1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party
Bangladesh

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention
03/08/1983
Comment
09/03/1988

1.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of Section I of the Periodic Reporting

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage
UNESCO National Commission
World Heritage property managers/coordinators

1.4 - Primary government authorities responsible for the implementation of the Convention

- Tapon Kumar Dey
  Government of Bangladesh
  Conservator of Forest
  Forest Department

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Comment

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1.5 - Other key institutions responsible

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1.6 - Comments

2. Inventories / lists / registers for cultural and natural heritage

2.1 - Cultural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	Process commenced
Regional / provincial / state	Process commenced
Local	Process commenced
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Not applicable

2.2 - Natural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	Process commenced
Regional / provincial / state	Not applicable
Local	Not applicable
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Not applicable

2.3 - Are inventories/lists/registers adequate to capture the diversity of cultural and natural heritage in the State Party?
Inventories/lists/registers capture some of the diversity of cultural and natural heritage.

2.4 - Are inventories / lists / registers used to protect the identified <u>cultural</u> heritage?
Inventories / lists / registers are sometimes used for the protection of cultural heritage.

2.5 - Are inventories / lists / registers used to protect the identified <u>natural</u> heritage?
Inventories / lists / registers are sometimes used for the protection of natural heritage.

2.6 - Are inventories / lists / registers used for the identification of properties for the Tentative List?
Inventories / lists / registers are frequently used for the identification of potential World Heritage Properties.

2.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to inventories / lists / registers of cultural and natural heritage (questions 2.1 to 2.6)

3. Tentative List

3.1 - Potential future nominations (Property name / anticipated year of nomination)

Mahansthangarh and its Environs / Not known /
The Lalmai-Mainamoti group of monuments / Not known /
Lalbagh fort / Not known /
Halud Vihara / Not knowm /
Jagaddal Vihara / Not knowm /

3.2 - Tools used for a preliminary assessment of the potential Outstanding Universal Value

UNESCO's Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List

3.3 - Level of involvement in the preparation of the Tentative List

National government institution(s)	Fair
Regional / provincial / state / government(s)	Not applicable
Local government(s)	Not applicable
Other government departments	Good
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Not applicable
Local communities / residents	Not applicable
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Not applicable
Local industries	Not applicable
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Not applicable
Consultants / experts	Not applicable
Site manager / coordinator(s)	Fair

3.4 - Was the authority(ies) listed in question 1.4 responsible for the approval and submission of the Tentative List?
Yes

3.5 - If not, what authority(ies) is responsible for the approval and submission of the Tentative List?

3.6 - Do you intend to update your Tentative List within the next six years?
Yes

3.7 - Comments

4. Nominations

4.1 - Property

Name	Date of submission	Status
Historic Mosque City of Bagerhat	1983-12-30	inscribed
Ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur	1983-12-30	inscribed
Mahasthangarh	1987-06-05	
Mahasthangarh and its Environs	1997-10-03	
Mainamati	1987-06-05	
Lalmai-Mainamati Group of Monuments	1997-10-03	
Lalbagh Fort	1987-06-05	
Chkota Sona Masjid	1987-06-05	
Bagha Mosque	1987-06-05	
Kantanagar Temple	1987-06-05	
Punthia Group of Temples	1987-06-05	
The Sundarbans	1996-05-30	inscribed

4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

National government institution(s)	Fair
Regional / provincial / state government(s)	Not applicable
Local government(s)	Not applicable
Other government departments	Fair
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Not applicable
Local communities / residents	Not applicable
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Not applicable
Local industries	Not applicable
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Not applicable
Consultants / experts	Fair
Site manager / coordinator	Fair

4.3 - Perceived benefits of inscribing properties on the World Heritage List

Strengthened protection of sites (legislative, regulatory, institutional and / or traditional)	Some benefit
Enhanced conservation practices	Some benefit
Catalyst for wider community appreciation of heritage	Limited benefit
Improved presentation of sites	Some benefit
Enhanced honour / prestige	Some benefit
Increased funding	Limited benefit
Additional tool for lobbying / political influence	Limited benefit
Stimulus for enhanced partnerships	Limited benefit
Increased recognition for tourism and public use	Some benefit
Stimulus for economic development in surrounding communities	Limited benefit

Others (please provide details in 4.4)	Not applicable

4.4 - Comments
We are searching experts for finalization of the Nomination dossiers.

5. General Policy Development

5.1 - Legislation
Comment
1. Article 15, 23, 24 of constitution of Bangladesh. Year 1972
2. The ancient monuments preservation Act, 1904 (1914) 3. The Antiquities Act,1968 (1976)

5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1
None /

5.3 - Comment

5.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulations) adequate for the identification, conservation and protection of the State Party's cultural and natural heritage?
The legal framework is adequate for the identification, conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

5.5 - Can the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulations) for the identification, conservation and protection of the State Party's cultural and natural heritage be enforced?
Existing capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework could be strengthened.

5.6 - Other International Conventions adhered

5.7 - Implementation of International Conventions into national policies
There is limited coordination and integration.

5.8 - States Party's policies to give heritage a function in the life of communities
There are policies but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.

5.9 - Integration of heritage into comprehensive / larger scale planning programmes
There are policies but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.

5.10 - Comments

6. Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation

6.1 - To what degree do the principal agencies / institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage cooperate in the identification,

conservation, protection and presentation of this heritage?

There is some cooperation between the principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but improvements are possible.

6.2 - To what degree do other government agencies cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of natural and cultural heritage?

In general, cooperation exists between other government agencies and the principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but there are still deficiencies.

6.3 - To what degree do different levels of government cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of cultural and natural heritage?

In general, cooperation exists between different levels of government for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but there are still deficiencies.

6.4 - Are the services provided by the agencies / institutions adequate for the conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage properties in your country?

There is some capacity to conserve, protect and present World Heritage properties but significant deficiencies remain.

6.5 - Comments

7. Scientific and Technical Studies and Research

7.1 - Is there a research programme or project specifically for the benefit of World Heritage properties?

There is some research specifically addressing World Heritage.

7.2 - Research projects

- Excavation on Khanjahans residence,Bagehjat Mosque city. / 2007-8,2008-2009.
  local
  cultural
- Proceedings of international seminar on deliberation of an Archeological Research Strategy for Paharpur world heritage site and its environment / 20-25 March, 2004
  National
  Cultural

7.3 - Comments

Research works have been done by several universities and researchers several times and feedback was given to the Department of Archeology.

8. Financial Status and Human Resources

8.1 - Sources of funding

National government funds	Major source of sustained funding

Other levels of government (provincial, state, local)	Not applicable
International assistance from the World Heritage Fund	Minor source of fixed term funding
International multilateral funding (e.g. World Bank, IDB, European Union)	Minor source of fixed term funding
International bilateral funding (e.g. AFD, GTZ, DGCS, GEF, etc.)	Minor source of fixed term funding
NGOs (international and / or national)	Minor source of fixed term funding
Private sector funds	Not applicable
Other (Please specify in 8.6)	Not applicable

8.2 - Involvement of State Party in the establishment of foundations or associations for raising funds and donation for the protection of World Heritage

No

8.3 - National policies for the allocation of site revenues for conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage

Yes

8.4 - Is the current budget sufficient to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage effectively at the national level?

The available budget is inadequate for basic conservation, protection and presentation and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to conserve and protect cultural and natural heritage.

8.5 - Are available human resources adequate to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage effectively at the national level?

Human resources are inadequate for conservation, protection and presentation needs of cultural and natural heritage.

8.6 - Comments

9. Training

9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs

- UNESCO Dhaka Office / National / Both
  To train the site managers as well as concerned officers regarding periodic reporting and retrospective inventory

9.2 - Training needs

Conservation	High priority
Education	High priority
Promotion	Medium priority
Interpretation	Medium priority
Administration	Medium priority
Visitor management	High priority
Community outreach	Medium priority
Risk preparedness	High priority

Enforcement (custodians, police)	Medium priority
Other	Not applicable

9.3 - Does the State Party have a national training/ educational strategy to strengthen capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation?

There is no national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation but nonetheless this is being done on an ad hoc basis.

9.4 - Comments

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

Participation in other UN programmes
Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Sharing expertise for capacity building
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars
Distribution of material / information

10.2 - Twinned World Heritage properties with others

No

10.3 - Comments

11. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.1. Media used for World Heritage sites promotion

11.1.1 - Publications

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Regional
Local

11.1.2 - Films / TV

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional

11.1.3 - Media campaigns

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

11.1.4 - Internet

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional

11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

11.1.6 - World Heritage Day

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional

11.1.7 - Translation and diffusion of publications made available by the World Heritage Centre

Not applicable

11.1.8 - Other (please specify in 11.1.8)

Not applicable

11.1.9 - Comments

11.2. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.2.1 - Strategy to raise awareness among different stakeholders

There are strategies to raise awareness about conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage but there are some deficiencies in implementation.

11.2.2 - Level of general awareness

Private Sector	Fair
Youth	Poor
Communities living in/around heritage sites	Poor
Tourism industry	Fair
Decision makers and public officials	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Poor
General public	Fair

11.2.3 - Does the State Party participate in UNESCO's *World Heritage in Young Hands programme*?

The State Party does not participate in UNESCO's *World Heritage in Young Hands programme* but intends to do so.

11.2.4 - Level of frequency of activities

Courses for teachers for the use of the *World Heritage in Young Hands Kit*	Never
Courses/activities for students within the school programmes	Never
Youth Forums	Never
Skills-training courses for students	Never
Organized school visits to World Heritage properties/cultural and natural sites	Never
Activities linked to heritage within the framework of UNESCO Clubs/Associations	Never
Other (comment below)	Never

11.2.5 - Comments

12. Conclusions and Recommended Actions

12.1. State Party's implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*

12.1.1 - Identification of heritage

Identification of heritage
Inventories capture some of the diversity of cultural and natural heritage.
Inventories / lists / registers are frequently used for the identification of potential World Heritage Properties.

12.1.2 - National Inventories

National Inventories
National : Process commenced
Regional / provincial / state : Process commenced
National : Process commenced
Regional / provincial / state : Not applicable

12.1.3 - Tentative List

Tentative List
Yes

12.1.4 - Legal framework

Legal framework
Existing capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework could be strengthened.

12.1.5 - Implementation of international conventions within national policies

Implementation of international conventions within national policies

12.1.6 - Communities

Communities
Local communities / residents: Not applicable
Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: Not applicable
Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: Not applicable
Local communities / residents: Not applicable
Indigenous peoples: Not applicable
Landowners: Not applicable

12.1.7 - Larger-scale planning

Larger-scale planning
There are policies but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.

12.1.8 - Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation

Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation
In general, cooperation exists between different levels of government for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but there are still deficiencies.

12.1.9 - Scientific and Technical Studies and Research

Scientific and Technical Studies and Research
There is some research specifically addressing World Heritage.

12.1.10 - Financial status

Financial status
The available budget is inadequate for basic conservation, protection and presentation and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to conserve and protect cultural and natural heritage.

12.1.11 - Human resources

Human resources
Human resources are inadequate for conservation, protection and presentation needs of cultural and natural heritage.

12.1.12 - Training

Training
Ad hoc basis for national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation.

12.1.13 - International cooperation

International cooperation
Participation in other UN programmes
Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Sharing expertise for capacity building
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars
Distribution of material / information

12.1.14 - Education, Information and awareness building

Education, Information and awareness building
Private Sector : Fair
Youth : Poor
Communities living in/around heritage sites : Poor

12.2. Actions for the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* (identified from table 12.1).

12.2.1 - Please select the top issues (up to six)
Please refer to question 5.2

12.3. Priority Actions Assessment

12.3.2 - Priority actions assessment

2 Inventories / lists / registers for cultural and natural heritage						
		Action	Short description	Authority(ies) responsible	Timeframe	May this action require International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund?
2.3	**Inventories capture some of the diversity of cultural and natural heritage.**	Inventories capturing all diversity of cultural and natural heritage is to be done.		Department of Archeology and Forest Department	next six years	Yes
5 General Policy Development						
5.7	**There is limited coordination or integration of different legal instruments for the development of heritage conservation, protection and presentation policies.**	Coordination between different legal instruments is to be incresed		Government and Non government organizations.	next six years	no
9 Training						
9.3	**Ad hoc basis for national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation.**	Extensive training and support to be provided for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation		concerned Government and Non government organizations.	next six years	yes

12.3.3 - Additional actions for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention

Action plan is being developed

13. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

13.1 - Was the questionnaire easy to use and clear to understand?

Yes

13.2 - Please provide suggestions for improvement:

no suggestion

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

World Heritage Centre	Fair
UNESCO (other sectors)	Poor
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
ICOMOS International	Not applicable
IUCN International	Not applicable
ICCROM	Not applicable
ICOMOS national / regional	Not applicable
IUCN national / regional	Not applicable

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

Most required information was accessible

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

UNESCO	Good
Advisory Bodies	Not applicable
State Party	Fair
Site Managers	Fair

13.6 - Comments

14. Thank you