

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Elephanta Caves

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- India

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

244rev


Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1987

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Elephanta Caves	18.967 / 72.936	0	0	0	1987
Total (ha)		0			

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Site Plan of Elephanta Caves (Island)	29/12/1986	

Comment

The new updated map of Elephanta caves with its location in the island has been prepared by the Mumbai Circle office, ASI and the Retrospective Inventory Project, Clarification of Boundary is in progress.

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

Mumbai Circle Archaeological Survey of India Government of India Ministry of Culture

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Superintending Archaeologist
Archaeological Survey of India

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. 1001wonders.org : visit this site in [panophotographies - 360 x 180 degree images](#)
2. [The Official Website of Ministry of Tourism](#)

Comment

The special website for the Elephanta caves does not exist. Information about the Elephanta caves can be found at the official website of Archaeological Survey of India, www.asi.nic.in

1.8 - Other designations / Conventions under which the property is protected (if applicable)

Comment

The property is mainly protected by the Archaeological Survey of India and the management of the Elephanta Caves is done by the Archaeological Survey of India with the assistance of other department viz. Forest Department, Tourism department, MMRDA, Urban development, Town Planning Department

and Gram Panchayat of Government of Maharashtra through the various legislations respective departments like AMASR Act 1958 and Rules 1959 and thereafter AMASR (Amendment and Validsation) Act 2010.

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

Draft RSOUV has been submitted by State Party to the World Heritage Centre for adoption by the World Heritage Committee.

2.2 - The criteria (2005 revised version) under which the property was inscribed

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2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

CRITERIA I: caves were broadly constructed approximately in mid between of 5th to 6th c. A.D. In the entire sculptural representation, the 7 meter heighted master piece "Sadashiva" dominates the entire scenario, which according to scholars represents three aspects of Shiva i.e. the Creator, Preserver and Destroyer and are identified with Aghora or Bhairava (left half), Taptapurusha or Mahadeva (central full face) and Vamadeva or Uma (right half). Besides with this central on, representations of Nataraja, Yogishvara, Andhakasuravadha, Ardhanarishwara, Kalyanasundaramurti, Gangadharamurti, Ravanaanugrahamurti are too noteworthy in their form, dimension, theme, representation, content, alignment and execution. CRITERIA III: The well preserved architectural plan, components of the cave viz. pattern of pillar, decoration thereon, depiction of motifs, poses of sculptures, ornamentation, dressing pattern in the sculptures and depiction of religious theme on lord Shiva in different mood represents a specific art characteristic prevailed during Vakataka period in Deccan.

2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised

Not applicable.

2.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

Please refer question 2.3

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

Name	Impact	Origin				
3.1	Buildings and Development					
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities						
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.3 Marine transport infrastructure						
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.2 Renewable energy facilities						
3.3.3 Non-renewable energy facilities						
3.3.4 Localised utilities						
3.3.5 Major linear utilities						
3.6	Physical resource extraction					
3.6.4 Water (extraction)						
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1 Wind						
3.7.2 Relative humidity						
3.7.3 Temperature						
3.7.4 Radiation/light						
3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)						
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.1 Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses						
3.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage						
3.8.4 Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system						
3.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community						
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation						
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.1 Illegal activities						
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.7 Other climate change impacts						
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.2 Earthquake						
3.11.3 Tsunami/tidal wave						
3.11.6 Fire (wildfires)						
3.13	Management and institutional factors					
3.13.1 Low impact research / monitoring activities						
3.13.2 High impact research / monitoring activities						
3.13.3 Management activities						
Legend	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend	
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.3	Non-renewable energy facilities	restricted	on-going	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1	Wind	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.7.2	Relative humidity	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7.3	Temperature	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7.4	Radiation/light	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	localised	frequent	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system	restricted	one off or rare	minor	medium capacity	static
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	localised	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.1	Illegal activities	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.7	Other climate change impacts	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static

3.17. Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to factors affecting the property

3.17.1 - Comments

Most of the peasants have left their original traditional occupation like agriculture, cattle rearing and fishing and have become vendors since the site is a popular tourist destination.

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is a buffer zone

4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **known** by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

4.1.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

4.2. Protective Measures

4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional)

The monument is governed under various Acts and Rules passed by the Parliament of India. These legislations were passed during different periods upon the requirements and it encompasses all requirements for the proper safeguard of the monuments. These Acts and Rules include Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites & Remains Act 1958; Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites & Remains Rules 1959; Antiquities and Art Treasures Act 1972; Antiquities and Art Treasures Rules 1973 and the subsequent amendments.

The other laws and regulations of the State Government of Maharashtra and Forest Department like The Indian Forest Act, 1927, Bombay Forest Rules 1947, Maharashtra Tree Felling Act 1967, Wildlife Protection Act 1972, Forest Conservation Act 1980, The Maharashtra

Regional and Town Planning Act, 1966, Heritage Regulations for Greater Bombay 1995, etc also have certain provisions for control of illegal activities in the area in which the monument is located. Elephanta Island (Protected Monument) Rules, 1957 which prohibits mining, quarrying, blasting, excavation or other operation nearby the monument and in a notification in 1985 the area all around the protected monument and an area 1 km from the shore were declared as prohibited areas. The local governments are entrusted with the law and order problem and are bound by the legislations passed by the Parliament.

4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides an **adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides an **adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone provides an **adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity

4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?

There is **acceptable** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies remain

4.2.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to protective measures

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

4.3.2 - Management Documents

4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional / provincial / state; local / municipal etc.) coordinate in the management of the World Heritage Property ?

There is coordination between the range of administrative bodies / levels involved in the management of the property **but it could be improved**

4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value ?

The management system / plan is **fully adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is being **fully** implemented and monitored

4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?

An annual work / action plan exists and **many activities** are being implemented

4.3.7 - Please rate the cooperation / relationship with World Heritage property managers / coordinators / staff of the following

Local communities / residents	Fair
Local / Municipal authorities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Fair
Landowners	Fair
Visitors	Fair
Researchers	Fair
Tourism industry	Fair
Industry	Fair

4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

Local communities have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role in management

4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

Indigenous peoples have **no input** into decisions relating to the management

4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?

There is contact but only **some cooperation** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

4.3.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

Management plan of the site was prepared by INTACH at the behest of Archaeological Survey of India but it is yet to be implemented.

4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional





protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report

4.4. Financial and Human Resources

4.4.1 - Costs related to conservation, based on the average of last five years (relative percentage of the funding sources)

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	100%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

4.4.2 - International Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)

Title	Year	Amount	Link to source
C, Grottes Eléphant, entretien	1994	10000.00	
Site management workshop in Elephanta Caves	1998	10000.00	
Technical Co-operation for enhanced management of the Elephanta Caves	1998	20000.00	
On-site promotion for Elephanta Caves	1998	5000.00	
Total		45000	

4.4.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?

The available budget is **sufficient** but further funding would enable more effective management to international best practice standard

4.4.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?

The existing sources of funding **are secure** in the medium-term and planning is underway to secure funding in the long-term

4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?

There is a **major flow** of economic benefits to local communities from activities in and around the World Heritage property

4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?

There are **some** equipment and facilities but overall these are **inadequate**

4.4.7 - Are resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure adequately maintained?

There is **basic** maintenance of equipment and facilities

4.4.8 - Comments, conclusion, and / or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure

4.4.9 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Full-time	70%
Part-time	30%

4.4.10 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Permanent	70%
Seasonal	30%

4.4.11 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Paid	100%
Volunteer	

4.4.12 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?

A range of human resources exist, but these are **below optimum** to manage the World Heritage Property.

4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Non-existent
Promotion	Non-existent
Community outreach	Non-existent
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Fair
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Fair
Tourism	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Non-existent

4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Not available
Promotion	Not available
Community outreach	Not available
Interpretation	Not available
Education	Not available
Visitor management	Not available
Conservation	Not available
Administration	Not available
Risk preparedness	Not available
Tourism	Not available
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not available

4.4.15 - Do the management and conservation programmes at the World Heritage property help develop local expertise?

A capacity development plan or programme is drafted or in place, but is **not being implemented**

4.4.16 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

4.5.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for most key areas **but there are gaps**

4.5.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is **no research** taking place in the World Heritage property despite an identified need

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **not shared** at any level

4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report

4.5.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to scientific studies and research projects

The site is very much potential for future research, explorations and excavations.

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?

In **one location and easily visible** to visitors

4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups

Local communities / residents	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Average
Local Indigenous peoples	Average
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Excellent
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Average

4.6.3 - Is there a planned education and awareness programme linked to the values and management of the World Heritage property?

There is a **planned and effective** education and awareness programme that contributes to the protection of the World Heritage property

4.6.4 - What role, if any, has designation as a World Heritage property played with respect to education, information and awareness building activities?

World Heritage status has been an **important influence** on education, information and awareness building activities

4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is adequately presented and interpreted **but improvements could be made**

4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property

Visitor centre	Adequate
Site museum	Excellent
Information booths	Adequate
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Excellent
Transportation facilities	Adequate
Other	Not provided but needed

4.6.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to education, information and awareness building

4.7. Visitor Management

4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years

Last year	Major Increase (100%+)
Two years ago	Major Increase (100%+)
Three years ago	Major Increase (100%+)
Four years ago	Major Increase (100%+)
Five years ago	Major Increase (100%+)

4.7.2 - What information sources are used to collect trend data on visitor statistics?

Entry tickets and registries

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

There are no visitor management documents at the site. However, Visitor books are available at ticket booths.

4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **not being actively managed** despite an identified need

4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?

Although the tourism industry is active in the property, there is **little or no contact** between tourism operators and those responsible for the World Heritage property

4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?

The fee is collected, but it makes **no contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property

4.8. Monitoring

4.8.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is a **small amount** of monitoring, but it is not planned

4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?

There is **little or no information available** on the values of the World Heritage property to define key indicators

4.8.3 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Average
Local / Municipal authorities	Average
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Average
Industry	Average
Local indigenous peoples	Average

4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee

4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.3 Services Infrastructures						
3.3.3	Non-renewable energy facilities	No Criteria is affected.	Not applicable.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.
3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	No Criteria is affected.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage	Not affecting criteria.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	Not affecting criteria.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	Not affecting criteria.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.
3.10 Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.7	Other climate change impacts					

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.4 Financial and Human Resources						
	Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.4.6	Inadequate equipment and facilities	N/A	N/A	Archaeological Survey of India	No comment	
4.4.15	Capacity development plan not implemented	The Management Plan is prepared.	N/A	Archaeology Survey of India	No comments	
4.5 Scientific Studies and Research Projects						
4.5.2	There is no research taking place in the property	N/A	N/A	None	Researchers may be enchoaraged to carry out studies	
4.7 Visitor Management						
4.7.5	There is little or no contact with the tourism industry	N/A	N/A	Archaeology Survey of India	No comments	
4.8 Monitoring						
4.8.1	Some monitoring, but it is not planned	None yet	N/A	Archaeological Survey of India	No comment	
4.8.2	Little or no information to define key indicators	None yet	N/A	Archaeological Survey of India	No comment	

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **preserved**

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is **intact**

5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.4.1 - Comments

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

Conservation	Positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Very positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Not applicable
Political support for conservation	Not applicable
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Not applicable
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

6.2 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to World Heritage status

6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff

6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?

yes

6.5 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire

Time to time workshops may be organized for good improvement of this periodic reporting questionnaire.

6.6 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire from the following entities

UNESCO	Good
State Party Representative	Good
Advisory Body	Good

6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

Most of the required information was accessible

6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following

The World Heritage Convention
The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and / or Authenticity
The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value

6.9 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

UNESCO	None
State Party	None
Site Managers	None
Advisory Bodies	None

6.10 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee

• Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

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• Map(s)

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6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise

All the points related to the World Heritage Property has been covered appropriately in the Periodic Reporting Exercise.