritage Committee at the time of inscription;
 - b) meet technical requirements, i.e.:
 - i) being topographic or cadastral maps at the largest available scale (the choice between a topographic or cadastral map depends on the size of the property);
 - ii) displaying the delimitation of the World Heritage property as inscribed;
 - iii) showing a clearly labeled coordinate grid (or coordinate references for at least four points on the map);
 - iv) presenting a bar scale;
 - v) displaying a legend in English or French clearly referring to the “boundaries of the World Heritage property” (and to the “buffer zone of the World Heritage property”, if applicable).

In order to avoid any future misunderstanding, it is important that the World Heritage Committee takes note of such clarifications. A “Clarification Document” will be issued each year until all pending issues have been resolved.

III. Boundary clarifications in 2010-2011

1. At its 34th session (Brasilia, 2010), the World Heritage Committee requested States Parties in the Europe, Arab States and Africa Regions to submit all requested boundary clarifications by 1 April 2011 (see Decision **34 COM 8D**). Following this decision, letters were addressed to the States Parties concerned, asking for the missing information. Of the total of forty-five clarifications received in 2010-2011, twenty-one are satisfactory and are therefore being presented to the World Heritage Committee in this document.
2. Clarifications are presented (see Annex) by Region (Europe, Arab States, Africa, Asia and the Pacific), by State Party (in English alphabetical order) and by date of inscription of the property. For each World Heritage property, the following elements are provided:
 - a) an identification table providing its name, its date of inscription, its criteria of inscription, its identification number, its area in hectares (and the area in hectares of its buffer zone, whenever applicable) and the date of receipt of the clarification;
 - b) a “Technical Summary” providing some explanatory notes;
 - c) if the property is serial, a small table listing the serial components and their area in hectares (and the area in hectares of their buffer zones, whenever applicable);

- d) a thumbnail record of the new map(s) of the property.

Note: The printed version of this document is presented in black and white, but its electronic version is available at the following Web address: <http://whc.unesco.org/archive/2011>.

IV. Draft Decision

Draft Decision 35 COM 8D

The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Having examined Document WHC-11/35.COM/8D,*
2. *Recalling Decision **34 COM 8D**, adopted at its 34th session (Brasilia, 2010);*
3. *Recalls that the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies will not be able to examine proposals for minor or significant modifications to boundaries of World Heritage properties whenever the delimitation of such properties as inscribed is unclear;*
4. *Acknowledges the excellent work accomplished by States Parties in the clarification of the delimitation of their World Heritage properties and thanks them for their efforts to improve the credibility of the World Heritage List;*
5. *Takes note of the clarifications of property boundaries and areas provided by the following States Parties in response to the Retrospective Inventory, as presented in the Annex of Document WHC-11/35.COM/8D:*
 - *Algeria: Timgad;*
 - *Australia: Kakadu National Park;*
 - *Czech Republic: Historic Centre of Český Krumlov; Kutná Hora: Historical Town Centre with the Church of St Barbara and the Cathedral of Our Lady at Sedlec;*
 - *France: Amiens Cathedral; Cathedral of Notre-Dame, Former Abbey of Saint-Remi and Palace of Tau, Reims; Bourges Cathedral; Historic Centre of Avignon: Papal Palace, Episcopal Ensemble and Avignon Bridge; Historic Fortified City of Carcassonne; Historic Site of Lyons;*
 - *Georgia: Upper Svaneti;*
 - *Italy: Rock Drawings in Valcamonica; Historic Centre of Naples; Villa Romana del Casale;*
 - *Madagascar: Tsingy de Bemaraha Strict Nature Reserve;*
 - *Russian Federation: Volcanoes of Kamchatka;*
 - *Spain: Alhambra, Generalife and Albayzín, Granada; Burgos Cathedral;*
 - *Syrian Arab Republic: Ancient City of Damascus;*
 - *Uganda: Bwindi Impenetrable National Park; Rwenzori Mountains National Park.*
6. *Requests the European, Arab and African States Parties, which have not yet answered the questions raised in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory, to provide all clarifications and documentation as soon as possible and by **1 December 2011** at the latest.*

ANNEX: Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties

All maps presented in this document are consistent with the decision of the World Heritage Committee at the time of the inscription, and/or the evaluation of the relevant Advisory Body and/or the Nomination.

PROPERTIES IN EUROPE

CZECH REPUBLIC

Property	Historic Centre of Český Krumlov
Identification	CZ-617
Date of inscription	1992
Area of the inscribed property	51.91 ha
Area of the buffer zone	1073 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	28/03/2011

Technical Summary:

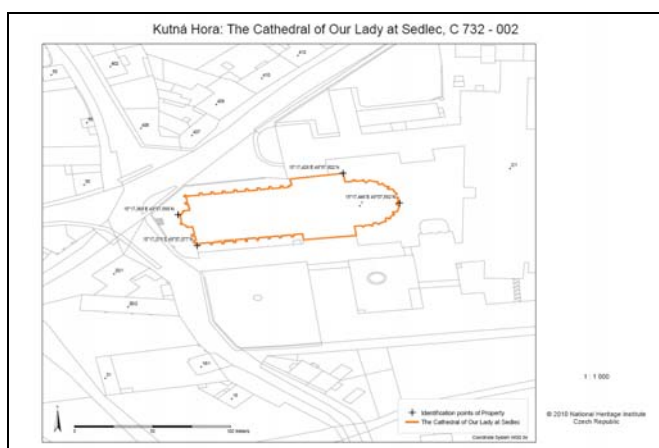
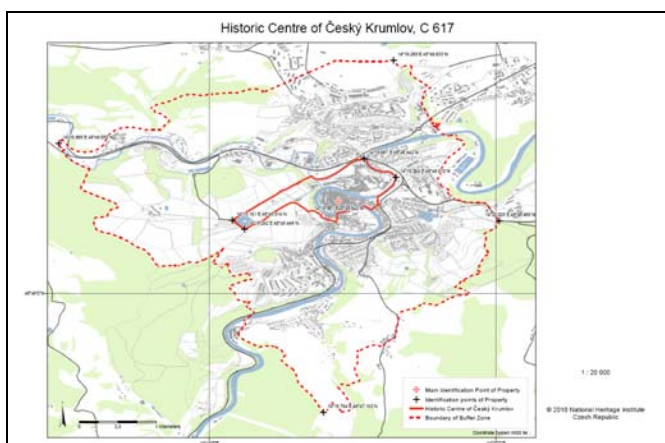
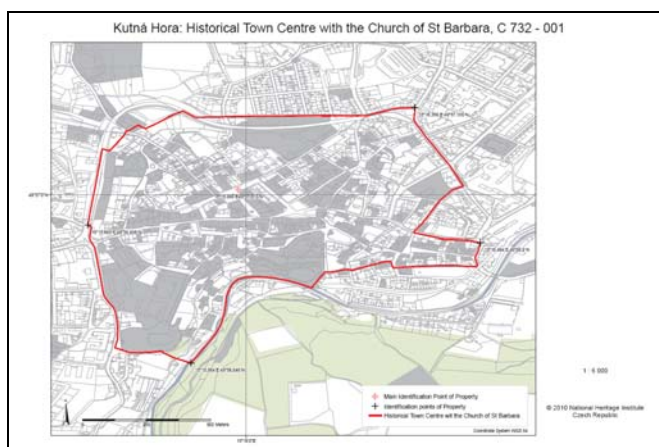
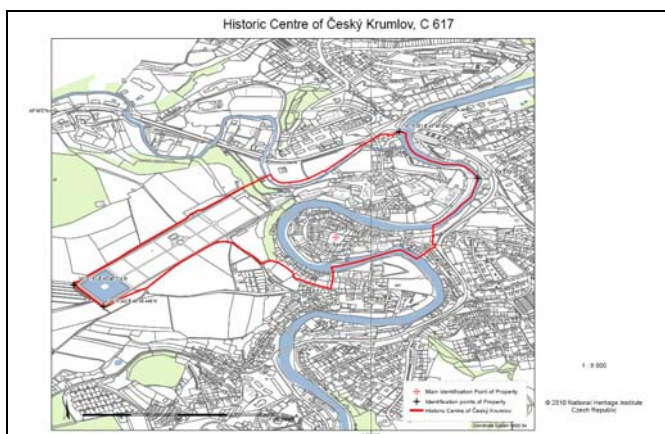
The State Party has provided clear maps of the site, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone. The area in hectares of the inscribed property and its buffer zone had already been indicated by the Czech authorities in December 2005.

Date of inscription	1995
Area of the inscribed property	62.43 ha
Area of the buffer zone	649.90 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	28/03/2011

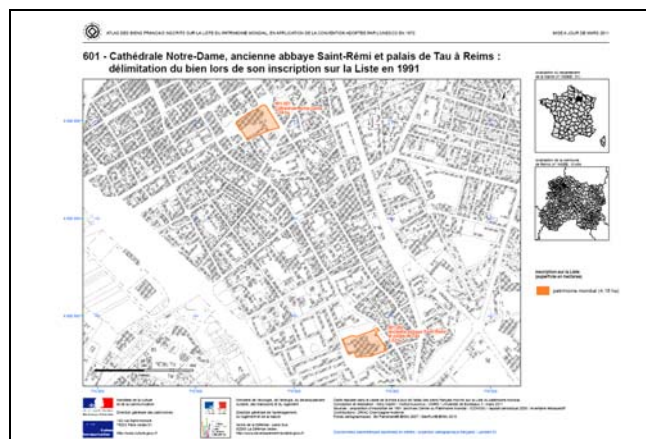
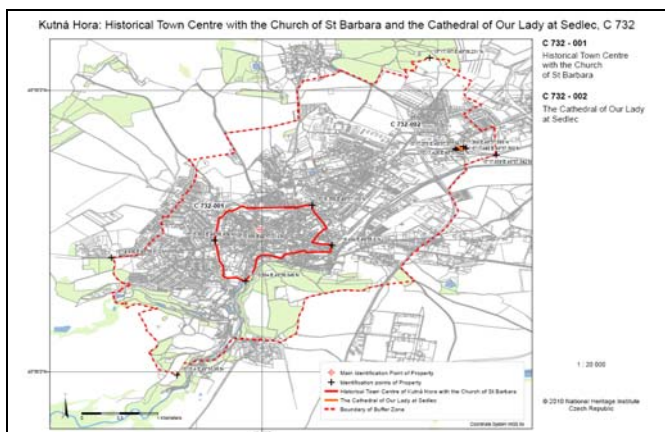
Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps of the site, displaying the boundaries of each component of the inscribed property and its buffer zone. The area in hectares of each component of the inscribed property and its buffer zone had already been indicated by the Czech authorities in December 2005.

Serial ID	Name of the component	Area (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)
732-001	Historical Town Centre with the Church of St Barbara	62.08	649.90
732-002	Cathedral of Our Lady at Sedlec	0.35	



Property	Kutná Hora: Historical Town Centre with the Church of St Barbara and the Cathedral of Our Lady at Sedlec
Identification	CZ-732

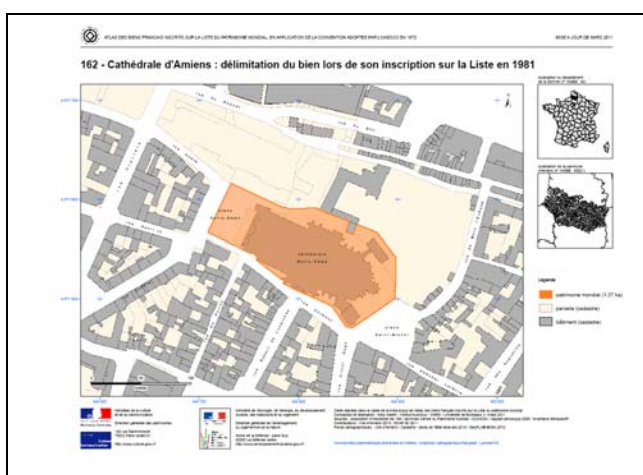


FRANCE

Property	Amiens Cathedral
Identification	FR-162
Date of inscription	1981
Area of the inscribed property	1.37 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	01/04/2011

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the site, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property. The area in hectares of the inscribed property has also been indicated.



Property	Cathedral of Notre-Dame, Former Abbey of Saint-Remi and Palace of Tau, Reims
Identification	FR-601
Date of inscription	1991
Area of the inscribed property	4.16 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	01/04/2011

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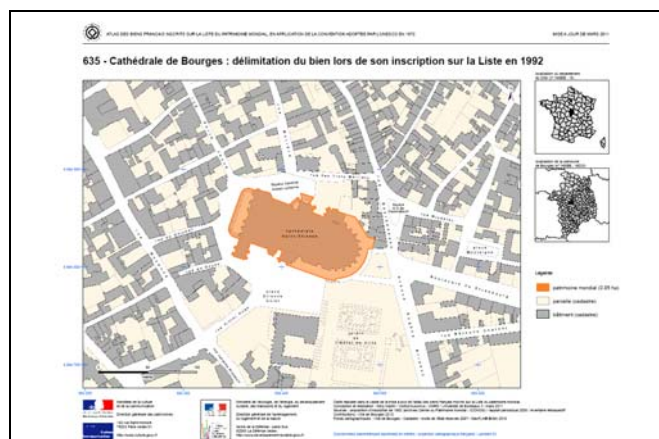
The State Party has provided a clear map of the site, displaying the boundaries of each component of the inscribed property. The area in hectares of each component of the inscribed property has also been indicated.

Serial ID	Name of the component	Area (ha)
601-001	Cathedral of Notre-Dame	2.14
601-002	Former Abbey of Saint-Remi and Palace of Tau	2.02

Property	Bourges Cathedral
Identification	FR-635
Date of inscription	1992
Area of the inscribed property	0.85 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	01/04/2011

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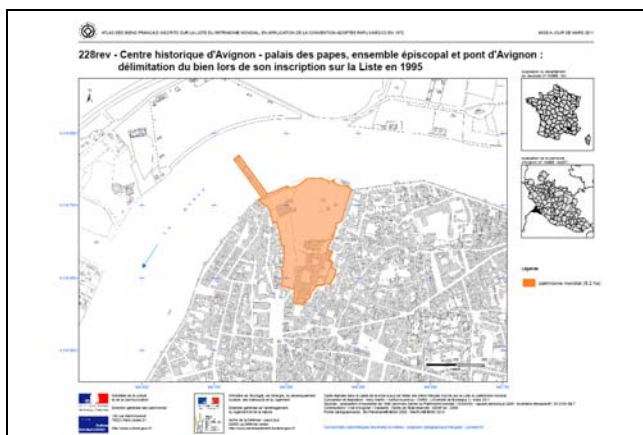
The State Party has provided a clear map of the site, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property. The area in hectares of the inscribed property has also been indicated.



Property	Historic Centre of Avignon: Papal Palace, Episcopal Ensemble and Avignon Bridge
Identification	FR-228 rev
Date of inscription	1995
Area of the inscribed property	8.2 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	01/04/2011

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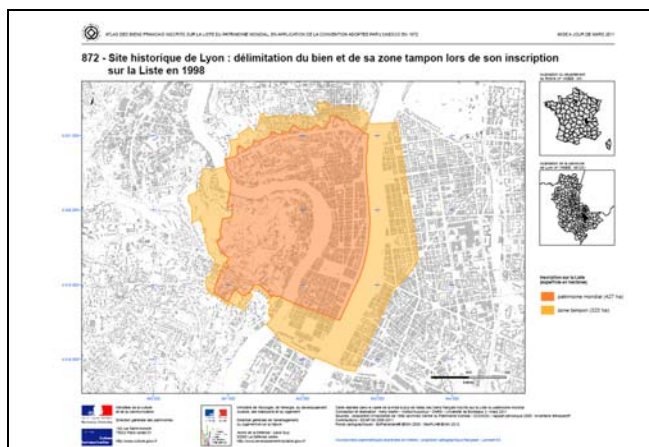
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Property	Historic Site of Lyons
Identification	FR-872
Date of inscription	1998
Area of the inscribed property	427 ha
Area of the buffer zone	323 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	01/04/2011

Technical Summary:

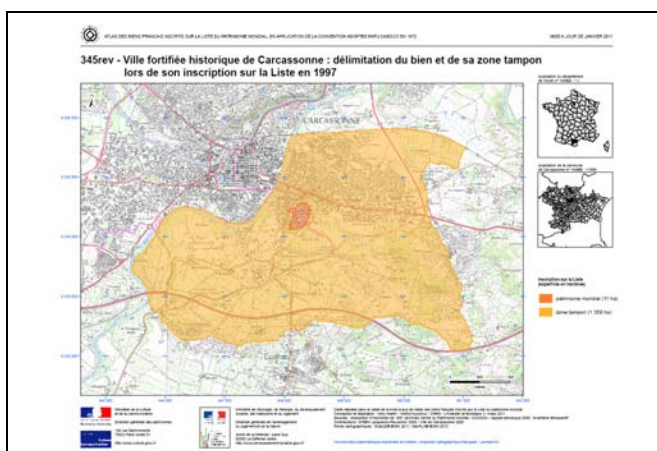
The State Party has provided a clear map of the site, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone. The area in hectares of the inscribed property and its buffer zone has also been indicated.



Property	Historic Fortified City of Carcassonne
Identification	FR-345 rev
Date of inscription	1997
Area of the inscribed property	11 ha
Area of the buffer zone	1358 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	01/04/2011

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps of the site, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone. The area in hectares of the inscribed property and its buffer zone has also been indicated.

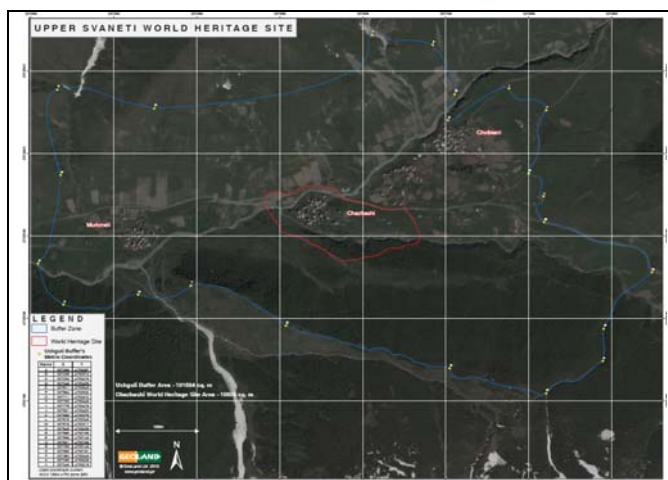
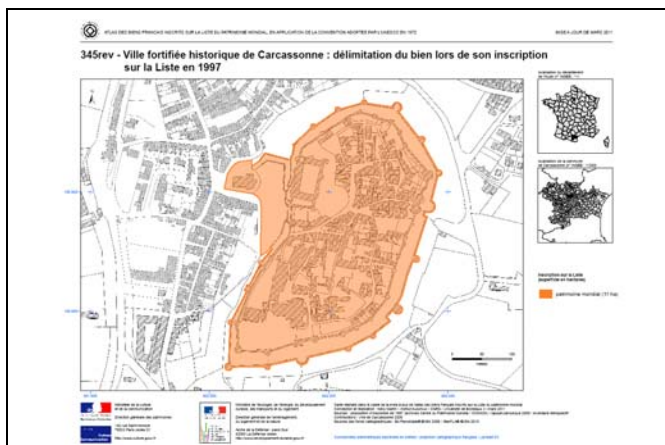


GEORGIA

Property	Upper Svaneti
Identification	GE-709
Date of inscription	1996
Area of the inscribed property	1.06 ha
Area of the buffer zone	19.16 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	15/07/2010

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the site, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone. The area in hectares of the inscribed property and its buffer zone has also been indicated.



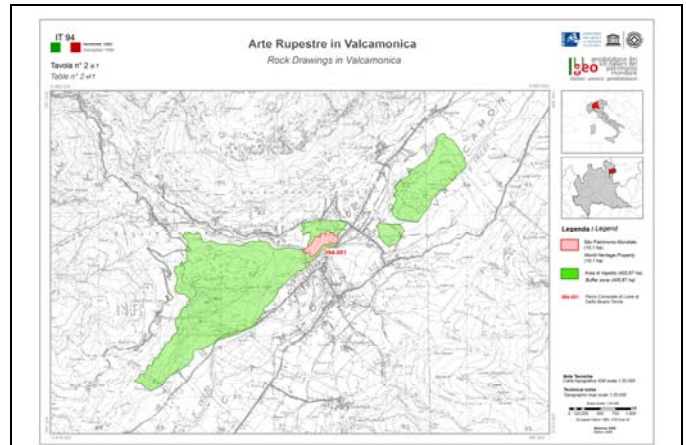
ITALY

Property	Rock Drawings in Valcamonica
Identification	IT-094
Date of inscription	1979
Area of the inscribed property	432.30 ha
Area of the buffer zone	1018.23 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	13/04/2010

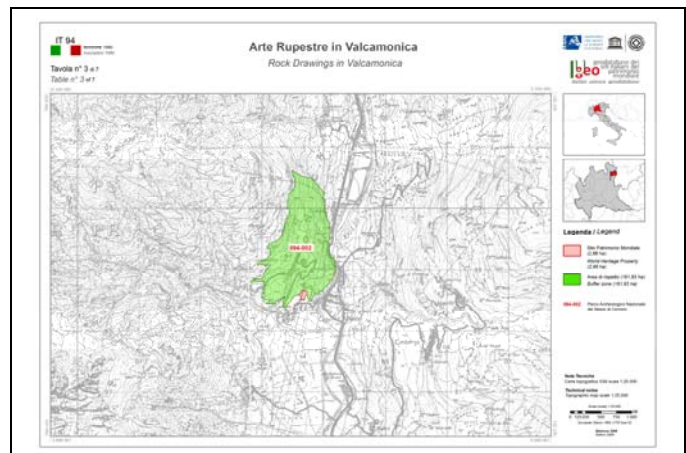
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The State Party has provided clear maps of the site, displaying the boundaries of each component of the inscribed property and its buffer zone. The area in hectares of each component of the inscribed property and its buffer zone has also been indicated.

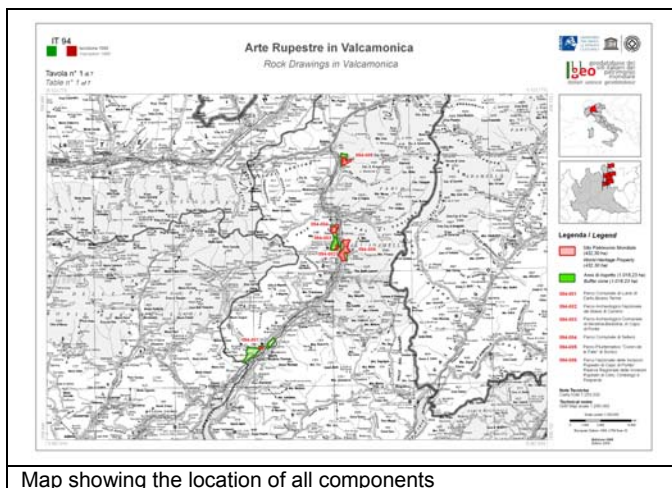
Serial ID	Name of the component	Area (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)
094-001	Parco Comunale di Luine di Darfo-Boario Terme	10.1	405.87
094-002	Parco Archeologico Nazionale dei Massi di Cemmo	2.98	161.93
094-003	Parco Archeologico Comunale di Seralina-Bedolina, in Capo di Ponte	8.62	152.9
094-004	Parco Comunale di Sellero	83.02	74.60
094-005	Parco Pluritematico "Coren de le Fate" di Sonico	83.21	95.59
094-006	Parco Nazionale delle Incisioni Rupestri di Capo di Ponte/ Riserva Regionale delle Incisioni Rupestri di Ceto, Cimbergo e Paspardo	244.37	127.34



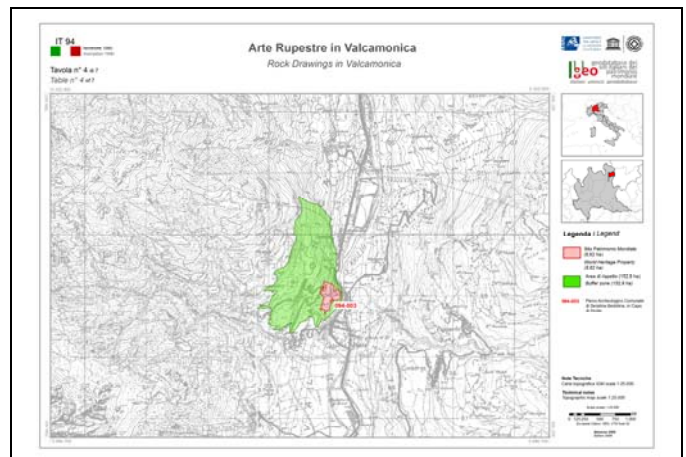
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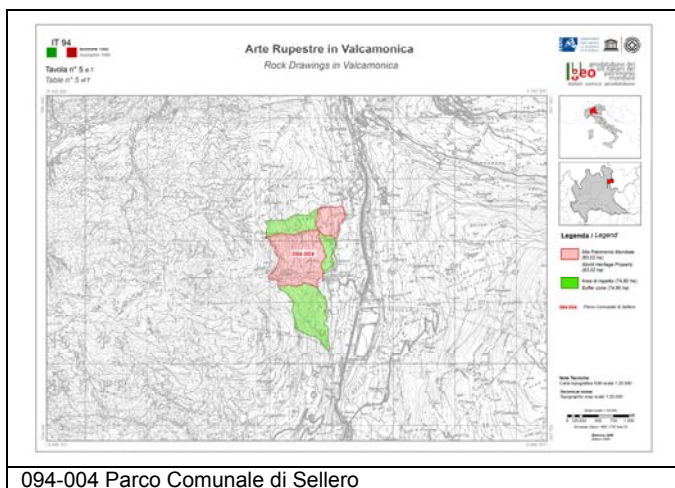
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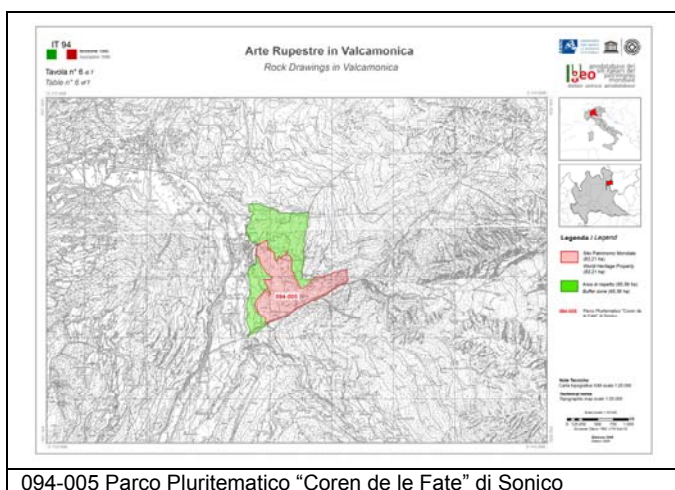
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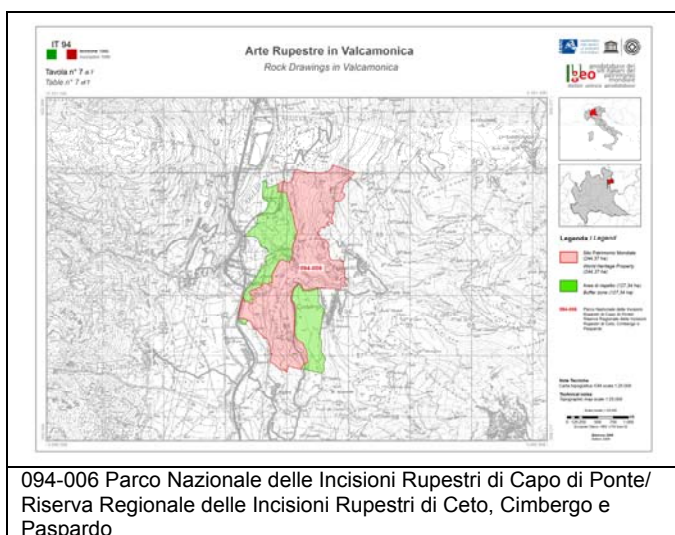
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094-004 Parco Comunale di Sellero



094-005 Parco Pluritematico "Coren de le Fate" di Sonico



094-006 Parco Nazionale delle Incisioni Rupestri di Capo di Ponte/
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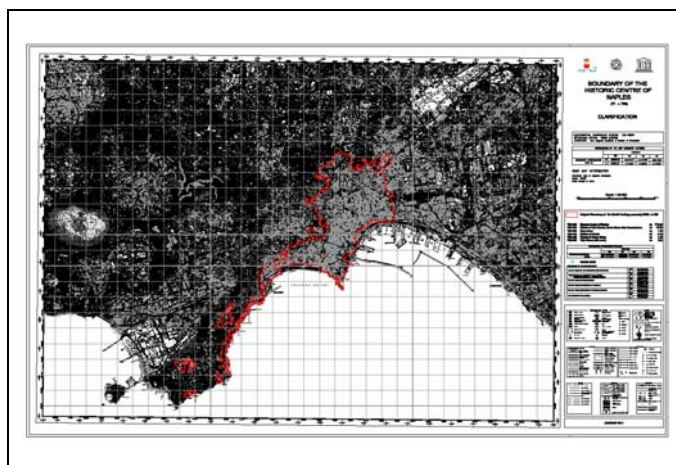
Property	Historic Centre of Naples
Identification	IT-726
Date of inscription	1995
Area of the inscribed property	810 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	31/01/2011

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps of the site, displaying the boundaries of each component of the inscribed property. The area in

hectares of each component of the inscribed property has also been indicated. A proposal of a minor boundary modification concerning this property is presented in Document *WHC-11/35.COM/8B.Add*.

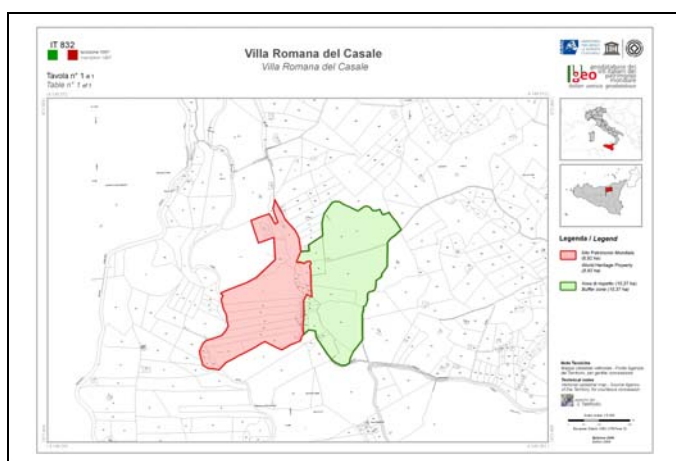
Serial ID	Name of the component	Area (ha)
726-001	Historic Centre of Naples	773.50
726-002	District of Villa Manzo, Santa Maria della Consolazione	15.50
726-003	Marechiaro	4.00
726-004	District of Casale	9.15
726-005	District of Santo Strato	4.60
726-006	Villa Emma	3.45



Property	Villa Romana del Casale
Identification	IT-832
Date of inscription	1997
Area of the inscribed property	8.92 ha
Area of the buffer zone	10.37 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	13/04/2010

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the site, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone. The area in hectares of the inscribed property and its buffer zone has also been indicated.



RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Property	Volcanoes of Kamchatka
Identification	RU-765 bis

Dates of inscription	1996-2001
Area of the inscribed property	3995769.37 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	12/10/2010

Technical Summary:

At the time of the extension of this property in 2001, the Secretariat published a list of the original protected areas that had been inscribed in 1996. It has recently been established that this list, published in the World Heritage Committee Report and on the web, was incorrect, due to a modification of the Nomination prior to inscription, of which the Secretariat was not informed. The Secretariat, with the agreement of the State Party, wishes to correct the list, requesting that the Committee take note of this change. The area in hectares of each component of the inscribed property has been clarified by the State Party.

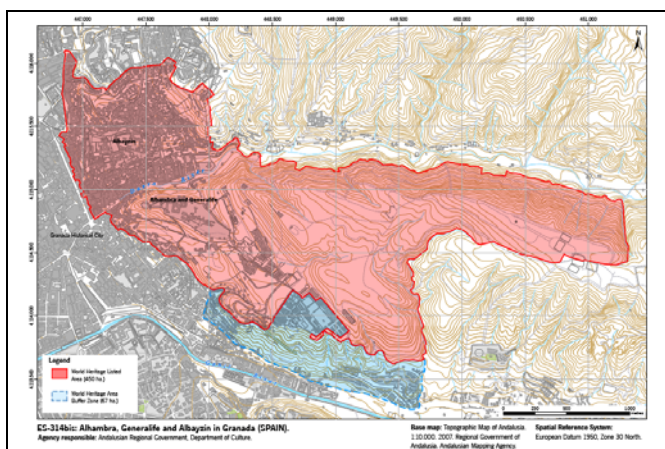
Serial ID	Name of the component	Area (ha)
765 bis-001	Kronotsky Strict Nature Reserve (two parcels)	1147619.37
765 bis-002	Southern Kamchatka Wildlife Reserve	322000
	"Volcanoes of Kamchatka" Regional Nature Park, including:	
765 bis-003	"Nalychevo" Regional Nature Park	286025
765 bis-004	"Bystrinsky" Regional Nature Park	1368592
765 bis-005	"Kluhevskoy" Regional Nature Park	371022
765 bis-006	"Southern Kamchatka" Regional Nature Park (two parcels)	500511

SPAIN

Property	Alhambra, Generalife and Albayzín, Granada
Identification	314 bis
Date of inscription	1984-1994
Area of the inscribed property	450 ha
Area of the buffer zone	67 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	01/04/2011

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the site, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone. The area in hectares of the inscribed property and its buffer zone has also been indicated.

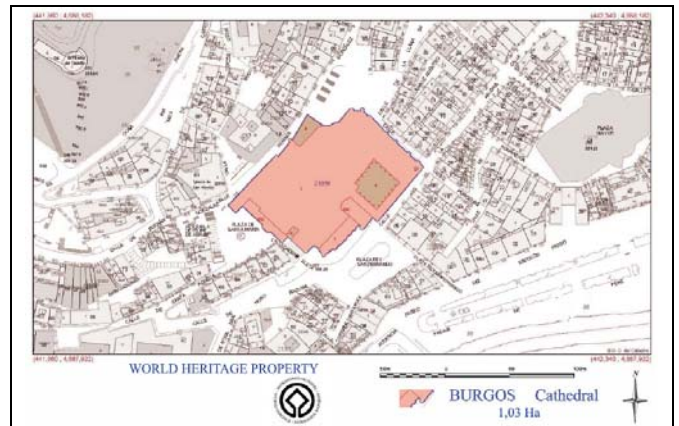


Property	Burgos Cathedral
Identification	ES-316

Date of inscription	1984
Area of the inscribed property	1.03 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	01/04/2011

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the site, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property. The area in hectares of the inscribed property has also been indicated.



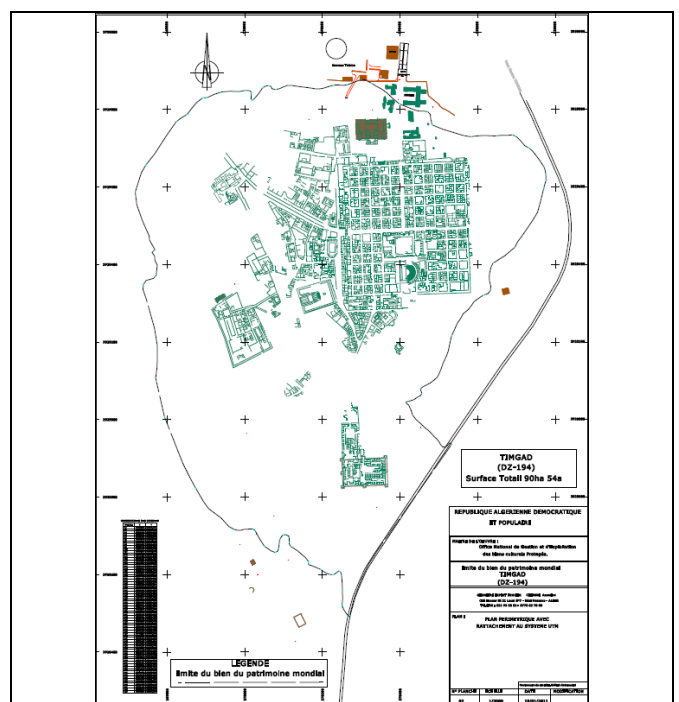
PROPERTIES IN THE ARAB STATES

ALGERIA

Property	Timgad
Identification	DZ-194
Date of inscription	1982
Area of the inscribed property	90.54 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	31/01/2011

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the site, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property. The area in hectares of the inscribed property has also been indicated.

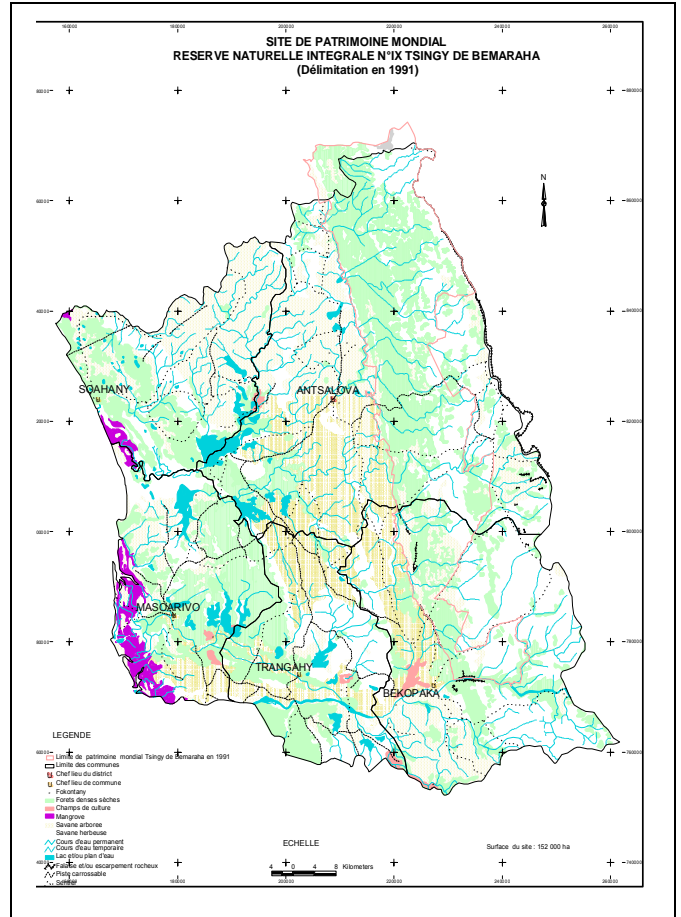
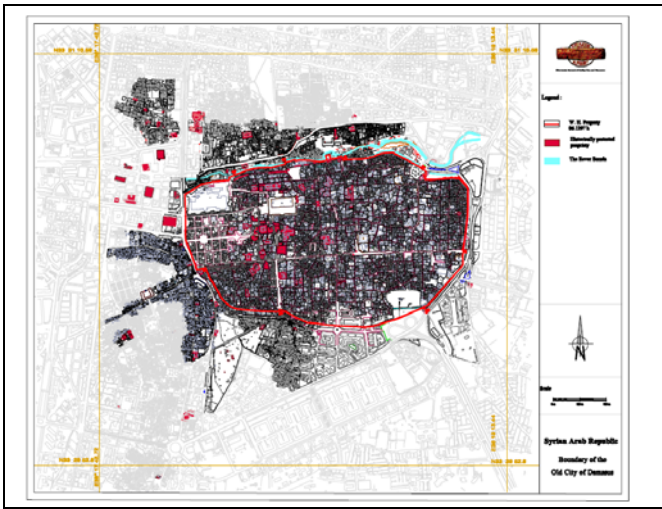


SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

Property	Ancient City of Damascus
Identification	SY-20
Date of inscription	1979
Area of the inscribed property	86.12 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	21/02/2011

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the site, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property. The area in hectares of the inscribed property has also been indicated. A proposal of a minor boundary modification concerning this property is presented in Document WHC-11/35.COM/8B.Add.



PROPERTIES IN AFRICA

MADAGASCAR

Property	Tsingy de Bemaraha Strict Nature Reserve
Identification	MG-494rev
Date of inscription	1990
Area of the inscribed property	152000 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	09/07/2010

Technical Summary:

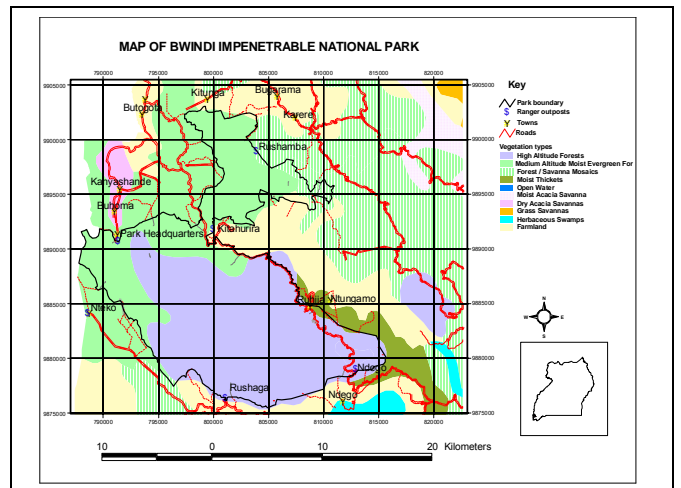
The State Party has provided a clear map of the site, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

UGANDA

Property	Bwindi Impenetrable National Park
Identification	UG-682
Date of inscription	1994
Area of the inscribed property	32092 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	09/09/2010

Technical Summary:

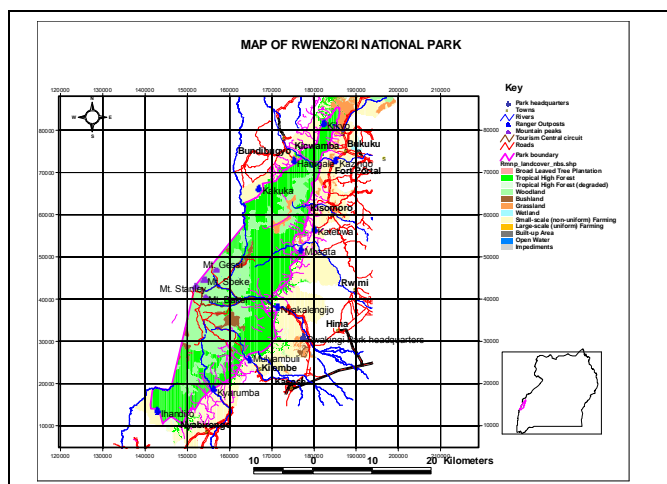
The State Party has provided a clear map of the site, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.



Property	Rwenzori Mountains National Park
Identification	UG-684
Date of inscription	1994
Area of the inscribed property	99600 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	09/09/2010

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the site, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.



PROPERTIES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

Property	Kakadu National Park
Identification	AU-147 ter
Dates of inscription	1981-1987-1992
Area of the inscribed property	1979766.92 ha
Date of receipt of the clarification	01/04/2011

Technical Summary:

The State Party has clarified the area in hectares and the geographical coordinates of each component of the inscribed property. A proposal of a minor boundary modification concerning this property is presented in Document *WHC-11/35.COM/8B.Add*.

Serial ID	Name of the component	Area (ha)
147 ter-001	Kakadu National Park	1974866.92
147 ter-002	Field Island	4450
147 ter-003	Barron Island	450