

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party

Fiji

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention

21/11/1990

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
ICOMOS national/regional
External experts

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

- Meretui Ratunabuabua

Principal Cultural Development Officer

1.5 - Other key institutions responsible

- Mrs Elizabeth Erasito
Director National Trust Fiji
National Trust of Fiji
Domain: Cultural and Natural
- Ms Sagale Buadromo
Director
Fiji Museum
Domain: Cultural
- Mr Jope Davetanivalu
Director
Department of Environment
Domain: Natural
- Mr Isoa Nasedra
Director
Institute of iTaukei Language and Culture
Domain: Cultural
- Adi Meretui Tuvou Ratunabuabua
Principal Cultural Development Officer
Department of National Heritage, Culture & Arts
Domain: Cultural, Natural

1.6 - Comments

A number of agencies are involved in WH conservation for natural and cultural heritage. Department of National Heritage, Culture and Arts is the national focal point for world heritage activities in Fiji through the newly established world heritage unit within the department National Heritage, Culture and Arts

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

2.1 - Cultural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	Process well-advanced
Regional / provincial / state	Process commenced
Local	Process commenced

Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Not applicable
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2.2 - Natural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	Process well-advanced
Regional / provincial / state	Process commenced
Local	Process well-advanced
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 cultural heritage?

Inventories / lists / registers are sometimes used for the protection of cultural heritage.

2.5 - Are inventories / lists / registers used to protect the identified natural heritage?

Inventories / lists / registers are frequently 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)

National Level -submitted nomination for Levuka in January 2011. Preparing and submitting nomination for 2nd site next period. 1) Review Tentative List for natural and cultural site by examining sites from cultural mapping and protected areas committee inventories 2) National workshop - NGO's, Chiefs, confederacies and government 3) Government – National sustainable development planning

3. Tentative List

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

Taveuni National / 2015 /
Sovi Basin / 2014 /

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

ICOMOS thematic studies
IUCN thematic studies
Meetings to harmonize Tentative Lists within your region
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)	Good
Regional / provincial / state / government(s)	Poor
Local government(s)	Fair
Other government departments	Good
UNESCO National Commission	Good
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Fair
Local communities / residents	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Fair
Landowners	Fair
Local industries	Fair
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Good
Consultants / experts	Good
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?

No

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

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

Yes

3.7 - Comments

There is room for improvement in this section through coordination and strengthening of the Fiji World Heritage Unit.

4. Nominations

4.1 - Property

Name	Date of submission	Status
Levuka Historical Port Town	2011-01-31	

4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

National government institution(s)	Good
Regional / provincial / state government(s)	Fair
Local government(s)	Fair
Other government departments	Fair
UNESCO National Commission	Good
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Good
Local communities / residents	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Good
Landowners	Good
Local industries	Fair
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Good
Consultants / experts	Good
Site manager / coordinator	Good

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

Strengthened protection of sites (legislative, regulatory, institutional and / or traditional)	High benefit
Enhanced conservation practices	High benefit
Catalyst for wider community appreciation of heritage	High benefit
Improved presentation of sites	High benefit
Enhanced honour / prestige	High benefit
Increased funding	High benefit
Additional tool for lobbying / political influence	High benefit
Stimulus for enhanced partnerships	High benefit
Increased recognition for tourism and public use	High benefit
Stimulus for economic development in surrounding communities	High benefit
Others (please provide details in 4.4)	Not applicable

4.4 - Comments

Levuka nomination under preparation submitted to the World Heritage Centre. The Ratification was initiated by the Department of local Government in 1994. Lack of resources, funding and changes in ministerial alignment for WH focus result in slow implementation. Only one site on the tentative list became the focus which is Levuka historical port town.

5. General Policy Development

5.1 - Legislation

Comment

Draft Fiji World Heritage decree submitted to World Heritage Centre on 31.1.2011 submitted to cabinet in March 2011. Awaiting legal vetting from the Fiji Solicitor General Office.

5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1

5.3 - Comment

The following legislations and regulations are used to protect sites of local and national significance namely: Fiji Museum Act 1940 Cap 263, Protection of Objects of Palaeontological Interest Act 264, and National Trust Act 1970 Cap 265 and Amendment Act 1999 Cabinet decision establishing the Fiji National Committee for World Heritage CP (03) 411, Cabinet decision creating the Department of Culture and Heritage CP (99) 368, Environment Management Act 2006, Town Planning Act 1946

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

Comment

Convention on Biodiversity (CBD 1992), Convention on combating desertification (CCD), Framework Convention on Climate Change (FCCC),

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

The existing policies often face challenges due to staff turnover and contract basis in implementing the conventions.

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

Communication strategy and capacity building is needed to address the areas highlighted.

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

- Timothy Hubbard - HJM Consultants PTY Ltd / 1994
Local
Cultural
www.true.local.com.au
Heritage conservation study of Heritage buildings in Levuka, Ovalau. Fiji
- Kieran Hosty & Paul Hundley- Australian National Maritime Museum / July - August 1998
Local
Cultural & Natural
www.anmm.gov.au
Maritime Archeological Investigation of the Port of Levuka
- Anita Smith- Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific / September 2004
National
Cultural and Natural
www.deakin.edu.au
Comparative Analysis of Levuka Historical Port Town to other Ports listed on UNESCO World Heritage List
- Margaret Purser, Dept. of Anthropology and Linguistics, Sonoma State University / 2005, 2008, 2009
Local
Cultural and Natural
www.sonoma.edu/
Artifact Identification of Archeological sites in Levuka and Levuka Cultural Landscape GIS Mapping,
- Anita Smith and Kevin L. Jones / December 2007
Regional
Cultural and Natural
www.icomos.org
ICOMOS Thematic Study - Cultural Landscapes of the Pacific Islands
- Integrated Approach to Participatory Development (iapad) / 2005, 2007(Winner for the World Summit Award 2007)
National
Cultural and Natural
<http://www.iapad.org/applications/plup/ovalau.htm>
Collaborative Spatial Information Management and Communication in the Pacific- developing resource management, tangible and intangible cultural heritage preservation and development plans.

7.3 - Comments

The research is mainly focused on the first world heritage site Levuka as listed. There also exists research on other sites on the tentative list. A research component is added onto the Fiji national world heritage policy.

8. Financial Status and Human Resources

8.1 - Sources of funding

National government funds	Major source of fixed term funding
Other levels of government (provincial, state, local)	Major source of fixed term funding
International assistance from the World Heritage Fund	Minor source of sustained funding
International multilateral funding (e.g. World Bank, IDB, European Union)	Minor source of sustained funding
International bilateral funding (e.g. AFD, GTZ, DGCS, GEF, etc.)	Major source of fixed term funding
NGOs (international and / or national)	Minor source of fixed term funding
Private sector funds	Minor source of sustained funding
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

Yes

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 acceptable but could be further improved to fully meet the conservation, protection and presentation needs.

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

A range of human resources exist, but they are below optimum to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage.

8.6 - Comments

Need for training and capacity building for site management, conservation and preservation of cultural and natural sites at all levels. Fiji has been strengthening the Pacific Island Museums Association and Icomos Pasifika in strengthening conservation efforts for capacity building in the region and through the university of the South Pacific and the SPC Regional culture and education strategy

9. Training

9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs

- University of the South Pacific / Regional / natural Pacific Island certificate in community conservation

- University of the South Pacific / Regional / Cultural cultural Heritage 100 level history units

9.2 - Training needs

Conservation	High priority
Education	High priority
Promotion	Medium priority
Interpretation	Medium priority
Administration	High priority
Visitor management	Medium priority
Community outreach	Medium priority
Risk preparedness	High priority
Enforcement (custodians, police)	High 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

This is an area that needs to be addressed in collaboration with the culture sector. Otherwise staff have attended short courses in Hiroshima, Japan, and Pacific capacity building short courses. One officer has enrolled at Deakin University for courses in cultural heritage management, Australia. There is a lack of legal expertise in this area.

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

Participation in other UN programmes
Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Financial support
Contributions to private organisations for the preservation of cultural and natural heritage
Participation in foundations for international cooperation
Sharing expertise for capacity building
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars

10.2 - Twinned World Heritage properties with others

No

10.3 - Comments

Fiji has worked with Japan, Australia, New Zealand, USA ICOMOS and PIMA. Had funding assistance from the Nordic Foundation and worked in developing the regional pacific action plan and follow up actions. In the process of establishing a twinning relationship between Levuka and Melacca in Malayasia. Very good activity for cultural cooperation and understanding.

11. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.1. Media used for World Heritage sites promotion

11.1.1 - Publications

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

11.1.2 - Films / TV

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Regional
Local

11.1.3 - Media campaigns

Information
Education
National
Local

11.1.4 - Internet

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals

Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Local

11.1.6 - World Heritage Day

Not applicable

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

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Local

11.1.8 - Other (please specify in 11.1.8)

Awareness Raising

Education
Local

11.1.9 - Comments

More could be done on a media strategy. currently updating website for the department with a focus on world heritage activities. For World Heritage in Levuka around the island community awareness has taken place on heritage pride. Strengthening stakeholder participation in media awareness raising activities is needed.

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	Good
Communities living in/around heritage sites	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Decision makers and public officials	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Good
General public	Fair

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

The State Party participates in UNESCO's World Heritage in Young Hands programme.

11.2.4 - Level of frequency of activities

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

11.2.5 - Comments

Associated School Network Programme was quite effective until the key people from the Ministry of Education were transferred and a draft heritage in Young Hands was developed. Efforts to work with UNESCO and Curriculum Development unit are planned to recommence for next year programmes. 2010 commenced with Family Tree social science curriculum for primary schools in Fiji as compulsory to improve cross cultural understanding and heritage pride.

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 well-advanced
Regional / provincial / state : Process commenced
National : Process well-advanced
Regional / provincial / state : Process commenced

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
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12.1.6 - Communities

Communities
Local communities / residents: Fair
Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: Fair
Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: Fair
Local communities / residents: Fair
Indigenous peoples: Good
Landowners: Good

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 acceptable but could be further improved to fully meet the conservation, protection and presentation needs.

12.1.11 - Human resources

Human resources
A range of human resources exist, but they are below optimum to conserve, protect and present 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
Financial support
Contributions to private organisations for the preservation of cultural and natural heritage
Participation in foundations for international cooperation
Sharing expertise for capacity building
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars

12.1.14 - Education, Information and awareness building

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

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

5 General Policy Development						
		Action	Short description	Authority(ies) responsible	Timeframe	May this action require International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund?
5.7	There is limited coordination or integration of different legal instruments for the development of heritage conservation, protection and presentation policies.	A draft decree has been submitted to the Solicitor Generals office for vetting. This needs awareness raising on the legislation and a media campaign targeted to relevant Government agencies, the private sector, communities.	awareness raising to the relevant authorities and through the media needed.	Department National Heritage, Culture and Arts, solicitor Generals office, Indigenous affairs ministry, department of Environment, Town and country Planning, local government, Fiji Museum, National Trust of Fiji	2011 to 2012	
9 Training						
9.3	Ad hoc basis for national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation.	A national strategy to be developed with relevant stakeholders in the sector and training needs analysis prepared.	Training Needs Analysis and succession planning for the sector is planned this year for the culture sector	Department of National Heritage, Culture and Arts, National Trust, Fiji Museum, Local Government, World Heritage Committee.	2011 ongoing	It may require assistance in terms of advisory role

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

Awareness raising to senior governmental officials and scholarship officers on the need to have an enlightened trained workforce and specialists in culture and heritage management. More regional educational training providers needed to support.

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:

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

World Heritage Centre	Good
UNESCO (other sectors)	Good
UNESCO National Commission	Poor
ICOMOS International	No support
IUCN International	No support
ICCROM	No support
ICOMOS national / regional	Poor
IUCN national / regional	Poor

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

All 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	Good
State Party	Good
Site Managers	Fair

13.6 - Comments

Much easier to fill in this time around. But, just time consuming when so many other priorities and once or twice the server was down when we wanted to fill in the questionnaire. Very useful exercise.

14. Thank you