

International Assistance Request

ref: 2547

Update the Mongolian Tentative List to the World Heritage List

Summary

State Party: Mongolia
Type of Assistance: Mixed / Preparatory
World Bank: LMIC
Reference: 2547

Process Steps

- ✓ Submitted on Dec 25, 2012 (*NB. Request subject to transitional measures, so deadline of 31 Oct. did not apply*).
- ✓ Approval by Chairperson on Feb 26, 2013

1. State Party

Mongolia

2. Title of project

Update the Mongolian Tentative List to the World Heritage List

3. Type of assistance

	Emergency assistance	Preparatory assistance	Conservation and management
Culture			
Nature			
Mixed		✓	

4. Project location

a) Will the project be implemented at a World Heritage property?

- Yes
 No

b) Will the project include a field component?

- Yes
 No

Where and how?

Field study will be conducted at the properties which are possible to include to the Mongolian Tentative List to the World Heritage List, consulting with the national experts with the following purpose:

- To demonstrate that these heritages can meet the conditions and criteria of the justification of the Outstanding Universal Value and assurance of authenticity and integrity and at the same time they need adequate conservation and protection measures;
- To meet with local administrative, communities as well as other bodies related to the properties, to discuss about the cooperation on the preparation of further nomination dossier to the World Heritage List and the promotion works for conservation and appreciation of these properties;
- To prepare documentation about the physical features of the properties and collect appropriate data and information about its context in order to make the description, assurances of authenticity or integrity and comparison with other similar properties;

- To collect all possible information concerning the present state of conservation of the heritage properties and factors attesting them and ensure the future possibilities of the management plan.

c) If the project is being implemented at a World Heritage property, indicate whether it will also benefit other World Heritage properties, and if so, which ones and how?

N/A

5. Timeframe for the implementation of the project

Start date: July 1, 2012

End date: June 30, 2013

Duration: 10 month(s)

6. The project is:

- Local
- National
- Subregional
- Regional
- International

7. Justification of the project

a) Explain why this project is needed.

Mongolia joined the UNESCO World Heritage Convention in 1990 and the National Tentative List was prepared and submitted to the World Heritage Committee according to the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

The list included 9 heritage properties. From these properties the "Uvs Lake basin" was inscribed on the World Heritage list on the basis of natural criteria in 2003 and "Orkhon Valley Cultural Landscape" and "The Petroglyphic Complexes of the Mongolian Altai" were inscribed on the basis of cultural criteria in 2004 and 2011 respectively. The nomination of "Sacred Mountains of Mongolia" including Burkhan Khaldun sacred mountain is still under the preparation.

At present some heritage properties from the current Tentative List were already inscribed on the WHL and others have been prepared for the nomination. The current Mongolian Tentative List doesn't meet completely the requirements of the present Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention. This is because of new challenges and requirements for the nomination and inscription to the WHL and the lack of knowledge and experiences of national experts at the previous preparation period. Updating the Mongolian Tentative List should have already been done in line with paragraph 65 of the Operational Guidelines within 10 years. But the List have not been updated and re-submitted yet.

Within the Global Strategy for a more balanced and representative world heritage list, the World Heritage Committee requested ICOMOS and IUCN to proceed with an analysis of the sites inscribed on the WHL and the Tentative List on a regional and chronological, geographical and thematic basis and to draw up an action plan to fill any gaps in these lists.

These requests were seen as a way of including representatives of the diverse natural and cultural heritage as a whole on the List. The ICOMOS analysis showed that some cultures and civilizations were either at present not represented on the list, or were seriously under represented, nomadic and steppe cultures among them. In the IUCN analysis further emphasis was also given to the grassland landscapes and Gobi desert ecosystem and to cultural values and spiritual beliefs of peoples associated with the natural environment, many examples of which are existed as a nomadic cultural traditions and values among Mongols. These comments and recommendations of the analysis of Advisory Bodies should be considered in the following revision of the Mongolian Tentative List.

Therefore it is urgent needed to update and revise the Mongolian Tentative List with inclusion of other natural and cultural properties of possible outstanding universal value located within the territory of Mongolia.

There are some suggestions and opinions concerning additional natural and cultural heritage properties that could be included in this Tentative List:

- The grassland landscapes and especially steppe grassland are vital for ecological health of the region and whole world. The steppe grassland is very vulnerable ecosystem of the earth but today only about 2 percent has been included in the WH List and protected. The territory of the Mongolia is an essential part of the vast and grassy Eurasian steppe which stretches for several thousand kilometers from the Danube river to the Korean peninsula. The Eastern Mongolian rolling steppe of the grassland including Daurian steppes is only representative of the steppe landscape which has not been impacted by human and economic activities. This landscape also is a home to more than 20 species of mammal, including herds of Mongolian steppe gazelle. Thus, Mongolia has some potential sites of steppe landscapes which would be nominated to WHL but needs to be backed up by national and regional thematic studies to provide a sound framework for nomination.
- The towering, jagged Mongolian Altai Mountains which represents the most complete sequence of altitudinal vegetation zones in central Siberia, ranging from steppe to forest-steppe and mixed forest and sub-alpine vegetation to alpine vegetation. It is also an important habitat for endangered animal species such is the snow leopard. Mongolian Altai Mountain bears also unique testimony to the Eurasian steppe nomadic civilization from ancient time through the monuments of upper Paleolithic period and cultures of the Scythians, Hunnu and Turkic and Mongolian periods. Mongolian Altai is a part of the huge Altai mountain range that stretches some 2100 km across Mongolia, China, Russia and Kazakhstan, the Russian section of which having been included as Natural site on the WHL in 1998. Thus Mongolian authorities have to search a ways to nominate Mongolian side of the Altai Mountains to WHL as transboundary World Heritage Mixed site and to work together with neighboring countries to ensure that the natural and cultural value of entire Altai is recognised internationally and protected accordingly.
- The monuments, related to the Hunnu Empire period, the most ancient empire of the Euro-Asian steppe nomads, including the burial and worship places, could be particularly identified for the Tentative List.
- The monument complex of deer stones and man stones which are spread throughout the Mongolian territory could be also identified and included in the Tentative List. An evident example of these monuments is complex of UushigiinUver deer stone which is located near the town of Murun of Hovsgol aimag. This complex has large number of monuments not only in Asia but also in the World and it is unique for its artistic structure.
- Numerous settlements, rock paintings, monuments, burials and graves dated to the historical period connected with the history of the Great Mongolian Empire and Chinggis Khan's life were found and studied on Chinggis Khan's birth and childhood place near Kherlen and Onon rivers in the territory of Khentii province. Other historical and cultural monuments are also needed to be studied and included in the Tentative List.

b) List all supporting documents submitted, if applicable.

N/A

8. For emergency assistance only

a) Describe the actual or potential threat/danger affecting the property

N/A

b) Indicate how it might affect the property's Outstanding Universal Value

N/A

c) Explain how the proposed project will address the threat/danger

N/A

9. Objectives of the project

In the framework of the implementation of the World Heritage Convention and to meet new requirements mentioned in the justification this project aimed to update and revise the Mongolian National Tentative List with inclusion of other natural and cultural properties of possible outstanding universal value located within the territory of Mongolia.

- To analyse and re-examine the justification of the heritage properties which were included in the existing National Tentative List.
- Verifying that properties under new consideration possess OUV and authenticity and integrity including the tentative delineation of possible protective boundaries.
- To analyse the existing information, research materials and data concerning the heritage properties which under consideration.
- Document and update data are concerning physical state of the properties for improving conservation efforts in place and verify warrant inclusion of the properties.
- Carry out some tentative comparative analysis of the properties to other similar properties of the region and World.
- To consult the analysis of both the World Heritage and Tentative Lists and the specific thematic studies carried out by the Advisory Bodies.
- To harmonise Tentative List at regional and thematic levels.
- To describe the geographical location and coordinates.
- To take photographs of the properties.
- To build awareness of local people and authorities about the implications of inscription of the properties on the WHL with the involving a wide variety of stakeholders and interested parties and partners.

10. Expected results

Clearly state the **results** expected from the project and define the **indicators** and **means of verification** which can be used to assess the achievements of these results

Expected results	Indicators	Means of verification
The updated tentative list will be submitted to the World Heritage Centre Acknowledgement of receipt of the World Heritage Centre	The updated Tentative List submitted by the deadline Successful examination by the World Heritage Centre for completeness	Postal report of sending the file Letter from the World Heritage Centre to the State Party informing them the file is considered complete

N/A

11. Work plan

Activities	Time Frame (in month)											
	Year 1											
Months	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Analyzing the existing information, research materials and data by national experts in cultural and natural research fields	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							

Activities	Time Frame (in month)											
	Year 1											
Months	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Consulting of national experts the analysis of both the WHL and TL prepared, and the specific thematic studies carried out by the Advisory Bodies	✓	✓	✓									
Organizing the awareness raising meetings with local people and authorities (three meetings)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Elaboration and priority setting of potential heritage sites to the TL by national experts			✓	✓	✓							
Carrying out tentative comparative analysis by national experts and consulting with Advisory bodies' experts			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Organizing meeting of specialists and professionals and decision makers for the priority setting of potential heritage sites (2 times before field visits and one afterward)				✓	✓	✓	✓					
Sending the proposals of prioritized potential heritage sites to the Advisory Bodies' experts and tentatively consulting with them on the proposals.					✓	✓						
Organizing (at least 5 visits) field visits (to describe the location and coordinates, verifying OUV, authenticity, integrity and warrant inclusion, taking the photographs, meeting with local peoples so on)					✓	✓	✓					
Elaborating the updated TL using standard format					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Results of field visits and first draft of updated new TL will be sent to Advisory bodies experts for consulting and information proposes							✓					
Organizing joint national workshop in which will participate experts, specialists and all stakeholders concerned. Inviting the Advisory Bodies' experts (WHC's experts) to the proposed sites and National Workshop, and consulting with them on harmonizing the TL at national, regional and thematic levels								✓				
Translation of updated TL into English and editing									✓	✓		
Final report												✓

12. Evaluation and reporting

The final report will be prepared by the organization in charge of the implementation of the project according to the contract signed by the Mongolian National Commission for

UNESCO and the organization in charge of implementation. The report will include methods, analysis and results of fieldwork, conclusions based on findings, conclusions and recommendations for the revision of the Tentative List.

The evaluation will focus on the results achieved and their impact on updating the Tentative List of Mongolia and the implementation of the World Heritage Convention. The evaluation also will consider the improvement of the capacity building of national staff and experts, and the awareness-raising of the public. Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO and other organizations concerned and partners will do monitoring during the implementation of the project.

13. Profiles of specialists, trainers, technicians and/or skilled labour, if the project foresees the participation of such people

XXXX, Chairperson of ICOMOS National Committee of Mongolia and member of the Mongolian National Committee for World Heritage.

XXXX, Director of National Archaeology, Mongolian Academy of Sciences and member of the Mongolian National Committee for World Heritage.

XXXX, Chairperson of the Mongolian National Committee for MAB (Man and Biosphere), Director of Special protected area administration department of Ministry of Nature and Green developments.

XXXX, Director of the Research, Training and Promotion Centre for the World Heritage in Mongolia.

14. Key target audiences, including profiles of trainees / participants, if the project foresees the participation of such people

- Specialists of the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Tourism of Mongolia
- Specialists of the Ministry of Nature and Green Development of Mongolia
- Specialists of the Mongolian National commission for UNESCO
- Researchers of the Institute of Archaeology, Mongolian Academy of Sciences
- Researchers of the Nature conservator institutions and NGOs
- Specialists of the Cultural Heritage Centre of Mongolia
- Specialists of the Research, Training and Promotion Centre for the World Heritage
- Members of Mongolian National Committee for World Heritage
- Members of Natural and Cultural Heritage related NGOs
- ICOMOS National Committee of Mongolia
- Local community and authorities
- And others.

15. Budget breakdown

Items	Items Description	Amount x Unit USD	Total USD	Amount Requested to the World Heritage Fund USD	States party Funds USD	Other USD
Organisation						
Venue	3 meetings (10 persons x USD10)	10x30 Person day work	300	0	300	0
Secretarial Assistance	1 person for 10 months	200x10 Person day work	2,000	2,000	0	0
Other	National workshop with all stakeholder	15x40 Person day work	600	600	0	0
Translation		15x70 Page	1,050	1,050	0	0
Venue	rent	400x1 Unit	400	400	0	0
Audio Visual	1 day	300x1	300	300	0	0

Items	Items Description	Amount x Unit USD	Total USD	Amount Requested to the World Heritage Fund USD	States party Funds USD	Other USD
Equipment		Unit				
Simultaneous Interpretation	8 hours	100x8 Hour	800	800	0	0
Venue	Organizing meetings with local people and authorities 3 times	240x3 Unit	720	0	0	720
Other	Analyzing existing materials, desktop reviews, development of comparative analysis - Documents	550x4 Unit	2,200	2,200	0	0
Other	Documents	300x1 Unit	300	300	0	0
Total			8,670	7,650	300	720
Personnel / Consultancy service (fees)						
National Expert	2 experts not affiliated to public research institutions	1,100x2 Unit	2,200	2,200	0	0
National Expert	coordinator for 10 months	250x10 Month	2,500	2,500	0	0
Other	office expenses	400x10 Month	4,000	0	0	4,000
International Expert	500\$x7days x 2per	3,500x2 Unit	7,000	2,000	5,000	0
Total			15,700	6,700	5,000	4,000
Travel						
Domestic travel cost	5 field expeditions fuel	440x5 Unit	2,200	1,320	880	0
Domestic travel cost	car rent	640x5 Unit	3,200	1,920	1,280	0
Domestic travel cost	transport in country	700x2 Unit	1,400	1,400	0	0
International travel cost	for 2 persons	2,000x2 Unit	4,000	4,000	0	0
Total			10,800	8,640	2,160	0
Daily Subsistence allowance						
Accommodation	5 visits x (\$30) 5 days x 5 persons	750x5 Unit	3,750	2,000	1,750	0
Meals	5 visits x (\$20) 5 days x 5 persons	500x5 Unit	2,500	1,330	1,170	0
Accommodation	2 Int. experts (\$100) x 7 days	100x14 Unit	1,400	1,400	0	0
Meals	2 per x 7 days x 60 \$	120x7 Unit	840	840	0	0
Total			8,490	5,570	2,920	0
Equipment						
		0x1 Unit	0	0	0	0
Total			0	0	0	0
Evaluations						
		0x1 Unit	0	0	0	0
Total			0	0	0	0

Items	Items Description	Amount x Unit USD	Total USD	Amount Requested to the World Heritage Fund USD	States party Funds USD	Other USD
Miscellaneous						
	communications	300x1 Unit	300	300	0	0
Total			300	300	0	0
Total						
Total			43,960	28,860	10,380	4,720

b) Specify whether or not resources from the State Party or other sources are already available or when they are likely to become available.

- State Party will provide 10380\$. It will be available from Oct of 2012.
- Implementing organization will cover the office expenses - 4720\$. It will be available from Oct 2012.

16. In kind contributions from the state party and other agencies

a) National agency(ies)

See 15b above

b) Other bi/multi lateral organizations, donors, etc

N/A

17. Agency(ies) responsible for the implementation of the project

Culture and Art policy implementing, monitoring Department of Ministry of Culture, Sport and Tourism

Institute of Archaeology, Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Special protected areas administration department of the Ministry of Nature and Green Development

Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO,
Research, Training and Promotion Center for World Heritage

18. Signature on behalf of state party

Full name: XXX

Title: Secretary-General of the Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO

19. Annexes

Documents

- Cover letter-24 December 2012
- Signed request [no date]