REQUIREMENTS FOR MAPS TO BE SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THE RETROSPECTIVE INVENTORY

Maps need to meet the following requirements:

a) **appropriate typology:** be cadastral or topographic maps, according to the size of the property to display;

b) **clear delimitation of the property as inscribed:** display the boundary (not the location) of the World Heritage property. Please make sure the boundary refers to the property as inscribed. Any modification to the site perimeter adopted at the national level after inscription has to be presented to the World Heritage Committee through the boundary modifications process (please refer to par. 163-165 of the *Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*);

c) **bar scale:** the mere mention “scale 1:10000” is not enough, a bar scale is needed;

d) **clearly labeled coordinate grid:** a coordinate grid can be replaced by the indication of the coordinates of at least four points on the map. The coordinate system (WGS84, UTM, etc.) needs to be indicated;

e) **orientation:** the North must be indicated;

f) **legend:** the legend needs to refer to the “boundary of the World Heritage property” and, if relevant, “buffer zone of the World Heritage property”. Any other definition, such as “protected zone” or “Zone A, Zone B, Zone C”, can be confusing;

g) **language:** the title and the legend of the map must be written in English or French;

h) **area in hectares:** of the inscribed property and of its buffer zone (if relevant).

Please note that all the maps must be submitted by official letter, in two printed copies and two CDs (three for mixed properties): the electronic version of the maps is needed in .jpg, .tiff or .pdf formats.

![Fig. 1: Historic Centre (Old Town) of Tallinn (Estonia)](image-url)
Fig. 2: Yosemite National Park (United States of America)