



Information Meeting  
**2nd Cycle of the Periodic Reporting  
Exercise  
Europe and North America**

38th session of the World Heritage  
Committee

Doha, 19 June 2014

Réunion d'information  
**2ème cycle de l'exercice de  
soumission des Rapports  
périodiques  
Europe et Amérique du Nord**

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# Agenda – Exchange and Information Meeting

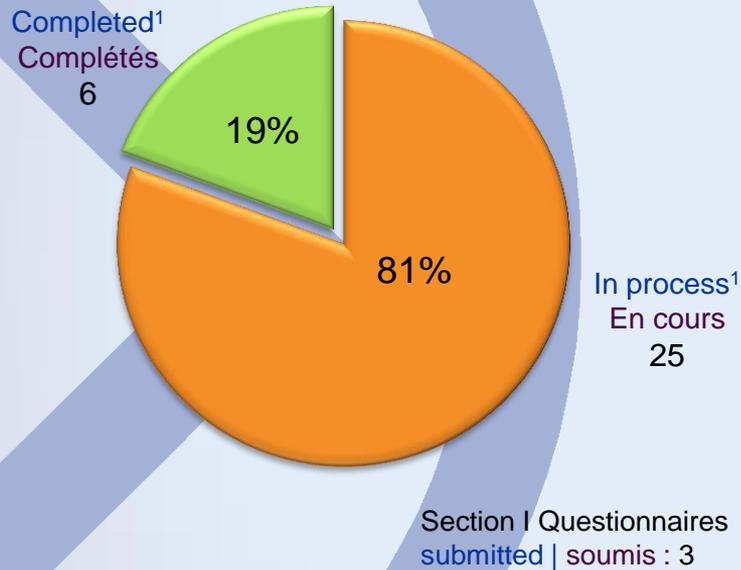
## Agenda - Réunion d'information et d'échange

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1. Introduction – Current Status of the Exercise
  2. North America Periodic Report
  3. Progress report on the analysis of results for Group A
  4. Presentation of the outline of the Periodic Reporting publication
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1. Introduction – Progrès accomplis dans le cadre de l'exercice
  2. Rapport périodique pour l'Amérique du Nord
  3. État d'avancement de l'analyse des résultats pour le Groupe A
  4. Présentation de la structure pour la publication du Rapport périodique

# Progress: Periodic Reporting Questionnaires for Group B

## Progrès: Questionnaires du Rapport périodique pour le Groupe B

### Questionnaire: Section I State Parties | États Parties



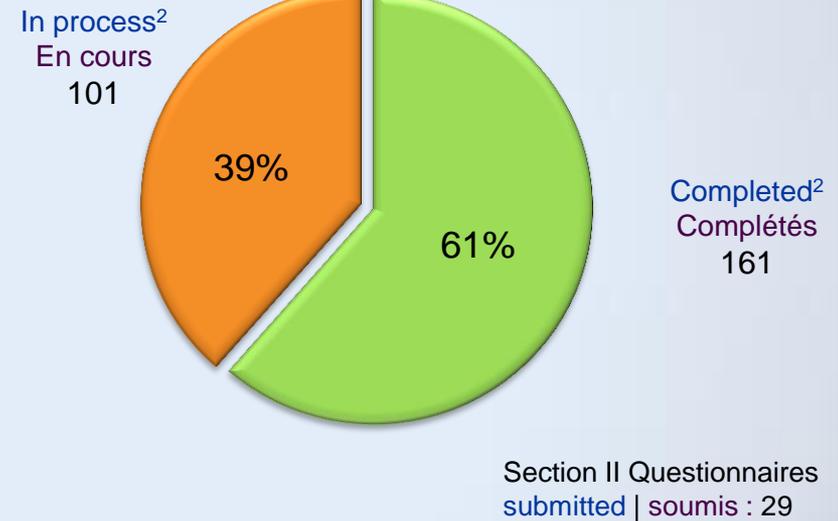
#### Detailed progression | Progression détaillée

Section II	0%	1-10%	11-20%	21-30%	31-40%	41-50%	51-60%	61-70%	71-80%	81-90%	91-99%	100%
Progress	8 (26%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	3 (10%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	6 (19%)	3 (10%)	6 (19%)

<sup>1</sup> Questionnaires completed from 97% to 100% (as of 18 June 2014)

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### Questionnaire: Section II World Heritage Sites | Sites du Patrimoine mondial



#### Detailed progression | Progression détaillée

Section II	0%	1-10%	11-20%	21-30%	31-40%	41-50%	51-60%	61-70%	71-80%	81-90%	91-99%	100%
Progress	44 (17%)	8 (3%)	2 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (1%)	5 (2%)	3 (1%)	10 (4%)	68 (26%)	120 (46%)

<sup>2</sup> Questionnaires completed from 97% to 100% (as of 18 juin 2014)

<sup>2</sup> Questionnaires avec un taux de remplissage entre 97% et 100% (au 18 juin 2014)



Next Key Date for the Second Cycle

Prochain date clé pour le Deuxième Cycle

**31 July 2014**

Deadline for Group B

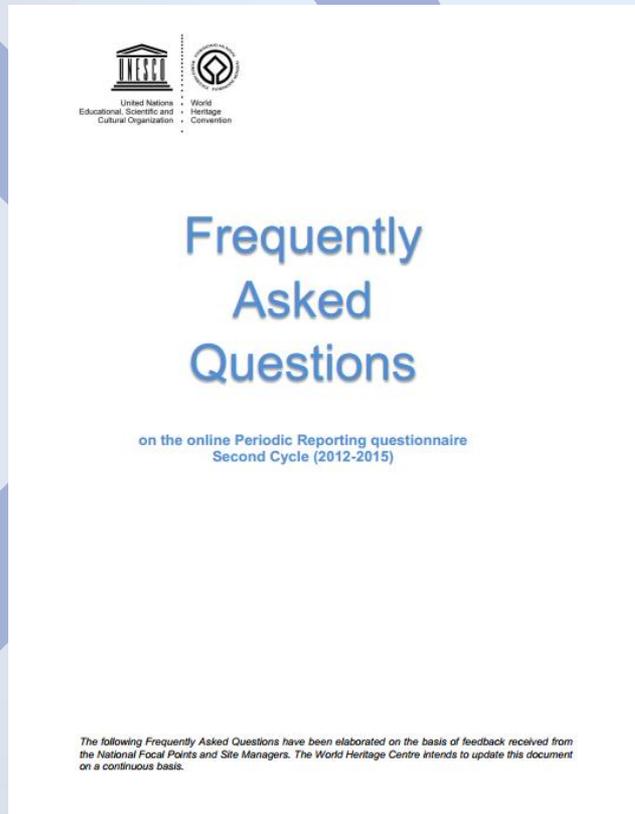
**31 juillet 2013**

Date limite pour le Groupe B

# Support Tools

## Aide

FAQ Document



Handbook for Site Managers  
Manuel pour les gestionnaires de sites



Help desk support

[wh-periodicreporting@unesco.org](mailto:wh-periodicreporting@unesco.org)

## Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value (SOUV)

### Déclarations rétrospectives de Valeur universelle exceptionnelle (VUE)

World Heritage properties EUR/NA Biens du patrimoine mondial EUR/AN	468 468
Retrospective SOUVs <b>expected</b> Déclarations rétrospectives VUE <b>attendues</b>	373 373
Retrospective SOUVs <b>received</b> Déclarations rétrospectives VUE <b>reçues</b>	362 362
Retrospective SOUVs <b>not received</b> Déclarations rétrospectives VUE <b>non reçues</b>	11 11
Retrospective SOUVs <b>incomplete</b> Déclarations rétrospectives VUE <b>incomplètes</b>	18 18
Retrospective SOUVs <b>presented to 38COM</b> Déclarations rétrospectives VUE <b>présentées au 38COM</b>	94 94
Total Retrospective SOUVs <b>still in process</b> Déclarations rétrospectives VUE <b>en cours</b>	212 212

# Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value (rSOUV)

## Déclarations rétrospectives de Valeur universelle exceptionnelle (DrVUE)

Lessons learnt from the presentation of 158 draft rSOUV's for adoption at 37 COM and 38 COM:

- ✓ Working with track changes
- ✓ Avoid time-bound references
- ✓ Gender-neutral language
- ✓ Next batch of Statements reviewed by Advisory Bodies – **October 2014**
- Deadline for agreed drafts between States Parties and Advisory Bodies for 39 COM: **1 March 2015**

Les leçons tirées de la présentation de 158 projets de DrVUE pour adoption lors des 37 COM et 38COM:

- ✓ Travail avec le suivi des modifications (Track Changes)
- ✓ Éviter les références limitées dans le temps
- ✓ Utilisation d'un langage neutre sur le plan du genre
- ✓ Prochain lot de déclarations examinées par les Organisations consultatives – **octobre 2014**
- Date limite pour approbation des DrVUE par les États parties et les Organisations consultatives pour 39 COM: **1<sup>er</sup> mars 2015**

# Short Summary Reports for Group A are available online

## Les rapports synthétiques du Groupe A sont disponibles en ligne

### Aachen Cathedral

Description Maps **Documents** Gallery Video Indicators

[Add Map](#) [Mission Report](#) [Add SOC Report](#) [Add Management Plan](#) [Add Visitor Management Plan](#)

Date	Category	Title
1978	Advisory Body Evaluation	Advisory Body Evaluation
1978	<b>Nomination file</b>	[9.281mb] Please note that this electronic file may lack elements of the original Nomination dossier. In order to consult the complete file, please contact the World Heritage Committee (ICOMOS and IUCN).
1978	Decision	Report of the 2nd Session of the Committee
1978	Decision	CONF 010 VIII.38 - Review of Nominations to the World Heritage List
2006	<b>Periodic Reporting</b>	(Cycle 1) Section II Summary
2009	Decision	33 COM 8B.50 - Cultural properties - Examination of minor boundary modifications - Aachen Cathedral (Germany)
2011	Map	Aachen Cathedral - Map of the inscribed property
2012	Decision	36 COM 8D - Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties in response to the Retrospective Inventory
2013	Decision	37 COM 8E - Adoption of retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value
2013	Decision	37 COM 8B.51 - Cultural Properties - Examination of minor boundary modifications: Aachen Cathedral (Germany)
2013	<b>Periodic Reporting</b>	(Cycle 2) Section II
2013	Map	Aachen Cathedral - Map of the inscribed property - minor boundary modification

### Béguinages flamands

Description Cartes **Documents** Galerie Vidéo Indicateurs

[Ajouter une Carte](#) [Rapport de mission](#) [Ajouter un Rapport SOC](#) [Ajouter un plan de gestion](#) [Ajouter un plan de gestion des visiteurs](#)

Date	Category	Title
1998	Evaluation des Organisations consultatives	Evaluation des Organisations consultatives
1998	<b>Dossier d'inscription</b>	[58.149mb] [Note : Les documents que vous êtes sur le point de consulter ont été préparés par l'Etat partie concerné dans le but de l'inscription d'un bien sur la Liste du patrimoine mondial. Les informations données et les opinions exprimées ne reflètent pas nécessairement celles de l'UNESCO et ne sauraient engager l'Organisation. Le matériel cartographique présenté n'implique de la part de l'UNESCO aucune prise de position quant au statut juridique des pays, territoires, villes ou zones ou de leurs autorités, ni quant à leur frontières ou leurs limites. Toute personne reproduisant, distribuant ou faisant un usage commercial des documents compris dans ces dossiers doit se conformer aux termes et conditions du détenteur du copyright. La transmission et la reproduction de pièces protégées au-delà de l'usage normal, tel que défini par les règles internationales régissant le copyright, nécessite une autorisation écrite préalable de la part des propriétaires du copyright/droit d'auteurs.]
1998	Decision	Report of the 22nd Session of the Committee
2007	Carte	« Béguinage : limites du bien du patrimoine mondial, scale 1:2.500 »
2007	Carte	« Saint-Amandsberg/Mont-Saint-Amand-lez-Gand – Béguinage de Sainte-Elisabeth: limites du bien du patrimoine mondial », A4, scale 1:2.500
2007	Carte	« Diest – Béguinage : limites du bien du patrimoine mondial », A4, scale 1:2.500
2007	Carte	« Leuven/Louvain – Béguinage : limites du bien du patrimoine mondial, scale 1:2.500
2007	Carte	« Brugge/Bruges – Béguinage : limites du bien du patrimoine mondial, scale 1:2.500
2007	Carte	« Kortrijk/Coutrai – Béguinage : limites du bien du patrimoine mondial, scale 1:2.500
2008	Décision	32 COM 8D - Clarifications des limites et des superficies des biens par les Etats parties suite à l'inventaire rétrospectif
2013	<b>Rapport périodique</b>	(Cycle 2) section II
5754938	Inventaire Rétrospectif	[1.336 Mb] ⓘ

## Short Summary Reports Group B – same procedure if objection, contact WHC when submitting by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014

## Les rapports synthétiques du Groupe B – même procédure En cas d'objections, contactez le CPM au plus tard le 31 juillet 2014

# Main Outcomes of the Mid-Cycle Review Meeting (November 2013)

## Résultats importants de la réunion de milieu de cycle (novembre 2013)



- The Periodic Reporting exercise should become an increasingly State-Party driven process.
- The Exercise provides the States Parties with data that they are encouraged to use at the national level as soon as it becomes available, to which end the national Periodic Reporting data sets are sent to the Focal Points.
- Funding from States Parties is crucial to ensure the proper implementation of the current and future Periodic Reporting Cycles.
- L'Exercice de soumission des rapports périodiques doit être de plus en plus conduit par les États parties.
- L'Exercice permet aux États parties d'obtenir des données qu'ils sont encouragés à utiliser au niveau national dès que celles-ci sont disponibles. C'est pourquoi les bases de données de l'exercice sont envoyées aux Points focaux dès que possible.
- Le soutien financier des États parties est crucial car il permet d'assurer la bonne mise en œuvre de ce cycle de l'exercice et des prochains.

# Final Europe Periodic Reporting Meeting

## Réunion finale sur le Rapport périodique pour l'Europe



- 1<sup>st</sup> week of December 2014
- Hosted by Finland
  - Tentative date and place:  
1.-2.12.2014 in Fortress of Suomenlinna, Helsinki

- 1<sup>ère</sup> semaine de décembre 2014
- Organisée par la Finlande
  - Date et lieu proposés:  
1.-2.12.2014 à la Forteresse de Suomenlinna, Helsinki





Presentation of the Periodic Report for North America

Présentation du Rapport périodique pour l'Amérique du Nord

Rebecca Kennedy, Focal Point of Canada

Phyllis Ellin, Focal Point for United States of America



Trends and Insights from the Group A Periodic  
Reporting Questionnaires

Tendances et informations tirées des  
questionnaires du Groupe A

by Christopher Young

# Group A – scene setting

- Nordic/ Baltic (NB) and Western European (WE) sub-regions
- NB 8 States Parties (all reported)
- WE 10 States Parties (9 reported)
- Results from NB and WE broadly similar
- Results for Group A should not be taken as necessarily representative of Europe as a whole
- Can only give very brief overview

# Group A properties

	Cultural	Natural	Mixed	TOTAL
Nordic-Baltic	30	4	1	35
Western Europe	122	12	1	135
EUROPE	152	16	2	170

***20 Cultural Landscapes but many more cultural sites have landscape attributes though not formally recognised as such***

# Comparison 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle

- Difficult to compare properties directly since sample size so different (93 in First Cycle; 170 in Second Cycle)
- Also difference in questionnaires may complicate direct comparison

## ***Main results from 1<sup>st</sup> cycle:***

- All sites now have RSOUV approved or in draft
- Many sites have improved mapping and clearer boundaries and buffer zones

# Section I Report Highlights

- Most SP's have improved inventories
- Most SP's consider their legislation adequate
- Enforcement of legislation could be improved in some SP's
- Administration and integration of implementation of *Convention* remains complex in most SP's
- Many SP's concerned over resources
- Strategies for capacity building, education and awareness raising could be improved in most SP's

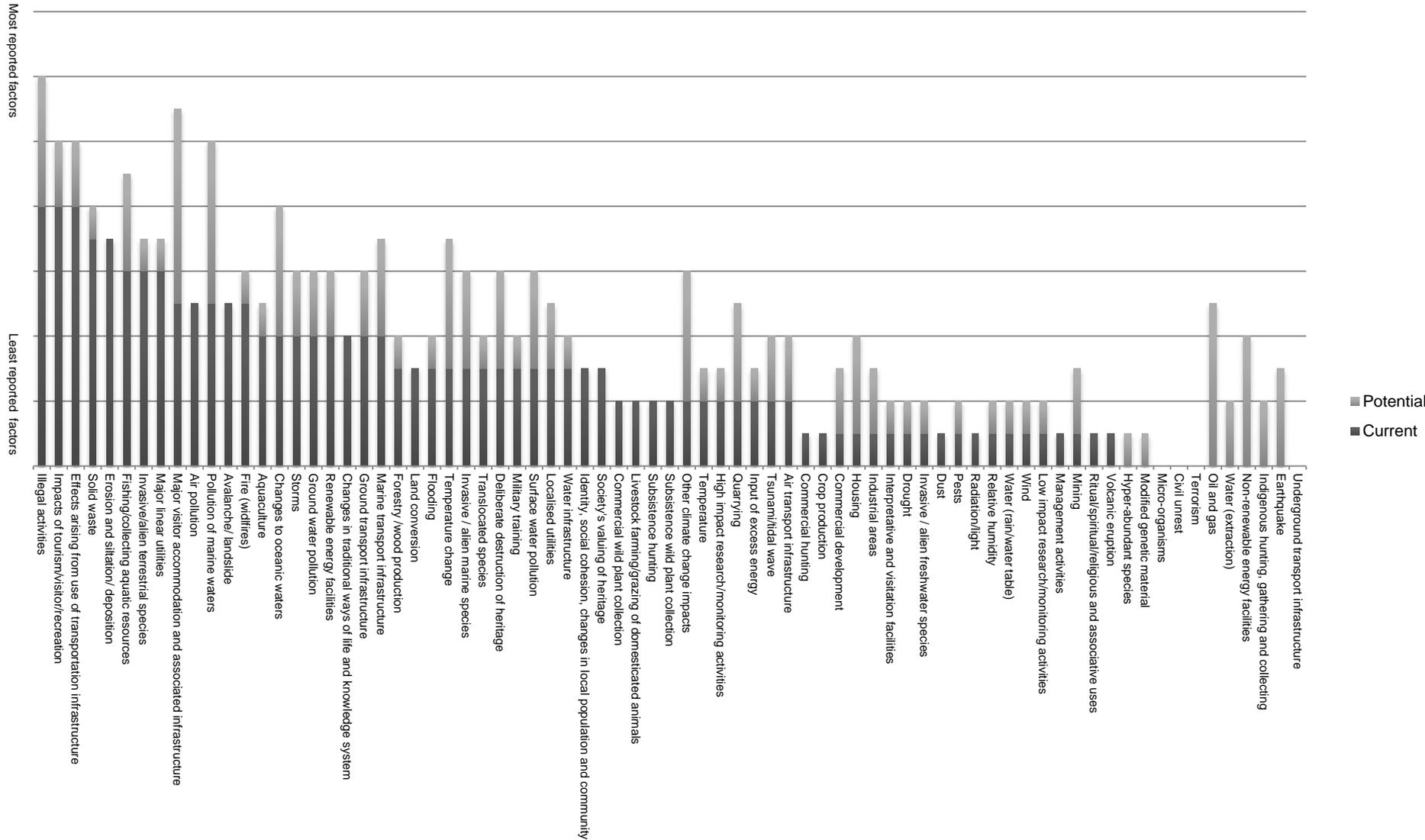
# Principal factors affecting properties



- **Current principal negative factors:**
  - Visitor and tourism pressure ( over 60 % of properties)
  - Transportation infrastructure
  - Development pressures
  - Social/ cultural use of heritage
  - Local conditions affecting physical fabric
- **Principal potential negative factor:**
  - Climate change and severe weather events
- **Current positive factors:**
  - Social/ cultural use of heritage
  - Interpretative and visitor facilities
  - Management and institutional factors
  - Buildings and development

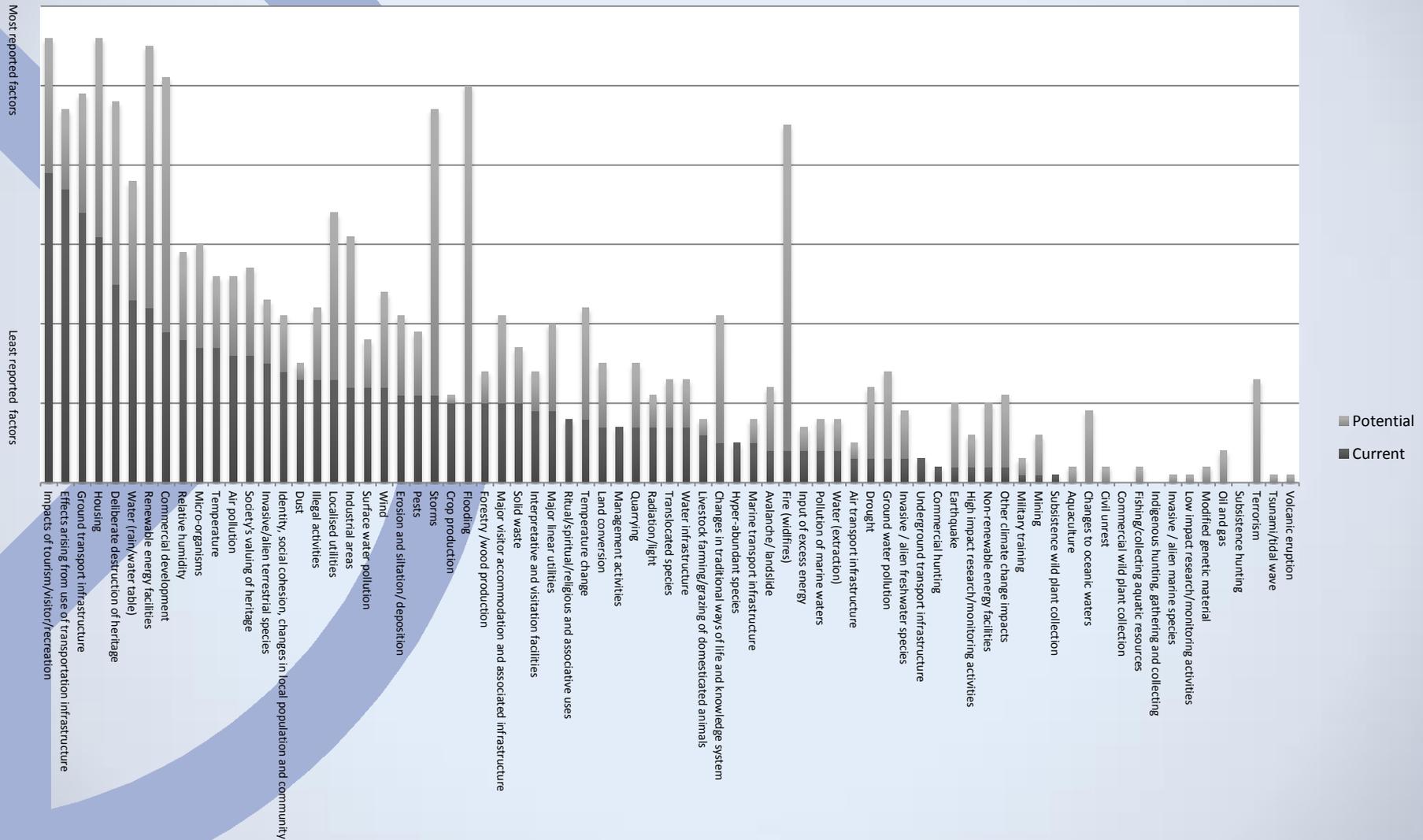
# Factors affecting natural properties

Relevant, negative factors currently and potentially impacting on natural properties  
(count, all properties, ranked order (most to least reported negative current factors impacting on properties))



# Factors affecting cultural properties

Relevant, negative factors currently and potentially impacting on cultural properties  
(count, all properties, ranked order (most to least reported negative current factors impacting on properties))



# Ten top current negative factors nature and culture

Nature	Culture
Illegal Activities	Impacts of tourism/ visitor/ recreation
Impacts of tourism/ visitor/ recreation	Effects arising from transport infrastructure
Effects arising from transport infrastructure	Ground transport infrastructure
Solid waste	Housing
Erosion and siltation/ deposition	Deliberate destruction of heritage
Fishing/ collecting aquatic resources	Water (rain/ water table)
Invasive/ alien terrestrial species	Renewable energy facilities
Major linear utilities	Commercial development
Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	Relative humidity
Air pollution	Micro-organisms

# Section II – main findings

## Natural and Mixed Properties

- Small sample – 18 sites of which 6 are islands outside Europe – so dangerous to draw conclusions
- Good progress on SOUV
- Boundaries OK
- Protection adequate for most properties
- Some adverse factors but mostly under control
- Invasive species a problem in non-European islands

# Section II – Cultural Properties

- Need for World Heritage strategy and policies at national level
- Management is adequate but need for more effective integration of different legal systems and agencies at national / local level
- Need for capacity building for developing new partnerships at local level
- Monitoring systems need to be developed
- **Definition and need for buffer zones is a major issue**

# Conclusions

## ***Findings:***

- Improvement of basic data to support management of properties – RSOUV etc
- State of conservation generally good

## ***Potential for improvement:***

- Need for simpler process for revising SOUV
- Weaknesses in the implementation of legislative frameworks
- Need for more effort on capacity building/ awareness raising/ community involvement/ education

## ***Main threats:***

- Visitor / tourism and development pressures
- Long-term impact of climate change

# Issues

- Need for special treatment of transnational, transboundary and serial properties (cultural and natural) and overseas territories (mainly natural properties)
- Difficulties encountered during the classification of World Heritage properties, difficult to come up with meaningful division for purpose of *thematic* analysis



Outline of the Periodic Reporting Publication

Présentation du projet pour la publication sur  
le Rapport périodique

by Christopher Young

Report Type	Produced by	Available to	Contents	Length
<b>1. Summary Report Section I</b>	Generated by PR system from SP input	Committee, WHC, ABs, SPs, potentially more widely	State Party responses to Section I Questionnaire; one report per State Party	10pp
<b>2. Summary Report Section II</b>	Generated by PR system from SP input	Committee, WHC, ABs, SPs, properties potentially more widely	State Party/ site manager responses to Section II Questionnaire; one report per World Heritage property	9-15pp is the norm but can go to 20pp
<b>3. State Party National Dataset</b>	NWHF from SP input	SP's for own territory	Information supplied by States Parties in Sections I and II and converted into dataset	spread sheet
<b>4 . Quantitative summary of results</b>	NWHF	Committee, WHC, ABs, SPs for own territory	First analysis of data on which both items 5 and 6 below will be based	spread sheet + tables
<b>5 . WH Committee report</b>	WHC + consultant team + AB's	Committee, WHC, ABs, SPs and public	Report summarising Periodic Report according to standard format plus draft Action Plan	100pp +
<b>6 . Outcomes publication</b>	WHC + consultant team	Committee, WHC, ABs, SPs, properties and public	Main conclusions, trends, lessons learnt, future opportunities for SPs and site managers in particular; more accessible and user-friendly than WH Committee paper	50pp + link to COM paper

# Purpose and Audience

- Aimed at users of Convention
  - States Parties/ agencies
  - Site managers
  - Communities and stakeholders
- Provide summary and guidance in user-friendly and accessible format
- Should not reproduce all the information in the Committee report

# Suggested contents

1. Executive Summary
2. Introduction
3. Identification and Preservation of World Heritage/ Global Strategy issues
4. Highlights and Challenges for World Heritage in Europe
5. Resources and Partnerships in Conservation
6. Conclusions
7. Key Points and Recommended Actions (tabular summary of outcomes and actions)

# Possible Themes for Discussion in Publication

- Effectiveness of definition of Outstanding Universal Value, including integrity and/ or authenticity, and property boundaries and buffer zones; possibilities for adjusting criteria (and then SOUV) with a simplified procedure (no full re-nomination)
- Factors affecting sites and commonalities across the region and sub-regions – what are the main threats
- Effectiveness of protection
- Effectiveness of management
- Monitoring
- Sub-regional differences and similarities
- Natural/ cultural differences and similarities
- Serial properties
- Transnational/ transboundary properties

# Issues for consideration by Focal Points

- Is the balance of the outline right?
- Have we forgotten any themes?

Small prize for the best title for the Publication.  
Awarded in December 2014.

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**Thank you!**

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