



**PERIODIC REPORTING EXERCISE
ON THE APPLICATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE
CONVENTION**

SECTION II

State of Conservation of specific World Heritage properties

State Party:

Forest Department

Property Name:

Sinharaja Forest Reserve

PERIODIC REPORTING FOR WELL PLANNED HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Background

The twenty-ninth General Conference of UNESCO, held in 1997, decided to activate Article 29 of the World Heritage Convention concerning the submission of periodic reports on the state of implementation of the World Heritage Convention (Section I) and the State of Conservation of World Heritage properties (Section II). The national authorities are invited to report on Section I, while Section II shall be prepared for each property inscribed on the World Heritage list by the person(s) directly in charge of the property's management.

The periodic reports prepared by the States Parties will serve a three-fold purpose:

- ❖ to assess the current state of all World Heritage related issues in a State Party,
- ❖ to help focus the Committee's as well as the State Party's future activities and funds,
- ❖ to strengthen sub-regional and regional co-operation between States Parties.

The Periodic Reporting Questionnaire

In 1998, at its twenty-second session, the World Heritage Committee approved *Explanatory Notes*, designed to be read in conjunction with the *Periodic Reporting Format*, in order to outline the information expected to flow from the periodic reporting exercise. To facilitate the preparation of the report, a *Questionnaire* was developed that the States Parties are encouraged to use. It closely follows the subjects referred to in the *Explanatory Notes*, but in contrast to the latter splits the subjects up into short questions to be answered in a few sentences or paragraphs. A second type of question requires the indication of YES or NO by circling or underlining the appropriate answer. All questions are clearly identified with a little number in the right hand column of the *Questionnaire*. To make the reporting results meaningful every one of these questions has to be answered. If no answer is possible, the reasons should be given. If the available space is not sufficient for the answer, the response should be continued on a separate sheet of paper, clearly indicating the number of the question the text refers to (e.g. 006).

Benefits for the States Parties

The *Questionnaire* was developed in such a way as to allow to extract and compile or compare relevant information from different States Parties or properties, facilitating the process of preparing the regional synthesis report to be presented to the World Heritage Committee. The YES / NO questions make it possible to evaluate the reports quantitatively, but only the details that should be supplied in the related 'open question' make the answers meaningful and can be the basis for concerted actions to preserve a State Party's most valuable heritage for its transmission to future generations.

The information collected in this way will help the States Parties to assess their own strengths and weaknesses concerning the implementation of the World Heritage Convention, putting them in a position to (re)define policies and to request assistance in order to finance projects and / or training. On the other hand it allows the World Heritage Committee to collect information needed to devise *Regional Action Plans*, give well-informed advice to States Parties and to focus funds as well as attention on the region(s), States Parties and / or properties that need the collective support of the international community.

The preparation process of the regional periodic report will furthermore enhance regional co-operation through information meetings as well as through the better availability of regularly up-dated information on activities as well as contact addresses etc. The identification of the State Party's strengths makes it possible to exchange experiences and look for solutions to problems (e.g. of site conservation) within the region.

Conclusion

Periodic Reporting is a participatory exercise, aiming to collect information on World Heritage related issues on a national as well as on the property level. The individual State Party reports will be collated into a regional synthesis report to be presented to the World Heritage Committee. This information will enhance cooperation between the Committee and the States Parties and allow to focus funds and activities more efficiently, allowing the States Parties to protect their most valuable heritage more effectively for transmission to future generations.

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(FORMAT)

SECTION II: STATE OF CONSERVATION OF SPECIFIC WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

II.1 Introduction

- a. State Party
- b. Name of World Heritage property
- c. Geographical coordinates to the nearest second
- d. Date of inscription on the World Heritage List
- e. Organization(s) or entity(ies) responsible for the preparation of the report
- f. Date of report
- g. Signature on behalf of State Party

II.2. Statement of significance

II.3. Statement of authenticity/integrity

II.4. Management

II.5. Factors affecting the property

II.6. Monitoring

II.7. Conclusions and recommended action

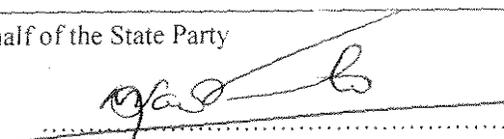
- a. Main conclusions regarding the state of the World Heritage values of the property (see items II.2. and II.3. above)
- b. Main conclusions regarding the management and factors affecting the property (see Items II.4 and II.5. above)
- c. Proposed future action/actions
- d. Responsible implementing agency/agencies
- e. Timeframe for implementation
- f. Needs for international assistance.

II.8. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise for Section II

II.9. Documentation attached

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II.1. Introduction

a.	Country (and State Party if different): Forest Department, Sri Lanka	001
b.	Name of World Heritage property: Sinharaja Forest Reserve	002
c.	<p>In order to locate the property precisely, please attach a topographic map showing scale, orientation, projection, datum, site name, date and graticule. The map should be an original print and not be trimmed. The site boundaries should be shown on the map. In addition they can be submitted in a detailed description, indicating topographic and other legally defined national, regional, or international boundaries followed by the site boundaries.</p> <p>The State Parties are encouraged to submit the geographic information in digital form so that it can be integrated into a Geographic Information System (GIS).</p> <p>On this questionnaire indicate the geographical co-ordinates to the nearest second (in the case of large sites, towns, areas etc., give at least 3 sets of geographical co-ordinates):</p> <p>Centre point:</p> <p>North-west corner: $6^{\circ}21' - 6^{\circ}26'N$</p> <p>South-east corner: $80^{\circ}21' - 80^{\circ}34'E$</p>	003
d.	<p>Give the date of inscription on the World Heritage List and subsequent extension (if applicable):</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>December 1988</i></p>	004
e.	<p>Organization(s) or entity(ies) responsible for the preparation of this report.</p> <p>Organization(s) / entity(ies): <i>Forest Department</i></p> <p>Person(s) responsible: <i>Conservator General of Forests</i></p> <p>Address: <i>Forest Department, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka.</i></p> <p>City and post code: <i>Battaramulla</i></p> <p>Telephone: <i>094-01-866616</i></p> <p>Fax: <i>094-01-866633</i></p> <p>E-mail: <i>Forest@slt.lk.</i></p>	005
f.	Date of preparation of the report: <i>15th September 2002</i>	006
g.	<p>Signature on behalf of the State Party</p> <p>Signature: </p> <p>Name: <i>M.P.A. U.S. Fernando</i></p> <p>Function: <i>Conservator General of Forests</i></p>	007

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II.2. Statement of significance

<p>At the time of inscribing a property on the World Heritage List, the World Heritage Committee indicates its outstanding universal value(s), or World Heritage value(s), by deciding on the criteria for which the property deserved to be included on the World Heritage List. Circle the criteria retained for the inscription: Cultural criteria: i – ii – iii – iv – v – vi Natural criteria: <u>i – ii – iii – iv</u></p> <p>Were new criteria added by re-nominating and/or extending the property after the original inscription? YES/ NO</p> <p>If YES, please explain: _____</p>	<p>008</p> <p>009</p> <p>010</p>
<p>Please quote observations concerning the property made by the Advisory Body(ies) during the evaluation of the nomination:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Not known</i></p> <p>Quote the decisions and observations / recommendations, if appropriate, made by the World Heritage Committee at the time of inscription and extension (if applicable):</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Not available</i></p>	<p>011</p> <p>012</p>
<p>Identify the actions taken as follow-up to these observations and/or decisions:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p>	<p>013</p>

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II.2. continued

	<p>Please propose a statement of significance by providing a description of the World Heritage value(s) for which the property was inscribed on the World Heritage List. This description should reflect the criterion (criteria) on the basis of which the Committee inscribed the property on the World Heritage List and it should also detail what the property represents, what makes it outstanding, what the specific values are that distinguish the property as well as what its relationship with its setting is, etc.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>It is speculated that the Sinharaja Flora is a relics of Gondwana Land, presence of a Sinharaja basis zone, a significant geological feature.</i> • <i>Sinharaja Forest Reserve is a Tropical humid evergreen rain forest 11,187ha in extent has high biodiversit. and last remaining relatively undisturbed forest in Sri Lanka.</i> • <i>According to the recent research, outof 177 woody trees and lianas found in Sinharaja 125 (70%) were endemic. In some families eg: Dipterocarpaceae endemism is greater than 90%.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Apart from the high level of endemism, detailed floristic studies have shown that each area has its unique features and that is not a representative of a entire forest.</i> - <i>Faunal endemism also exceeds 50%.</i> 	
	<p>For the extension of a property or the inclusion of additional criteria a re-submission of the property may be considered. This might be regarded as necessary in order to recognize cultural values of a natural World Heritage property, or vice-versa, become desirable following the substantive revision of the criteria by the World Heritage Committee or due to better identification or knowledge of specific outstanding universal values of the property. Should a re-nomination of the property be considered? YES / NO</p> <p>If YES, please explain:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p>	<p>015</p> <p>016</p>
	<p>Are the borders of the World Heritage property and its buffer zone (still) adequate to ensure the protection and conservation of the property's World Heritage values: YES / NO</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Buffer zone has not been identified yet.....</i></p>	<p>017</p>
	<p>If NO, please explain why not, and indicate what changes should be made to the boundaries of the property and / or its buffer zone (please indicate these changes also on a map to be attached to this report):</p> <p><i>Buffer zone will be established after the next review of Sinharaja scheduled in this year.</i></p>	<p>018</p>

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II.2. continued

	Is the State Party actively considering a revision of the property boundaries or the buffer zone? YES / NO	019
	If YES, indicate what is being done to that end: <i>A joining forest of 2259ha have been included to the World Heritage in 1992. Therefore surveying, redefinition and demarcation of boundary will be done in this year (2002).</i> <i>Buffer zone will be able to established after the proposed review carried out by the Forest Department with the Assistance of UNESCO.</i>	020

II.3. Statement of authenticity / integrity

	Have the World Heritage values identified above been maintained since the property's inscription? YES / NO	021
	If NO, please describe the changes and name the causes: <hr style="width: 10%; margin: 20px auto;"/>	022
	What was the evaluation of the authenticity / integrity of the property at the time of inscription? (Please quote from the ICOMOS / IUCN evaluation):	023
	<i>IUCN evaluation sheet submit with the nomination in 1988 has recommended that the Sinharaja with its strong focus on research and training and involvement of traditional users, is an ideal biosphere reserve and also meets two criteria for World Heritage Listing.</i>	

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II.3. continued

Have there been changes in the authenticity / integrity since inscription? YES / NO	024
If YES, please describe the changes to the authenticity / integrity and name the main causes?	025
Are there (further) changes foreseeable to the authenticity / integrity of the property in the near future? YES / NO	026
If YES, please explain and indicate how these changes might affect the World Heritage values of the property:	027

II.4. Management

How could the arrangements for the protection and the management of the property best be defined (more than one indication possible)?	028
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Legal (✓)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Contractual ()</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Traditional (✓)</p>	

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<p>Please describe and assess the implementation and effectiveness of these arrangements for the preservation of the values described under item II.2 at the national, provincial and/or municipal level:</p> <p><i>Until now this forest reserve was conserved and protected without any considerable drawback. Local level institutions ; state as well as Non Governmental and Community Base Organizations were actively participated in implementing such activities.</i></p> <p>In general terms, can this legislative, contractual and/or traditional protection be considered sufficient? YES / NQ</p> <p>Please explain:</p> <p><i>Available legislative inactments are strengthen enough and provide satisfactory legal coverage. Addition to that well trained field staff has been assigned to carrying out the protection activities with the participation of local communities.</i></p>	<p>029</p> <p>030</p> <p>031</p>
<p>Provide a list and summaries of laws and regulations concerning cultural and natural properties protection and management (including extracts of relevant articles from the Constitution, Criminal Law, Law/Regulations on Land-use, Environment Law and Forestry Law, amongst others). Please also attach any documentation available concerning these points:</p> <p><i>1907 – Forest Ordinance (No 16)</i></p> <p><i>1988 – National Heritage Wilderness areas Act No3.</i></p> <p><i>1937 – Fauna & Flora protection Ordinance (No 2)</i></p>	<p>032</p>

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<p>Describe the administrative and management arrangements that are in place for the property concerned, making special mention of the institutions and organizations that have management authority over the property as well as of the arrangements that are in place for the coordination of their actions:</p> <p><i>World Heritage area is directly managed by the Forest Department. Divisional Forest Officer in charge of the Division which World Heritage site where located is given full authority for management and protection. Under the Divisional Forest Officer well experienced Senior Forest Officer has assigned as an Officer in charge of Sinharaja.</i></p>	033
<p>Please indicate under which level of authority the property is managed:</p> <p>Local (✓) Regional (✓) National (✓) Other (please describe):</p>	034
<p>Please provide the full name, address and phone/fax/e-mail of the entity(ies) directly responsible for the management (conservation, preservation, visitor management) of the property:</p> <p><i>Mr. P.A.G.S. Nanda Kumara Divisional Forest Officer Divisional Forest Office Rathnapura TP No - 0094-45-22171</i></p>	035
<p>Is it necessary to revise the administrative and management arrangements for the property? YES / NO</p>	036
<p>If YES, explain why this is the case:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—</p>	037

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II.4. continued

	<p>Is there a management plan for the property? YES / NO</p>	038
	<p>If YES, please summarize, indicating if the plan is being implemented and since when:</p> <p><i>There are two management plans which were prepared in 1986 and 1992, they have mainly recommended activities such as Boundary demarcation, Research, Buffer zone management, Awareness creation and participatory management. Since then those activities have been carried out effectively.</i></p>	039
	<p>Please report on legal and administrative actions that are foreseen for the future, to preserve the values described under item II.2 (e.g. passing of legislation, adjusting administrative and management arrangements, implementing or drawing up of a (new) management plan, etc.):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>At present Forest Ordinance is under the process of amendment</i> - <i>Present status of the Sinharaja will also be review and new management plan will be prepared.</i> 	040

	<p>Please provide detailed information, particularly in cases where changes have occurred since the inscription of the property, on the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Conservation</u> Make reference to all major interventions at the property and describe its present state of conservation: • <i>Bio-diversity survey, Enrichment of degraded areas, Reforestation of adjoining areas, acquiring of private land in Sinharaja, incorporating of other forest areas in the periphery and within the reserve. Declare as National Heritage Wilderness Area and passing new legislative inactment namely National Heritage Wilderness Area Act specially for conservation of unique habitats are some of the intervention made for conservation of this forest.</i> 	041
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ownership</u> Make reference to all major changes in ownership of the property and describe the present state of ownership: <p><i>Whole property is owned by Forest Department (state).</i></p>	042
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	<p>Please, give a detailed description of the staffing of the site:</p> <p><i>Forest Reserve is in charge by senior Forest Officer, (Forester) and look after by 6 Range Forest Officers, 11 Beat Forest Officers, and 8 Field Assistants.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, 20 field guides are available at three visitors centers at Kudawa, Pitadeniya and Morningside.</i></p>	043
	<p>Is the staffing level sufficient for adequate management of the property? YES / NO</p>	044
	<p>If NO, what should be done to improve the situation?</p>	045

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Does the staff need additional training?	YES / NO	046
If YES, what are the training needs for your staff?		047
<i>Social Forestry, Participatory Management, Protected Area and Buffer Zone Management, Eco tourism and Recreation.</i>		

Describe the funding and financial situation of the property, indication sources, level and regularity of financing:		048
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Annually Forest Department is allocating about Rs. 1 million (US\$ 10500) received from the treasury.</i> • <i>Addition to that US\$ 1 million has allocated under the South West Rain Forest Conservation Project of UNDP and Global Environmental Facility Programme to develop and upgrade the infrastructure and logistic facilities.</i> 		
Is the available funding sufficient for adequate management of the property?	YES / NO	049
<i>Donor assistance.</i>		050

Indicate International Assistance from which the property has benefited:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Heritage Fund: <p style="text-align: center;">—</p>		051

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II.4. continued

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNESCO International Campaign: 	052
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and/or regional projects of UNDP, the World Bank or other agencies: <i>UNDP (GEF) medium grant scheme (year 2000 – 2004)</i> 	053
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilateral co-operation: 	054
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other assistance: <i>NORAD (year 1992 – 1997)</i> 	055

<p>Describe the IT (computer) equipment of the site and/or management office and assess its effectiveness:</p> <p><i>Although office has been established no computer or any other communication equipments are available.</i></p>	056
<p>Are you using (multiple indications are possible): <i>PCs are used at Divisional Forest Officers Office.</i></p> <p>PC (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Apple (<input type="checkbox"/>) Mainframe (<input type="checkbox"/>)</p>	057
<p>Please, give the number of available computers: 01</p>	058
<p>Does an operational access to the Internet exist? — YES / NO</p>	059

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II.4. continued

	Is e-mail used for daily correspondence? YES / NO	060
	Is there a Geographical Information System (GIS) for the site? If YES, what software do you have and how is the GIS used? _____	061 062

	List scientific studies and research programmes that have been conducted concerning the site: <i>Accelerated Conservation Review - 1992</i> <i>National Conservation Review - 1996</i> <i>(Both these are biodiversity and hydrological surveys to assess the conservation value of forests) In addition many research programmes have been conducted by national and international researchers and published at large number of symposiums.</i>	063
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	Describe financial and human resource inputs for the research programmes and or facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>NORAD / IUCN</i> • <i>Forest Department</i> • <i>Other researches from local and foreign universities.</i> 	064
	Describe how the information / results are disseminated? <i>Through National Reports and publications</i>	065

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II.4. continued

<p>Are there any visitor statistics for the site? YES / NO</p>	066
<p>If YES, please summarise the statistics and attach to this report:</p>	067
<p><i>Local Adults - 9327 (in year 2000)</i></p>	
<p><i>School Children - 12099 - do-</i></p>	
<p><i>Foreigners - 2260 -do-</i></p>	
<p><i>Only part of the visitors have recorded. Actual figure would be more than that.</i></p>	
<p>What visitor facilities do you have at the property?</p>	068
<p><i>03 Nos Dormitory to provide accommodation for 30,25 and 12 respectively</i></p>	
<p><i>03 Nos Lodge to accommodate 22, 8 and 5 persons</i></p>	
<p><i>01 No Information Centre</i></p>	
<p><i>20 Nos Guides</i></p>	
<p><i>01 No research centre</i></p>	
<p>What visitor facilities are you in need of?</p>	069
<p><i>02 Nos. Information Centers</i></p>	
<p><i>02 Nos. Dormitories</i></p>	
<p><i>04 No Lodges</i></p>	
<p><i>10 Nos Guides</i></p>	
<p>Is a public use plan (tourism / visitor management plan) in existence for the property? YES / NO</p>	070

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II.4. continued

	<p>If YES, please summarize, if NO explain if one is needed:</p> <p><i>Presently it is not considered as a priority requirement</i></p>	071
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	<p>Indicate how the property's World Heritage values are communicated to residents, visitors and the public (please attach examples of leaflets, videos, posters etc. and print-outs and/or the address of a web-page):</p> <p><i>By lectures and information materials such as vedio films, slide shows, posters, leaflets, brochures, booklets are provided at the information center.</i></p>	072
	<p>Are there educational programmes concerning the property aimed at schools? YES / NO</p> <p>If yes, please describe:</p> <p><i>Lectures, Seminars, competitions and Video shows are conducted at the selected schools in the buffer zone and other areas.</i></p>	073 074

	<p>What role does World Heritage inscription play for the site concerning the visitor number, the research programmes and/or the awareness building activities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has given a wide publicity and highest attention by National and International Medias. • Number of Visitors, research programmes, and attention for protection related issues have been increased in a great extent as a result of inscription. 	075
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II.5. Factors affecting the property

<p>Please comment on the degree to which the property is threatened by particular problems and risks, such as development pressure, environmental pressure, natural disasters and preparedness, visitor / tourism pressure, number of inhabitants. Also mention all other issues that you see as problematic.</p> <p><i>(a) Development pressure has been observed in the buffer zone.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• Some villages in the buffer zone tend to expand their agricultural lands particularly tea cultivation into the reserve.</i><i>• Some state lands already identified for the buffer zone have been pressurized by the private sector for many other enterprises.</i> <p><i>(b) During the recent past number of visitors to Sinharaja Reserve have been increased considerably; most of them are (local) school children. Over visitation would be an issue in the near future.</i></p>	076
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II.5. continued

	<p>Is there an emergency plan and / or risk preparedness plan for the property in existence? YES / NO</p> <p>If YES, please summarise the plan and provide a copy:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p>If NO, describe what is being done – and by whom – to counteract the dangers that threaten or may threaten the property:</p> <p><i>Protection measures have been strengthened.</i></p>	<p>077</p> <p>078</p> <p>079</p>
	<p>Indicate areas where improvement would be desirable and/or towards which the State Party is working:</p> <p><i>Currently Forest Department is working for improvement of visitor facilities. A group of field officers are available to prevent any illegal activities.</i></p>	<p>080</p>

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II.5. continued

	<p>Give an indication if the impact of the factors affecting the property is increasing or decreasing:</p> <p><i>Impact of over visitation is slightly increasing. This may create adverse impacts in the future.</i></p>	081
	<p>What actions have been effectively taken, or are planned for the future, to address the factors affecting the property?</p> <p><i>The other Tropical Rain Forest in the close proximity (Kanneliya Forest Reserve) to Sinharaja has been identified to provide visitor facilities. This will reduce the pressure by visitors to Sinharaja Reserve.</i></p>	082

II.6. Monitoring

	<p>If applicable, give details (e.g. dates, results, indicators chosen) of any previous periodic or reactive monitoring exercises of the property:</p> <p><i>(a) Information on No. of visitors, income generation and buffer zone activities are monitored in each year.</i></p> <p><i>(b) National Steering Committee operated in the past was monitoring the progress of management activities.</i></p>	083
	<p>Is there a formal monitoring system established for the site? YES / NO</p>	084
	<p>If YES, please give details of its organization:</p> <p><i>Monthly and Annual progress reports have to be submitted by Divisional Forest Officer. Addition to that progress review meeting held at Divisional level will also monitor activities.</i></p>	085

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II.6. continued

<p>If not already in place, is the establishment of a formal monitoring system planned? YES / NO</p> <p>If YES, please outline the functioning of that system, taking into consideration the key indicators you will be asked to define below (see 089 / 090):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p>	<p>086</p> <p>087</p>
<p>Are there any indicators established for monitoring the state of conservation of the property? YES / NO</p> <p>If YES, please provide up-to-date information with respect to each of the key indicators established and/or used. Care should be taken to ensure that this information is as accurate and reliable as possible, for example by carrying out observations in the same way, using similar equipment and methods at the same time of the year and day. Name and describe the key indicators for measuring the state of conservation of this property:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____</p>	<p>088</p> <p>089</p>
<p>If NO indicators have been identified and / or used so far, please define key indicators for future use in monitoring:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(1) <i>No of visitors</i> (2) <i>No of complaints and suggestions</i> (3) <i>No of encroachments</i> (4) <i>No of other illegal activities</i> (5) <i>No of research programmes</i></p>	<p>090</p>

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<p>Indicate which partners, if any, are involved or will be involved in the regular monitoring exercise:</p> <p><i>Regional staff of the Forest Department and community Based Organizations (CBOs)</i></p>	091
<p>Identify the administrative provisions for organizing the regular monitoring of the property:</p> <p><i>Deputy Conservator (Envt. Mgt) based at Head Quarters of the Forest Department has been assigned for management of protected areas including the World Heritage Site.</i></p>	092
<p>Describe what improvement the State Party foresees or would consider desirable in improving the monitoring system:</p> <p><i>A Regional Forest Office has established and Regional Deputy Conservator has been assigned to monitor the field activities.</i></p>	093
<p>In specific cases, the World Heritage Committee and/or its Bureau may have already examined the state of conservation of the property and made recommendations to the State Party, either at the time of inscription or afterwards. In such cases the State Party is requested to report on the actions that have been taken in response to the observations or decisions made by the Bureau or Committee. Give details, if applicable:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—</p>	094

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II.7. Conclusions and recommended actions

<p>Please summarize the main conclusions regarding the state of the World Heritage values of the property (see items II.2. and II.3. above):</p> <p><i>World Heritage values are becoming more and more important with the denudation of natural resources in the other areas of the region. More scientific researches have to carry out covering all other disciplines such as social forestry, Ethno botany etc.</i></p>	095
<p>Please summarize the main conclusions regarding the management and factors affecting the property (see items II.4. and II.5. above):</p> <p><i>Present management system has satisfactorily arrested the undesirable impacts</i></p>	096
<p>Give an overview over proposed future action / actions:</p> <p><i>a) Redemarcation of boundaries</i> <i>b) Strengthening and capacity development of CBOs and mobilize for participatory management</i> <i>c) Training of department staff</i> <i>d) Improvement of visitor facilities</i></p>	097
<p>Name the agency responsible for implementation of these actions (if different from 005):</p> <p><i>Forest Department</i></p>	098
<p>Give a timeframe for the implementation of the actions described above:</p> <p><i>Next 5 yrs</i></p>	099

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<p>Indicate for which of the planned activities International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund may be needed (if any):</p> <p><i>Capacity development of the staff of the Forest Department, infrastructure development and upgrading of visitor facilities.</i></p>	100
<p>Are there any contacts with management units of other properties within or outside your country? YES / NO</p>	101
<p>If YES, please explain:</p> <p><i>It has close connection with UNESCO MAB programme and Protected Area Network</i></p>	102
<p>Please indicate which experience made during the periodic reporting exercise and/or during the on-going conservation / protection efforts of the property could be shared with other States Parties dealing with similar problems or issues:</p> <p><i>Participatory Management</i></p> <p><i>Buffer zone development activities</i></p>	103
<p>Provide the name(s) and address(es) of organization(s) or specialist(s) who could be contacted for this purpose:</p> <p>Agency / Organization: Forest Department</p> <p>Person responsible: Deputy Conservator of Forests (Envt Mgt)</p> <p>Address: Forest Department, Rajamalwatta Road, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka</p> <p>City and post code: Battaramulla</p> <p>Telephone: 0094-1-866634</p> <p>Fax: 0094-1-866633</p> <p>E-mail: emdiv@slt.net.lk</p>	104

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II.8. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise for Section II

<p>Was sufficient and adequate information made available to the responsible authorities and individuals during the preparation phase of the Periodic Reporting exercise (information given, meetings etc.)?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>yes</i></p>	<p>105</p>
<p>Was the questionnaire clear and did it help to comply with the reporting requirements of the State Party?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>yes</i></p>	<p>106</p>
<p>What are the perceived benefits and lessons learnt of the exercise?</p> <p><i>Maintaining of the implementation of conservation activities.</i></p>	<p>107</p>
<p>Please describe the expected outcome of the Periodic Reporting exercise and the desired follow-up by the World Heritage Committee:</p> <p><i>Improvement of monitoring system</i> <i>Develop strategy for capacity development of forest officer</i></p>	<p>108</p>

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II.9. Documentation attached

The State Party is invited to supply the materials listed below. Please check those items that were attached.

1. (✓) Maps and plans showing the general location of the property, its boundary and buffer zone as well as the necessary detail of the property itself (see question 003 for specifications)
2. (✓) Photo of general view (aerial view) of the property
3. (✓) Illustrations of the state of conservation of the site (photographs, slides and, if available, film/videos)
4. (✓) Details of the important aspects of the property (landscapes, animal and vegetable species, monuments etc.)
5. (✓) Photos illustrating the main threats to the site and its surroundings
6. (✓) Extracts of relevant laws and regulations concerning the protection of cultural and natural heritage at national, provincial and municipal levels
7. (✓) Copies of the management plan of the site as well as extracts and/or copies of other plans relating to the site (e.g. emergency plan, use plan, etc.)
8. (✓) Indicative bibliography

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