
A. NATURAL PROPERTIES

A.1 LATIN AMERICA / CARIBBEAN

A.1.1 Minor modification to the boundaries of properties already inscribed on the World Heritage List

Property	Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California
Id. N°	1182 Bis
State Party	Mexico
Criteria proposed by State Party	(vii)(ix)(x)

IUCN Evaluation: Islas Marietas National Park and the Archipelago de San Lorenzo National Park add to the striking natural beauty and dramatic setting that characterize the Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California property. They also include terrestrial and marine areas that are representative of this property, add to the natural values and integrity of the property, and help maintain the ecological processes that support the high marine productivity and biodiversity of the property.

The planning and management of these two sites needs to be in line with the objectives and principles included in the Integrated Management Programme for the entire serial property, which was approved in 2000 and guides conservation and management activities in all of the protected areas of the Gulf of California. Particular attention should be given to controlling tourism development and fisheries in order to avoid negative impacts that could result from unsustainable practices.

IUCN commends the State Party, as well as the NGOs, other institutions and private partners working in this property, for their continued efforts in conserving this important property and in creating and managing new marine protected areas to enhance the conservation and integrity of this property.

Draft Decision: 31 COM 8B.53

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document **WHC-07/31.COM/8B.Add,**
2. Approves the minor modification of boundaries to include the Islas Marietas National Park and the Archipelago de San Lorenzo National Park as an extension to the serial property of the **Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California, Mexico,** already inscribed on the World Heritage List on the basis of **criteria (vii), (ix) and (x);**
3. Recommends the State Party to plan and manage these two sites in line with the Integrated Management Programme for the entire serial property and to give particular attention to controlling tourism development and fisheries;

4. Commends the State Party as well as the NGOs, other institutions and private partners working in this property, for their continued efforts in conserving this important property and in creating and managing new marine protected areas to enhance the conservation and integrity of this property;
 5. Reiterates its request included in Decision **29 COM 8B.9** to keep the Committee informed on progress achieved towards the development and implementation of the Marine Ecological planning of the Sea of Cortez.
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