

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party

Kyrgyzstan

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention

03/07/1995

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
Non Governmental Organizations

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

- Aida Ernazarova  
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Comment

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1.5 - Other key institutions responsible

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Domain: cultural and natural
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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 completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state	Not applicable
Local	Process completed or continually updated
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Not applicable

2.2 - Natural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	No process established
Regional / provincial / state	No process established
Local	No process established
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Process commenced

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

Inventories/lists/registers are inadequate to capture 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 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)

WESTERN TIEN-SHAN (transnational serial nomination) / 2013 /
Silk Road Sites in Kyrgyzstan / 2013 /
Saimaly-Tash Petroglyphs / Not identified /

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

ICOMOS thematic studies
Meetings to harmonize Tentative Lists within your region

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)	Poor
Other government departments	Not applicable
UNESCO National Commission	Good
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Poor
Local communities / residents	No involvement
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Not applicable

Local industries	Not applicable
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Good
Consultants / experts	Good
Site manager / coordinator(s)	No involvement

**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?**

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**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
Issyk-Kul	2004-02-02	withdrawn
National Historical and Archaeological Museum Sulaiman-Too	2005-02-01	Incomplete
Sulaiman – Too Cultural Landscape (Sacred Mountain)	2006-01-30	referred
Sulaiman-Too Sacred Mountain	2008-02-01	referred
Sulaiman-Too Sacred Mountain	2009-01-27	inscribed

**4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations**

National government institution(s)	Fair
Regional / provincial / state government(s)	Not applicable
Local government(s)	Good
Other government departments	Not applicable
UNESCO National Commission	Good
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Good
Local communities / residents	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Poor
Local industries	Not applicable
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Good
Consultants / experts	Good
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	Low benefit
Catalyst for wider community appreciation of heritage	Some benefit
Improved presentation of sites	Some benefit
Enhanced honour / prestige	High benefit
Increased funding	Low benefit
Additional tool for lobbying / political influence	Some benefit
Stimulus for enhanced partnerships	Limited benefit
Increased recognition for tourism and public use	Low benefit

Stimulus for economic development in surrounding communities	Limited benefit
Others (please provide details in 4.4)	Not applicable

**4.4 - Comments**

**5. General Policy Development**

**5.1 - Legislation**

Title	Year	Link to source
Law on Culture	1992	
Law on the Statutory Document Copy	1997	
Law on Protection of Professional activity of Journalists	1997	
Law on Librarianship	1998	
Law on Advertising	1998	
Law on Tourism	1999	
Law on Protection and Use of Historical and Cultural heritage	1999	
Law on State Support of Cinematography	2001	
Law on Copyright and Related Rights	1998	

**Comment**

**5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1**

Presidential Decree on the state support of the national historical and archaeological museum complex / 2008 / National / Cultural /
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**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 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?**

There is no effective capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework.

**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 no specific policies to give heritage a function in the life of communities but this is being achieved on an ad hoc basis.

**5.9 - Integration of heritage into comprehensive / larger scale planning programmes**

There are no specific policies to integrate heritage into comprehensive/larger scale planning.

**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 limited cooperation between the principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

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

There is limited cooperation between other government agencies and the principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

**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**

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**7.3 - Comments**

**8. Financial Status and Human Resources**

**8.1 - Sources of funding**

National government funds	Minor source of sustained funding
Other levels of government (provincial, state, local)	Minor source of fixed term funding
International assistance from the World Heritage Fund	Major 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.)	Minor source of sustained funding
NGOs (international and / or national)	Not applicable
Private sector funds	Not applicable
Other (Please specify in 8.6)	Minor source of fixed term funding

**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 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?**

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

**8.6 - Comments**

**9. Training**

**9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs**

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**9.2 - Training needs**

Conservation	High priority
Education	High priority
Promotion	Medium priority

Interpretation	High priority
Administration	High priority
Visitor management	High priority
Community outreach	Medium priority
Risk preparedness	Medium 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.

**9.4 - Comments**

We have launched a project on preservation of cultural heritage and capacity building (Chui Valley project with Japanese partners)

**10. International Cooperation**

**10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties**

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
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
International
National
Local

**11.1.2 - Films / TV**

Information
Awareness Raising
International
National

**11.1.3 - Media campaigns**

Information
Awareness Raising
National

**11.1.4 - Internet**

International
National

**11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals**

National
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**11.1.6 - World Heritage Day**

Information
Awareness Raising
International
National

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

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Local

**11.1.8 - Other (please specify in 11.1.8)**

Not applicable
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**11.1.9 - Comments**

The National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic will release a commemorative coin with an image of the Sacred Mountain Suliaman-Too World Heritage Site.

**11.2. Education, Information and Awareness Building**

**11.2.1 - Strategy to raise awareness among different stakeholders**

There are no strategies to raise awareness about conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage.

**11.2.2 - Level of general awareness**

Private Sector	Good
Youth	Good
Communities living in/around heritage sites	Good
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 <i>World Heritage in Young Hands Kit</i>	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

<b>Identification of heritage</b>
Inventories are inadequate to capture 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

<b>National Inventories</b>
National : Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state : Not applicable
National : No process established
Regional / provincial / state : No process established

#### 12.1.3 - Tentative List

<b>Tentative List</b>
Yes

#### 12.1.4 - Legal framework

<b>Legal framework</b>
There is no effective capacity/resources to enforce legislation and / or regulations for the identification, conservation and protection of heritage.

#### 12.1.5 - Implementation of international conventions within national policies

<b>Implementation of international conventions within national policies</b>
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#### 12.1.6 - Communities

<b>Communities</b>
Local communities / residents: No involvement
Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: Not applicable
Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: Not applicable
Local communities / residents: Good
Indigenous peoples: Not applicable
Landowners: Poor

### 12.1.7 - Larger-scale planning

<b>Larger-scale planning</b>
There are no specific policies to integrate heritage into comprehensive/larger scale planning.

### 12.1.8 - Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation

<b>Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation</b>
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

<b>Scientific and Technical Studies and Research</b>
There is some research specifically addressing World Heritage.

#### 12.1.10 - Financial status

<b>Financial status</b>
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

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

#### 12.1.12 - Training

<b>Training</b>
No national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation.

#### 12.1.13 - International cooperation

<b>International cooperation</b>
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
Distribution of material / information

#### 12.1.14 - Education, Information and awareness building

<b>Education, Information and awareness building</b>
Private Sector : Good
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

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	<b>Inventories are inadequate to capture the diversity of cultural and natural heritage.</b>	Developing the national list of natural heritage sites; developing the national list of newly-identified properties	To conduct general and national inventorying of all types of properties (on various levels)	Ministry of Culture and Information of the Kyrgyz Republic	2012-2013	assistance needed
5 General Policy Development						
5.4	<b>The legal framework is inadequate for the identification, conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.</b>	We will work to implement the World Heritage Convention at the State and local levels.	We want to develop separate laws for cultural and natural heritage.	Government of the Kyrgyz Republic; Ministry of Culture and Information of the Kyrgyz Republic; National Commission for UNESCO, State Agency for Environment and Forestry	None at this time	Yes, assistance is crucial to the development of these laws. We would benefit greatly from assistance from experts in international cultural heritage law, and trainings for national and local experts in the Kyrgyz Republic.
5.5	<b>There is no effective capacity/resources to enforce legislation and / or regulations for the identification, conservation and protection of heritage.</b>	We are developing a comprehensive strategy to create state level legislation to protect cultural heritage; once this is developed we will be able to focus on enforcement issues.	We would like to provide trainings to site managers, and legal professionals regarding cultural heritage protection.	Government of the Kyrgyz Republic; Ministry of Culture and Information of the Kyrgyz Republic; National Commission for UNESCO; Local authorities and site managers	None at this time	Yes, assistance is crucial to the development of these laws. We would benefit greatly from assistance from experts in international cultural heritage law, and trainings for national and local experts in the Kyrgyz Republic.
5.7	<b>There is limited coordination or integration of different legal instruments for the development of heritage conservation, protection and presentation policies.</b>	We are working toward a legal instruments for cultural heritage protection.	Coordination will be a key factor in updating a Kyrgyz Republic cultural heritage protection law. As such we will emphasize the importance of integration of local, State level and any other legal frameworks in creating our cultural heritage law.	Government of the Kyrgyz Republic; Ministry of Culture and Information of the Kyrgyz Republic; National Commission for UNESCO; Local authorities and site managers	None at this time.	We would benefit greatly from assistance from outside/regional experts in developing a Kyrgyz Republic national law.
6 Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation						
6.2	<b>There is limited capacity to adequately conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage and significant deficiencies remain.</b>	We are planning to develop a comprehensive strategy for conservation, safeguarding and popularization of cultural heritage as a whole.	We are limited by the lack of legal framework and proper funding.	Government of the Kyrgyz Republic; Ministry of Culture and Information of the Kyrgyz Republic; National Commission for UNESCO; Local authorities and site managers	None at this time	We would benefit greatly from assistance from regional/international assistance and training - especially in the field of conservation.
9 Training						
9.3	<b>No national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation.</b>	We will develop a national strategy to build national and local capacity in heritage conservation.	Our cultural heritage professionals need training in up-to-date techniques for conservation of heritage.	Government of the Kyrgyz Republic; Ministry of Culture and Information of the Kyrgyz Republic; National Commission for UNESCO; Local authorities and site managers	None at this time.	We would benefit greatly from assistance from the World Heritage Fund.

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

**13. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise**

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

No

**13.2 - Please provide suggestions for improvement:**

The interface is unclear, and technically difficult to use. The instructions are not clear as to how to use the system and what to expect in the validate/updating process. In addition, there are no instructions regarding technical problems and troubleshooting.

**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	Good
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**

**14. Thank you**