

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party

Korea, Democratic People's Republic of

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention

21/07/1998

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 International
ICOMOS national/regional
External experts
Donors

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

- Beatrice Kaldun
UNESCO
Programme Specialist for Culture
Culture
- Jong Min YUN
National Bureau for Cultural Property Conservation (NBCPC)
Senior Staff for external affairs

Comment

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1.5 - Other key institutions responsible

- Yong Phal JO
Director
Korean Cultural Preservation Centre
Domain: Cultural and Natural

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	Process completed or continually updated
Local	Not applicable
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 completed or continually updated
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 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)

Inventories of cultural and natural heritage at national and provincial levels have been compiled, which are still inadequate. Therefore, it is planned to update the inventories in the future.

3. Tentative List

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

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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)	Poor
Local government(s)	Poor
Other government departments	No involvement
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Poor

Local communities / residents	No involvement
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Not applicable
Local industries	No involvement
Non Governmental Organization(s)	No involvement
Consultants / experts	Fair
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?

Yes

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

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

Yes

3.7 - Comments

It is scheduled to update the Tentative List which has some mistakes at the moment and to submit it to the World Heritage Centre in the near future.

4. Nominations

4.1 - Property

Name	Date of submission	Status
Complex of Koguryo Tombs	2002-01-25	inscribed
Historic Monuments and Sites in Kaesong	2007-01-17	deferred

Comment

The deferred nomination of the Historic Monuments and Sites in Kaesong was re-submitted to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2011.

4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

National government institution(s)	Good
Regional / provincial / state government(s)	Poor
Local government(s)	Poor
Other government departments	No involvement
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Poor
Local communities / residents	No involvement
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Not applicable
Local industries	No involvement
Non Governmental Organization(s)	No involvement
Consultants / experts	Fair
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
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Enhanced conservation practices	Some benefit
Catalyst for wider community appreciation of heritage	Some benefit
Improved presentation of sites	Limited benefit
Enhanced honour / prestige	Limited benefit
Increased funding	Limited benefit
Additional tool for lobbying / political influence	Not applicable
Stimulus for enhanced partnerships	Limited benefit
Increased recognition for tourism and public use	Limited benefit
Stimulus for economic development in surrounding communities	Not applicable
Others (please provide details in 4.4)	Not applicable

4.4 - Comments

By further nominations of the properties on the World Heritage List, it is envisaged to enhance the social recognition for protection and management of the properties.

5. General Policy Development

5.1 - Legislation

Comment

Title: Law of the DPR Korea on Protection of Cultural Property
Year: March 24, 1994 This Law has been updated by the Decree No.3155 of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPR Korea on 31 March 2009, which worked out more detailed provisions.

5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1

Land Law of the DPR Korea / 1977 / National / Cultural and Natural /
Law of the DPR Korea on Environmental Protection / 1986 / National / Cultural and Natural /

5.3 - Comment

The legislation and regulations at other levels contribute to the identification, conservation and protection of the cultural and natural heritage to some extent.

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

- UNESCO Convention on the means of prohibiting the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property (since 13/05/1983) - UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (since 21/11/2008)

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 no specific policies, but nonetheless this is being achieved on an ad hoc basis.

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 effective cooperation between 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 some research specifically addressing World Heritage.

7.2 - Research projects

- Conservation of Koguryo Mural Paintings / 2009
National
Cultural
- Koguryo Civilization (murals) / 2007
National
Cultural

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 sustained funding
International assistance from the World Heritage Fund	Major source of fixed term funding
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)	Minor source of fixed term funding
Private sector funds	Not applicable
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 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

N/A

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	Low priority
Administration	Medium priority
Visitor management	Medium priority
Community outreach	Low priority
Risk preparedness	Medium priority
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Medium priority
Other	

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

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars

10.2 - Twinned World Heritage properties with others

Yes

10.3 - Comments

11. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.1. Media used for World Heritage sites promotion

11.1.1 - Publications

Awareness Raising
Education
International
National

11.1.2 - Films / TV

Awareness Raising
National

11.1.3 - Media campaigns

Awareness Raising
National

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

Information
National

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

There are no strategies to raise awareness about conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage but nonetheless this is being done on an ad hoc basis.

11.2.2 - Level of general awareness

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

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

11.2.5 - Comments

In 2009, we produced with the support from UNESCO Beijing a CD-ROM focusing on the general introduction of the World Heritage Sites, which is being used in local schools around the sites.

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 completed or continually updated
National : Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state : Process completed or continually updated

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: No involvement
Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: Not applicable
Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: Not applicable
Local communities / residents: No involvement
Indigenous peoples: Not applicable
Landowners: Not applicable

12.1.7 - Larger-scale planning

Larger-scale planning
There are no specific policies, but nonetheless this is being achieved on an ad hoc basis.

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
Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
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.	Updating of the inventories for cultural and natural heritage	It is ongoing to include the full diversity of cultural and natural heritage in the existing inventories, such as identification and review	National Bureau for Cultural Property Conservation	2011-2017	Yes
5 General Policy Development						
5.7	There is limited coordination or integration of different legal instruments for the development of heritage conservation, protection and presentation policies.	Policy Development	The research on the international conventions is being carried out to coordinate and integrate their implementation into national policies	National Bureau for Cultural Property Conservation	2010-2015	Yes
9 Training						
9.3	Ad hoc basis for national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation.	Establishment of the national training strategy in the field of heritage conservation.	It aims to build up the regular training system on a national level to strengthen the capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation	National Bureau for Cultural Property Conservation	2012-2015	Yes (high priority)

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:

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

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

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	Good
Advisory Bodies	Fair
State Party	Fair
Site Managers	Good

13.6 - Comments

It gives us a broad understanding of the Periodic Reporting Exercise, but there are some unclear things.

14. Thank you