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Item 7 of the Agenda: **Requests for International Assistance**

Background: Two requests for emergency assistance are presented within this document for the examination of the Bureau, following paragraphs 94-121 of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*.

Therefore, a total of **9** requests, including the 7 requests presented in document **WHC-2001/CONF.205/7**, are presented to the Bureau for examination. All request titles, amounts requested and recommended for approval by the Bureau are presented within a **REVISED Synthesis Table within this document** to facilitate the approval and allocation of funds.

Action by the Bureau: The Bureau is requested to examine the 2 additional requests for international assistance presented in this document and take decisions.

The World Heritage Centre is working to improve the format of documents. Please provide any comments and suggestions for further improvements to the Centre in writing.

REVISED synthesis table of all requests presented within WHC-2001/CONF.205/7 and this document:

Request Number	Type of heritage	Type of assistance	State Party and Title of activity	Amount requested (US\$)	Amount recommended for approval (US\$)
1	Natural	Technical Co-operation	Indonesia – Strategic Planning for the Conservation and Effective Management of Lorentz National Park	30,000	Pending additional information
2	Natural	Technical Co-operation	Philippines – Community based sustainable tourism in Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park	23,000	Pending additional information
3	Cultural	Preparatory Assistance	Indonesia – Preparation of a Tentative List and a Nomination Dossier for potential cultural heritage properties in Bali	30,000	30,000
4	Cultural	Preparatory Assistance	Togo – Preparation of a Nomination Dossier for the Vernacular Settlement of Betammaribé	27,043	27,043
5	Cultural	Technical Co-operation	Mozambique – Preparation of a management & conservation plan for the Island of Mozambique	29,980	29,980
6	Cultural	Technical Co-operation (Submitted as Preparatory Assistance)	Vietnam – Strategic Development of Management Capacities for Hoi An Ancient Town	27,290	27,290
7	Cultural	Training	India – Stakeholders' Workshop for Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway site	30,000	Pending additional information
8	Natural	Emergency Assistance	Uganda – Emergency Assistance for Rwenzori Mountains National Park	64,500	Pending decision of Bureau
9	Cultural	Emergency Assistance	Algeria –Elaboration of an emergency plan and implementation of corrective measures for the Archaeological site of Tipasa	35,500	Pending decision of Bureau
Subtotal				297,313 requested	Pending additional information

	Number of Preparatory Assistance requests	Number of Technical Co-operation requests	Number of Training requests	Number of Emergency requests	Total Number of requests
Natural Heritage	0	2	0	1	3
Cultural Heritage	2	2	1	1	6
Total	2	4	1	2	9

Request Number 8:

Type of heritage: Natural

Region: AFRICA

Type of assistance: Emergency Assistance

State Party: UGANDA

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund: As of 18 May 2001, contributions for 2001 had not been paid.

Title of Activity: Emergency Assistance for Rwenzori Mountains National Park

Previous allocations from the World Heritage Fund for this site:

Technical Co-operation	1995	US\$ 20,000	Equipment for Rwenzori Mountains
Technical Co-operation	1996	US\$ 12,249	Conference

Background: Rwenzori National Park was inscribed in the World Heritage List in 1994 and covers about 100,000ha. The Park is internationally renowned for its spectacular landscape and scenery and the snow capped mountain peaks. It is the highest mountain range in Africa standing at a height of 5,000metres. The Park has a diverse flora, which range from mountain forests, to moorlands, bamboo and heatherlands, making the park unparalleled in its biodiversity. The Park has been closed since 1996. Before the closure, mountaineering was the main tourist activity, and the major source of income for the park and the local communities. Following numerous rebel attacks, however, the Park was closed to tourists and ranger camps were relocated to safer areas. Local communities have been displaced from their homes during the past three years and have been forced to live in camps of the rebels. The Uganda People's Defence Force - the Government's force, pitched camp in the mountain in order to dislodge the rebels who had established their camps in the mountain, further aggravating the security conditions of the local community members and resulting in uncontrolled use of resources.

In 1998, Rwenzori Park was inscribed in the List of World Heritage in Danger. The Government of Uganda has reported that the situation is slowly returning to normal conditions and that with the gradual termination of rebel activities, most of the communities will be returning to their homes.

The Park management lacks facilities to respond effectively to the man-made causes threatening the integrity of the property, such as: encroachment by cultivation and grazing, poaching of wild animals, pitsawing and uncontrolled harvesting of other forest resources. The enormous size and scale of the Park, with a boundary of approximately 150 km of rugged terrain covering three districts of Kasese, Kabarole and Bundibugyo, there is an urgent need to re-establish the park infrastructure and other facilities to enable the resumption of tourism in a smooth and secure manner as soon as possible.

Objectives: The six-month activity, expected to be facilitated by UNESCO and implemented by the Uganda Wildlife Authority, foresees:

- 1) Facilitation of rangers to conduct regular and extended patrols throughout the park to prevent further damage to the property. This will be achieved through the provision of reliable vehicular transport, protective wear and field gear to rangers and other staff. Communities will be shown the Park's boundary line and awareness raising activities will be held concerning the local, national and universal value of the park. Similarly, programmes for controlled access to some park resources in designated areas will be re-activated;
- 2) Provision of VHF internal communication system in transmitting reports on illegal activities;
- 3) Establishment of a Ranger Camp at Nyabitaba (8700ft a.s.l) to help in monitoring of illegal activities along the central circuit;
- 4) Repair of the Kurt Shafer bridge to ensure quick and safe movement of patrol teams and tourists.

Anticipated outputs:

1. More and longer patrols executed
2. Minimize damage to property
3. Improve communication facilities
4. Improve monitoring of the site

		US\$
Total activity budget:		74,400
Contribution from national or other partners:		6,900
The World Bank through the PAMSU/ICB project.		Not indicated
National Agency (Uganda Wildlife Authority)		
i. Salaries and allowances for staff costing		6,500
ii. Food rations (per month)		400
Amount requested from the Fund:		64,500
Budget breakdown:		
1. New 4x4 WD Land Rover/Cruiser Pick up	25,000	
2. Protective wear and field gear for 55 staff total	10,000	
3. VHF system including 3 Base stations, 2 Vehicle Radios, 10 Hands sets, 1 Repeater station, accessories and labour charges	15,000	
4. Construction of a Ranger Camp at Nyabitaba	12,000	
5. Repair of the Kurt Shafer bridge	2,500	

Comments of the Secretariat: The Secretariat fully supports this request. The site is inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger allowing the Committee to apply paragraph 91 of the *Operational Guidelines*. As paragraph 96 of the *Operational Guidelines* indicates that Emergency Assistance cannot be allocated to sites which have been damaged or deteriorated due to gradual processes, but only to those sites which have experienced severe damage due to sudden, unexpected phenomena, this request should in principle be treated as a Technical Co-operation request. Therefore, the Bureau could approve an initial amount of US\$ 30,000 and recommend the approval of the remaining US\$ 34,500 by the Committee at its 25th session in December 2001. However, in light of the urgent need to strengthen the capacity of the national authorities in managing this endangered site, the recent re-opening of the site, and taking into due consideration the status of the site as an In-Danger site, the Bureau may wish to approve this request for US\$ 64,500 on an exceptional basis as Emergency Assistance, subject to the State Party submitting a detailed budget and workplan for the activity, and providing information on the management and ownership of the vehicle and equipment after purchase.

Comments of the advisory bodies: IUCN expressed its full support for this request.

Action required: The Bureau may wish to decide between the following two options:

(a) approve this request for an amount of **US\$ 64,500** on an exceptional basis as Emergency Assistance, subject to the State Party submitting a detailed budget and workplan for the activity, and providing information on the management and ownership of the vehicle and equipment after purchase, or;

(b) approve this request for an initial amount of **US\$ 30,000** as Technical Co-operation, subject to the State Party submitting a detailed budget and workplan for the activity, and providing information on the management and ownership of the vehicle and equipment after purchase, and recommend the World Heritage Committee to approve the remaining US\$ 34,500 at its 25th session.

Request n° 9:

Type of heritage : CULTURAL

Region : ARAB STATES

Type of assistance : Emergency assistance

State Party : ALGERIA

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund: US\$ 15 due for 2,000, US\$ 2,504 due for 2001
(Total US\$ 2,519)

Title of activity : Elaboration of an emergency plan and implementation of corrective measures for the Archeological site of Tipasa

Previous allocations from the World Heritage Fund :

Training	1988	US\$ 20,000	Tipasa - biennial
	1990	US\$ 7,000	Tipasa - para-seismic
Technical Co-operation	1989	US\$ 2,580	Tipasa - master plan
	1990	US\$ 7,000	Tipasa - master plan, cont'd
	1992	US\$ 9,000	Tipasa - master plan
Emergency assistance	1990	US\$ 15,083	Tipasa - earthquake
	1991	US\$ 2,568	Tipasa - topographical equipment
Sub-total		US\$ 63,231	

Background and description of activity: The periodic report submitted in August 2000 clearly requested the inscription of this property on the List of World Heritage in Danger. With regard to the pressures linked to development, the visual integrity is aggressed by illegal constructions, buildings and trash. There is no real management plan under preparation. The site is exposed to climatic hazards, unpredictable natural catastrophes, 1,000 inhabitants within its boundaries, lack of sufficient material and human resources and over-visitation and over-exploitation by tourists, which has a negative effect and threatens its structural integrity. The actual state of the site is cause for concern, and requires intensive effort and support. It is for this reason that it is necessary to undertake emergency measures for the safeguarding of the property. International experts should be sent to evaluate the situation, elaborate an emergency plan for the safeguarding of the site and to propose the required corrective measures, so as to halt a dangerous and negative tendency.

Objectives:

- Evaluate the state of conservation, propose corrective measures and define precise modalities for a management plan and monitoring of the site
- Examine the impact of visitation on the site and determine the acceptable visitation level in relation to conservation requirements

Project plan:

a) Dispatch of an archaeologist specialised in restoration, conservation and site management to :

1. Make an analysis of the state of conservation of the site to elaborate a conservation programme and urgent measures to be undertaken. Compile an inventory of the information
2. Examine the state of the mosaics and propose solutions for their protection
3. Measure the impact of the presence of 1000 inhabitants (illegal) on the integrity of the site
4. Measure the level (number of visitors/day) of acceptable visitation for this site. Duration: 3 weeks, including time spent for the mission report.

b) Dispatch of a landscape architect expert to : Study and establish visitor trails in accordance with the landscape study, the location of the monuments and archaeological sites, and the vegetation spread within the site. - Duration: 10 days, including time spent for the mission report.

c) National expert to assist the national authorities and the site staff in the preparation of a management plan:

1. Re-examine the values of the property

2. Compile an inventory of the archaeological areas and monuments
3. Define the protected areas, including their levels of protection, limits and buffer zones
4. Prepare detailed maps (1/25000 and 1/2000 for the establishment of human settlements)
5. Review the legal modalities for protection and visitation levels
6. Meeting of the different actors to promote awareness and identify needs of the local community
7. Prepare a framework for a management plan - Duration: 6 months

d) Co-ordination of activities and monitoring by an international expert, and the updating of information for periodic reporting. - Duration: 2 man/months over a period of 6 months.

Anticipated outputs:

- Create an awareness of the dangers threatening the property
- Solve the problem of over-visitation to the site
- Begin the study and the immediate implementation of a management plan for the site
- Improve monitoring and co-ordination of the corrective measures

	US\$
Total activity budget:	41,000
Contribution from national partners or others:	(in kind) 5,500
- Staff Agency National of Archaeology (archaeologist)	3,000
- Equipment (to record and photograph)	500
- Computer equipment	500
- Internal transportation	500
- Support staff (work site)	1,000
Amount requested from the Fund :	35,500
Budget breakdown:	
a)- Expert mission: Archaeologist/restorer:	
- Air fare (R)	800
- Per diem (14 days)	2,500
- Honorarium (3 weeks)	3,100
- Photographic documentation	500
b)- Mission: landscape expert:	
- Air fare (R)	800
- Per diem (5 days)	900
- Honorarium (10 days)	1,600
- Photographic documentation	300
c) – Study by national experts	
- Inventory – values – limits – legal framework	4,000
- Preparation of detailed maps	4,000
- Awareness-raising meeting	2,000
- Preparation of a management plan (elaboration, methodology, preparation, drafting)	5,000
d) – International expert: Monitoring	
- Honorarium and expenses (2 months over a period of 6 months)	10,000

Comments of the Secretariat: The Secretariat fully supports this request. The site was nominated by the State Party for inscription on the List of World Heritage in Danger, within the Periodic Report of August 2000. The state of conservation of the site is of serious concern. As paragraph 96 of the *Operational Guidelines* indicates that Emergency Assistance cannot be allocated to sites which have been damaged or deteriorated due to gradual processes, but only to those sites which have experienced severe damage due to sudden, unexpected phenomena, this request should in principle be treated as a Technical Co-operation request. Therefore, the Bureau could approve an initial amount of US\$ 30,000 and recommend the approval of the remaining US\$ 5,500 by the Committee at its 25th session of the World Heritage Committee in December 2001. However, in light of the urgent need to strengthen the capacity of the national authorities in managing this endangered site, and the States Party's request to inscribe the site on the List of World Heritage in Danger, the Bureau may wish to approve this request

for US\$ 35,500 on an exceptional basis as Emergency Assistance, subject to the State Party paying its dues to the World Heritage Fund.

Comments of the advisory bodies: Upon careful examination of the request, ICOMOS stated that it concurred with the recommendation of the Centre as the request is a well formulated and financially reasonable request.

Action required: The Bureau may wish to decide between the following two options:

(a) approve this request for an amount of **US\$ 35,500** on an exceptional basis as Emergency Assistance, or

(b) approve this request for an initial amount of **US\$ 30,000** as Technical Co-operation, subject to the State Party paying its dues to the World Heritage Fund, and recommend the World Heritage Committee to approve the remaining US\$ 5,500 at its 25th session.