Periodic Report - Second Cycle

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party
Iran (Islamic Republic of)

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention
26/02/1975

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

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage
World Heritage property managers/coordinators
External experts

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

- Mohammad Hassan Mohebali
  Iranian Cultural Heritage and Tourism Organization - ICHTO
  Director, Soltaniyeh Project
- Behrouz Omrani
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Comment

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1.5 - Other key institutions responsible

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  Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization (ICHHTO)

1.6 - Comments
N/A

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

2.1 - Cultural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state	Process well-advanced
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	Process commenced
Local	Process commenced

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 frequently 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 not actively 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)
N/A

3. Tentative List

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

Firouzabad Ensemble / 2013 /
Hyrcanian forest / 2013 /

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

Meetings to harmonize Tentative Lists within your region
Other global comparative analysis

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

National government institution(s)	Good
Regional / provincial / state / government(s)	Good
Local government(s)	Fair
Other government departments	Poor
UNESCO National Commission	Not applicable
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Fair
Local communities / residents	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Not applicable
Local industries	No involvement
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Poor
Consultants / experts	Good
Site manager / coordinator(s)	Good

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?

ICHHTO /

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

3.7 - Comments
N/A

4. Nominations

4.1 - Property

Name	Date of submission	Status
Tchogha Zanbil	1979-05-09	inscribed
Persepolis	1979-05-09	inscribed
Naqsh-e Rustam and Naqsh-e Rajab (Extension to Persepolis)	2002-01-29	
Meidan Emam, Esfahan	1979-05-09	inscribed
Takht-e Soleyman	2001-11-14	inscribed
Monumental Complex of the Mausoleum of Sheykh Safi al-Din-e Ardabili	2002-01-29	Incomplete
Pasargadae	2003-01-30	inscribed
Soltaniyeh	2004-01-29	inscribed
Bam and its Cultural Landscape	2004-05-11	inscribed
Bam and its Cultural Landscape	2007-01-31	inscribed
Bisotun	2005-01-28	inscribed
The Monastery of St. Taddeus	2006-01-31	Incomplete
Armenian Monastic Ensembles of Iran	2007-01-31	inscribed
Shushtar Historical Hydraulic System	2008-01-30	inscribed
Sheikh Safi al-din KhḺnegḻh and Shrine Ensemble in Ardabil	2009-01-29	inscribed
Tabriz Historic Bazaar Complex	2009-01-29	inscribed
The Persian Garden	2010-01-29	inscribed
Harra Protected Area	2010-01-29	withdrawn
Masjed-e JḺmé of Isfahan	2011-01-31	
Gonbad-e QḺbus	2011-01-31	

4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

National government institution(s)	Good
Regional / provincial / state government(s)	Fair
Local government(s)	Not applicable
Other government departments	Not applicable
UNESCO National Commission	Not applicable
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	Good
Site manager / coordinator	Poor

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	Limited benefit
Stimulus for enhanced partnerships	Limited benefit
Increased recognition for tourism and public use	Some benefit
Stimulus for economic development in surrounding communities	High benefit
Others (please provide details in 4.4)	Not applicable

4.4 - Comments
N/A

5. General Policy Development

5.1 - Legislation
Comment
ICHHTO

5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1

N/A / N/A / N/A / N/a / N/A /

5.3 - Comment
N/A

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 inadequate 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
Ramsar Convention 1954 Convention 1970 Convention (against traffic illicit)

5.7 - Implementation of International Conventions into national policies
There is adequate 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

N/A

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 adequate capacity within services to conserve, protect and present World Heritage properties.

6.5 - Comments

There is excellent capacity for preservation of cultural heritage within the country. But there are major problems in cooperation among different governmental institutions for preservation of Natural heritage.

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 no research programme specifically addressing World Heritage.

7.2 - Research projects

- N/A / N/A
  N/A
  N/A

N/A
N/A

7.3 - Comments

There has been no research project undertaken since last periodic report generally about world heritage. But each World Heritage property in Iran has its own research center ex. Parse and Pasargade Research Centre.

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)	Major source of sustained funding
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.)	Major source of fixed term funding
NGOs (international and / or national)	Not applicable
Private sector funds	Minor source of fixed term 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

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 acceptable to meet the current 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

There is a need for capacity building for Human resources in Natural Heritage.

9. Training

9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs

- ICHHTO / regional / cultural
  N/A

9.2 - Training needs

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

There is an urgent need for capacity building regarding the possible cooperation between different governmental institutes involved in conservation and promotion of Natural Heritage.

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Financial support
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

N/A

11. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.1. Media used for World Heritage sites promotion

11.1.1 - Publications

Information
Awareness Raising

Regional
Local

11.1.2 - Films / TV

Information
Awareness Raising
National
Regional
Local

11.1.3 - Media campaigns

Information
Awareness Raising
National
Regional

11.1.4 - Internet

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional

11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals

Information
Awareness Raising
National
Regional
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

11.1.8 - Other (please specify in 11.1.8)

Not applicable

11.1.9 - Comments

N/A

11.2. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.2.1 - Strategy to raise awareness among different stakeholders

11.2.2 - Level of general awareness

Private Sector	Poor
Youth	Poor
Communities living in/around heritage sites	Poor
Tourism industry	Good
Decision makers and public officials	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not Applicable

General public	Good

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*.

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	Once
Skills-training courses for students	Once
Organized school visits to World Heritage properties/cultural and natural sites	Once
Activities linked to heritage within the framework of UNESCO Clubs/Associations	Once
Other (comment below)	Never

11.2.5 - Comments

N/A

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 completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state : Process well-advanced
National : Process commenced
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

12.1.6 - Communities

Communities
Local communities / residents: Fair
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 no research programme specifically addressing World Heritage.

12.1.10 - Financial status

Financial status
The available budget is acceptable to meet the current 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
Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Financial support
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 : Poor
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.**	There is a national list for cultural Heritage, but preparation of the natural heritage list is an ongoing process.	Local governments have been asked to update their list.	National Government/Provinces	ongoing process	We may apply for an International Assistance in order to do a capacity building activity to strengthen collaboration between different governmental agencies involved in preservation of natural heritage.
5 General Policy Development						
5.4	**The legal framework is inadequate for the identification, conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.**	Identification, conservation and protection of natural heritage is inadequate. There has been many working group session but still there is an strong need for capacity building.	A National (if possible regional) workshop is the best tool for capacity building. We will be contacting the World Heritage Centre and the IUCN soon about this workshop.	ICHHTO, different organisations and ministry involve in protection of natural heritage. IUCN and the World Heritage Centre.	2012	No, there is no need for external funding for this workshop.
9 Training						
9.3	**Ad hoc basis for national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation.**	No activity planned yet.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

12.3.3 - Additional actions for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention
N/A

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:
N/A

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)	Not applicable
UNESCO National Commission	Not applicable
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?
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	Not applicable
Advisory Bodies	Not applicable
State Party	Not applicable
Site Managers	Not applicable

13.6 - Comments
N/A

14. Thank you