

Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation

**Federal State Budgetary Cultural Institution “Solovetsky
State Historical-Architectural and Natural Museum-
Reserve”**



**The Saviour-Transfiguration Solovetsky
Stavropegial Monastery**



**Report on the State of Conservation of
the World Heritage Site
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The decisions of the World Heritage Committee on the Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands are taken into consideration by governmental authorities at all levels, users of the site – the Solovetsky Monastery and the Solovetsky Museum-Reserve, civil society as well as other interested parties.

The restoration works within the framework of the federal special-purpose program “Russian Culture” are being performed. They recover authentic forms to the buildings. As a result of scientific investigations, the representations about the outstanding universal value of the world heritage site were expanded and specified.

The government institutions, Russian Orthodox Church and Russian society jointly strain after restoration of the Solovetsky Monastery ensemble in accordance with the legislation in the sphere of cultural heritage sites protection.

The Advisory Mission of the ICOMOS Expert T. Kretev performed works in the Solovetsky Archipelago in summer 2015. The representatives of users of the World Heritage Site, expert community and all branches of government took part in the mission work.

The mission participants were represented the sites under restoration, materials on development of the settlement and usage of the territories. Special attention was paid to modern construction in the settlement territory.

The report of the monitoring mission has not been obtained till present.

In 2015 they continue to work on protection status for the Archipelago forest part – natural sanctuary of federal importance, as well as on the project of the Master Plan of the municipal structure “Solovetskoye Rural Settlement” within the boundaries of the Archipelago.

The management plan is being developed. The Government of the Arkhangelsk Region corrected the Development Strategy of the Solovetsky Archipelago considering the UNESCO requirements. According to the recommendations of the World Heritage Centre and decisions of the UNESCO sessions, the Ministry of

Culture of the Russian Federation provided an instrument on making the impact assessment on the outstanding universal value of the world heritage site when planning construction of new sites in the territory of the Solovetsky Archipelago.