

UKRAINE

(1990); *L'viv – the Ensemble of the Historic Centre* (1998)¹

I.01. Introduction

Year of adherence to the Convention: 1988

Organisation(s) or institution(s) responsible for preparation of report

- Ministry of Culture and Arts of Ukraine

I.02. Identification of Cultural and Natural Properties

Status of national inventories

- Inventories are established (since 1972) at national and local levels and have been used as the basis for selecting World Heritage sites
- In 2004 the new format of registration documents was approved. The process of updating the inventory is very slow due to inadequate funding from the State budget

I.03. The Tentative List

- Original Tentative List submitted in 1989
- Revision submitted in 2003
- Prepared at national (National Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of Culture, State Committee for Construction and Architecture, Ministry of Environment Protection, Academy of Sciences, T. Shevchenko University), regional (Ministry of Culture of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea, Administrations of Kyiv and Sevastopol), and local (site managers) levels
- The difficulties encountered by State Party in updating existing inventory is reflected on the process of identification of potential World Heritage sites and establishment of adequate Tentative List

I.04. Nomination of Cultural and Natural Properties for the World Heritage List

Nominations

- Central and regional/local governments in cooperation with site managers prepare the nominations to the World Heritage List
- Motivations for nomination: honour/prestige, conservation of a site, increased funding
- The World Heritage Committee at its 22nd session in 2001 recommended not to inscribe 5 natural sites nominated in 2000

Inscriptions

- 2 cultural sites: *Kiev: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and related Monastic Buildings, Kiev-Pechersk Lavra*

Benefits of inscription

- Conservation of sites, increased funding, honour/prestige

I.05. General Policy and Legislation for the Protection, Conservation and Presentation of the Cultural and Natural Heritage

Specific legislations

- The Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine has approved over 300 laws concerning the cultural and natural heritage; the main legal act is the Law of Ukraine “on the protection of cultural heritage” (2000) and “on the environment protection” (1991)
- A number of regulatory and legal documents concerns World Heritage cultural heritage
- State Party works on creating of comprehensive legal framework for the preservation of heritage
- Management plans are required for cultural and natural heritage

Other Conventions

Hague Convention (1954), Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954, UNESCO Convention (1970), Valetta Convention (1992), Ramsar Convention (1971), CITES (1973), Bonn Convention (1979), Bern Convention (1979), Basel Convention (1989), Convention on Biological Diversity (1992); Granada Convention (1985), Paris Convention (2001), Florence Convention (2000)

I.06. Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation

Organisations, local communities participating in protection and conservation

- Ministry of Culture and Arts, State Committee for Construction and Architecture, Ministry of Environment Protection
- Private sector and local communities are not involved in the heritage conservation and protection
- There are a number of charity organizations dealing with cultural heritage conservation
- NGOs: Ukrainian Society for Preservation of Historic and Cultural Monuments (established in 1966), Ukrainian Society for Protection of Nature; Greenpeace-Ukraine

¹ Also the transnational serial site: *Struve Geodetic Arc* (2005).

I.07. Scientific, Technical Studies and Research

- “Comprehensive research of buildings on the territory of the National Conservation Area St. Sophia of Kyiv”
- Architectural and archaeological research of the Uspensky Cathedral ruins (Kyivo-Pecherska Laura)
- Conservation project of the Church Saviour-on-Berestov (Kyivo-Pecherska Laura)

I.08. Financial Resources

National resources and international financial assistance, fund raising

- World Heritage sites are funded by the State and regional/local budgets, fundraising
- International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund
- Getty Institute
- State Party helped to establish the Ukrainian Society for Preservation of Historic and Cultural Monuments and the State Fund for the Environment Protection
- Ukraine has not made any additional contribution to the World Heritage Fund

I.09. Training

Professional and Institutional training

- There is a training need for institutions and individuals concerned with the protection and conservation of World Heritage sites (courses, lectures, seminars in the field of heritage protection; training for customs officers)

I.10. International Co-operation

- Ukraine has cooperated with other States Parties for the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of the World Heritage located on their territory
- State Party runs a joint project with Slovak Republic aimed to prepare common nomination of “Beech Virgin Forest of Carpathians” (natural) and Dendrological Park “Sofiyvka” (mixed) Ukrainian-Slovak transboundary sites
- Ukraine has not twinned sites at national or international levels

I.11. Information, Awareness Building and Education

Information and awareness raising on local, regional national or international level

- Ukraine presents and promotes its World Heritage sites at international, national and local levels by producing films, postcards, postage stamps, web pages and by undertaking media campaigns

- The presentation and awareness about World Heritage sites in Ukraine is not adequate
- State Party established the State Programme of Conservation and Presentation of the Cultural Heritage Properties for the years 2004-2010

I.12. Conclusions and Recommended Action

Conclusion and proposed actions

- Strength: State Program of Conservation and Presentation of the Cultural Heritage Properties for the years 2004-2010
- Weakness: Inadequate State funding

Proposed Actions:

- Compilation of inventory in addition to the List of Historic Settlements
- Workshop aimed to study Ukraine's potential to nominate new sites on the World Heritage List
- Amelioration of the legal basis in the heritage sphere
- Capacity-building and increase funding for the competent institutions in the field of cultural and natural heritage
- Training of specialist involved in the heritage conservation/protection activities
- Awareness-raising of general public about World Heritage
- Further development of international co-operation
- Joint nomination of Beech Virgin Forest of Carpathians and Dendrological Park “Sofiyvka” for the inscription on the World Heritage List