

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party

Maldives

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention

22/05/1986

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

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

- Shamiya Latheef
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director general at the Department of Heritage
Department of Heritage
- Mamduh Waheed
Ministry of Tourism Arts and Culture
Deputy Minister
- Paromita Desarkar
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Comment

Shamiya Latheef, Designation is wrong. Below here is the correct information. Shamiya Latheef Director Department of Heritage Address: Department of Heritage National Museum 2nd Floor, Chaandhane Magu, Male', Rep. of Maldives Telephone No: 00 960 3323206 Fax No: 00 960 3326796

1.5 - Other key institutions responsible

- Ibrahim Naeem
Director
Environment Protection Agency/Ministry of housing and Environment
Domain: Natural

1.6 - Comments

The Ministry of Housing and Environment has the mandate of protecting the natural heritage of Maldives and the Marine Research Center of the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture is mandated with the protection of underwater natural heritage.

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

2.1 - Cultural Heritage (Level and Status)

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

2.2 - Natural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	No process established
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 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 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 sometimes 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)

The list of cultural properties was last updated in 2007. The Department of Heritage which is responsible for preserving the cultural heritage of Maldives is in dire need of qualified technical staff and funds to carry out its mandate. A more comprehensive and thorough list needs to be compiled with professional assistance. Surveys also need to be done in the entire country.

3. Tentative List

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

Hukuru Miskiy enclosing cemetery and minaret / February 2012 /
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3.2 - Tools used for a preliminary assessment of the potential Outstanding Universal Value

None of the above

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	Fair
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	
Local communities / residents	
Indigenous peoples	
Landowners	
Local industries	
Non Governmental Organization(s)	
Consultants / experts	

Site manager / coordinator(s)	
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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
Male Hukuru Miskiy	1987-01-28	deferred
Utheemu Gaduvaru	1987-01-28	deferred
Eid Miskiy	1987-01-28	deferred
Fenfushi Hukuru Miskiy	1987-01-28	deferred
Vadhoo Hukuru Miskiy	1987-01-28	deferred

4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

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

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	Some benefit
Improved presentation of sites	Some benefit
Enhanced honour / prestige	Some benefit
Increased funding	Some benefit
Additional tool for lobbying / political influence	Some benefit
Stimulus for enhanced partnerships	Some benefit
Increased recognition for tourism and public use	Some benefit
Stimulus for economic development in surrounding communities	Some benefit
Others (please provide details in 4.4)	Not applicable

4.4 - Comments

5. General Policy Development

5.1 - Legislation

Comment

Law no. 27/79 of July 1979. Law relating to sites and property in the Maldives of Antique/Archeological and Historical value. Law no.4/93 Environment Act. Fisheries Regulations Act 1987. Tourism Environment Regulations 2006.

5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1

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

Comment

Basil convention. ratified 28-April-1992 Rotterdam Convention. ratified 17-Oct-2006 Stockholm Convention. ratified 17-Oct-2006 All are related to Natural Heritage CBD ratified 9-Nov.-1992 UNCCD ratified 3-Sep.-2002 VCPO ratified 26-Apr.-1988 * Also signed on many other international protocols on environment protection. 5.53 is for Natural Heritage.

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 policies but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.

5.10 - Comments

The law on cultural heritage protection is not sufficient. The Department of Heritage has already submitted a draft law to the Attorney General Office for legal approval to submit to the Parliament.

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?

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 no research programme 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)	Not applicable
International assistance from the World Heritage Fund	Not applicable
International multilateral funding (e.g. World Bank, IDB, European Union)	Not applicable

International bilateral funding (e.g. AFD, GTZ, DGCS, GEF, etc.)	Not applicable
NGOs (international and / or national)	Not applicable
Private sector funds	Minor source of fixed term funding
Other (Please specify in 8.6)	

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

No

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

The national government funds are not sufficient for the all types of heritage protection related works and the human resource is very low , specially the technical side.

9. Training

9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs

- Maldives National University-Faculty of Education / National / Natural bachelors degree,Environment management.

9.2 - Training needs

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

It is very important to train and build human resource in the field of heritage management and protection fields.

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Financial support
Sharing expertise for capacity building
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

11.1.2 - Films / TV

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National

11.1.3 - Media campaigns

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National

11.1.4 - Internet

Information
Awareness Raising
National

11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals

Information
Awareness Raising
National

11.1.6 - World Heritage Day

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National

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

The awareness programs are to make the general public much more aware about the national heritage.

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	Not Applicable
Youth	Not Applicable
Communities living in/around heritage sites	Not Applicable
Tourism industry	Not Applicable
Decision makers and public officials	Not Applicable
Indigenous peoples	Not Applicable
General public	Not Applicable

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	Often
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 sometimes used for the identification of potential World Heritage Properties.

12.1.2 - National Inventories

National Inventories
National : Process commenced
Regional / provincial / state : Not applicable
National : No process established
Regional / provincial / state : Not applicable

12.1.3 - Tentative List

Tentative List
Yes

12.1.4 - Legal framework

Legal framework
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

Implementation of international conventions within national policies

12.1.6 - Communities

Communities
Local communities / residents: Fair
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 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
No 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
Sharing expertise for capacity building
Distribution of material / information

12.1.14 - Education, Information and awareness building

Education, Information and awareness building
Private Sector : Not Applicable
Youth : Not Applicable
Communities living in/around heritage sites : Not Applicable

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?
5.4	The legal framework is inadequate for the identification, conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.				
5.5	There is no effective capacity/resources to enforce legislation and / or regulations for the identification, conservation and protection of heritage.				
5.7	There is limited coordination or integration of different legal instruments for the development of heritage conservation, protection and presentation policies.				
9 Training					
9.3	No national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation.				

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?

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	Fair
UNESCO (other sectors)	Fair
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
ICOMOS International	Poor
IUCN International	Poor
ICCROM	Poor
ICOMOS national / regional	Poor
IUCN national / regional	Poor

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	Poor
Advisory Bodies	Poor
State Party	Fair
Site Managers	Not applicable

13.6 - Comments

14. Thank you