

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party

Myanmar

Comment

The new official country name is The Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention

29/04/1994

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
External experts

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

- Sandar Khin
National University of Arts and culture(Yangon)
Pro Rector,
- U Kyaw Oo Lwin

Deputy Director-General Department of Archaeology,
National Museum&Library

Comment

Now the primary government authority is Department of Archaeology: U Kyaw Oo Lwin Director General Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Ministry of Culture The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Government No.35, Ministry of Culture, Nay Pyi Taw. TEL: 95-67-408038 FAX: 95-67-408039,408026 EMAIL: moculture@gmail.com whc.myanmar@gmail.com Mr. U Kyaw Oo Lwin, Director-General DOA is the national focal point appointed by the Government for culture and natural heritage.

1.5 - Other key institutions responsible

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Director-General
Department of Forestry, Ministry of Forestry
Domain: Nature

1.6 - Comments

The Ministry of Forestry and Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation are also concerned /responsible for protection and conservation of natural heritage only. Please note that overall the Ministry of Culture is officially concerned and responsible for protection and conservation for cultural as well as natural heritage in Myanmar. The Ministry of Culture has three departments :(1) Department of Archaeology (DOA), National Museum and Library, (2) Department of Fine Art and (3) Dept of Historical Research.

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	No process established
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Not applicable

2.2 - Natural 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

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

Inventories / lists / registers capture the full diversity of cultural and natural heritage.

2.4 - Are inventories / lists / registers used to protect the identified cultural heritage?

Inventories / lists / registers are frequently 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)

3. Tentative List

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

Pyu Cities: Beikthano-Myo, Halin, Tharay-Khit-taya (Sri Ksetra) / Not yet known /
Bagan Archaeological Area and Monuments / Not yet known /

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
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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)	Good
Other government departments	Good
UNESCO National Commission	Good
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Good
Local communities / residents	Good
Indigenous peoples	No involvement
Landowners	Not applicable
Local industries	Not applicable
Non Governmental Organization(s)	No involvement
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?

NA /

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

Yes

3.7 - Comments

Please note that the existing tentative list was prepared in 1996. Recently in June 2011, the Ministry of Culture has decided to revise the tentative list in collaboration with, and support from UNESCO. To update the tentative list, the assessment tools for OUV, mentioned under the section 3.2, will be used.

4. Nominations

4.1 - Property

Name	Date of submission	Status
Bagan (Pagan) Archeological Area and Monuments	1996-01-29	referred

Comment

4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

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

Site manager / coordinator	Good
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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

In 2011 the Ministry of Culture has initiated the process of preparing the nomination dossier for Pyu Cities: Beikthano-Myo, Halin, Tharay-Khit-taya (Sri Ksetra) and soon will initiate the process of preparing nomination dossier for Bagan Archaeological Area and Monuments. For the WHL nomination process, the Ministry needs technical assistance support from UNESCO and WHC.

5. General Policy Development

5.1 - Legislation

Comment

1. The Antiquities Act, 1957 (Act No. 15 of 1957) 2. Amendment of The Antiquities Act, 1962 3. Amended List of Ancient Monuments in Burma (In Myanmar) 4. The Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage Regions Law, 1998 5. Amendment of the Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage Regions Law, 2009 6. Announcement of (37) Zone for National Heritage, 2008-2011. 7. Protection of Wildlife, Wild Plants and Conservation of Natural Areas Law, 1994 8. Myanmar Agenda 21 - 1994

5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1

NA / NA / NA / NA / NA /

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?

There is excellent capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework .

5.6 - Other International Conventions adhered

Comment

1954: Hague Convention for Protection of Cultural Property in the event of Armed Conflict 1956: Convention concerned the Protection of Flora in Asia and Pacific Region 1994 November 25: Biodiversity Convention 1997 September 11: Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora 1997: Myanmar Agenda 21 1998: Charter of Marine Diversity in Asia Pacific Region

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

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

- Research Project for Pyu Ancient Cities / 2003 onward
National Cultural
<http://www.myanmar.com/Ministry/culture/>
Research on cultural transformation from protohistory to history

7.3 - Comments

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)	Minor source of sustained funding
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

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?

Human resources are adequate to meet the current needs of cultural and natural heritage conservation, protection and presentation.

8.6 - Comments

9. Training

9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs

- Field School of Archeology, Pyay / National / Cultural Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Archaeology, duration One year

9.2 - Training needs

Conservation	High priority
Education	High priority
Promotion	High priority
Interpretation	High priority
Administration	Medium priority
Visitor management	Medium 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 a national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation but there are some deficiencies in implementation.

9.4 - Comments

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

No cooperation

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

Not applicable

11.1.2 - Films / TV

Not applicable

11.1.3 - Media campaigns

Not applicable

11.1.4 - Internet

Not applicable

11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals

Not applicable

11.1.6 - World Heritage Day

Not applicable

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

Please note that at the moment there is no World Heritage Site in Myanmar. However, the government proactively used media for the promotion and awareness raising of the cultural and natural heritage sites in Myanmar.

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

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
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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 / lists / registers capture the full 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 completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state : Process well-advanced

12.1.3 - Tentative List

Tentative List
Yes

12.1.4 - Legal framework

Legal framework
There is excellent capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework .

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: Good
Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: No involvement
Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: Not applicable
Local communities / residents: Good
Indigenous peoples: Not applicable
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
Human resources are adequate to meet the current needs of cultural and natural heritage conservation, protection and presentation.

12.1.12 - Training

Training
There is a national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation but there are some deficiencies in implementation.

12.1.13 - International cooperation

International cooperation
No cooperation

12.1.14 - Education, Information and awareness building

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

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

Answers provided have not outlined any serious management need.

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

The new government of Myanmar has given top priority for the conservation and promotion of the cultural and natural heritage sites, and has identified to work with UNESCO and international organizations to update the tentative list, initiate the process of enlisting Pyu Cities and Bagan as World Heritage Sites, capacity development of the officials of the Department of Archeology, and awareness raising of the local communities in conservation. As a first activity, the MOC with support from UNESCO will organize a seminar to identify the OUV of Pyu Cities and later Bagan.

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:

NA

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	Fair
Advisory Bodies	Fair
State Party	Fair
Site Managers	Fair

13.6 - Comments

Please note that Myanmar submitted last Periodic Report in 1996. Now, the new government has decided that Myanmar will submit the PR regularly.

14. Thank you