

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party

Tajikistan

Comment

Republic of Tajikistan

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention

28/08/1992

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
External experts

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

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Comment

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1.5 - Other key institutions responsible

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Ministry of Culture, Republic of Tajikistan
Domain: culture
- Mr. Rahim Masov
Director of the Institute of History, Ethnography and Archeology
Academy of Sciences, Republic of Tajikistan
Domain: cultural, 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 well-advanced
Local	Process commenced
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 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)

Palace of the governor of Khulbuk / 2012 /
Buddhistic cloister of Ajina-Tepa / 2014 /
The Site of Ancient Town of Shahristan (Kahkakha) / 2016 /

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

ICOMOS thematic studies
IUCN thematic studies
Filling the gaps – an action plan for the future by ICOMOS, Gaps analysis by IUCN
Meetings to harmonize Tentative Lists within your region
UNESCO's Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List

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

National government institution(s)	Good
Regional / provincial / state / government(s)	Fair
Local government(s)	Fair
Other government departments	Fair
UNESCO National Commission	Good
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Fair
Local communities / residents	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Fair
Landowners	Poor
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?

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

Yes

3.7 - Comments

We are interested in and are working on improving our contacts with ICOMOS and IUCN in order to prepare the best possible nomination dossiers for sites on our Tentative List.

4. Nominations

4.1 - Property

Name	Date of submission	Status
Sarazm Settlement [provisional name]	2003-01-27	
Sarazm	2006-01-30	deferred
Proto-urban site of Sarazm	2009-01-27	inscribed
Tajik National Park	2006-01-26	Incomplete
Tajik National Park (Mountains of the Pamirs)	2007-02-12	Incomplete
Tajik National Park (Mountains of the Pamirs)	2009-01-30	pending

4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

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

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	Some benefit


Stimulus for enhanced partnerships	High benefit
Increased recognition for tourism and public use	High benefit
Stimulus for economic development in surrounding communities	Some benefit
Others (please provide details in 4.4)	Some benefit

4.4 - Comments

We are initiating a project with UNESCO to complete an updated nomination dossier for Tajik National Park for inscription to the World Heritage List as a site of Natural Heritage, this will be completed as of July 2012.

5. General Policy Development

5.1 - Legislation

Title	Year	Link to source
Law on Press and other Mass Media	1990	
Law on Tourism	1993	
Law on Publishing	1993	
Law on TV and Radio	1996	
Law on Culture	1997	
Law on Export and Import of Cultural property	2001	
Law on Librarianship	2003	
Law on Advertising	2003	
Law on Folk Artistic Crafts	2003	
Law on Museum and Museums Funds	2004	
Law on Cinematography	2004	
Law on Copyright and related Fields	1998	

5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1

Law on Protecting Nature / 1994 / National / Natural / http://parlament.tj/en/
Law on Natural Heritage and Special Objects / 1996 / National / natural, cultural / http://parlament.tj/en/
Law on Objects of Historical Heritage / 2006 / National / cultural / http://parlament.tj/en/

5.3 - Comment

The National Law on Culture states that it is the responsibility of every Tajik person to help preserve historical and cultural heritage, so at all levels, even the individual one, there is a requirement to preserve and protect our heritage. Laws on Cultural Heritage are predominantly at the national level, however regional and local laws exist to support the national legislations when necessary.

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

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

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan is implementing a program for the period 2012-2020 for the conservation, restoration, promotion, and preservation of the 34 identified heritage sites. Our two protected(cultural/historical) areas will also gain additional protective measures. It also renews support and protection for monuments and places registered on the cultural heritage list for Tajikistan. Last, new scientific courses will train current and future preservation professionals.

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

Going forward, we are working toward further and increased harmonious and coordinated contact between all the agencies involved in protecting natural and cultural World 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 some research specifically addressing World Heritage.

7.2 - Research projects

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7.3 - Comments

As we have only recently (July 2010) had a site added to the World Heritage List, we have not fully brought our comprehensive research program to fruition, however we are working toward this goal steadily and diligently.

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	Minor 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)	Not applicable
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

Grants for cultural and natural conservation have been provided by embassies (from the US) in order to renew our national heritage lists for archaeological architectural heritage, but this is not on an ongoing basis for the operation and maintenance of the site.

9. Training

9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs

- Academy of Sciences, RT / national / cultural
This book will be published in July 2011
- Aga-Khan Fund / regional, local / cultural
Pamir training with local people regarding cultural heritage.
- UNESCO and the Ministry of Culture of RT / national, regional, local / cultural
Subregional Meeting for the Promotion and Implementation of the World Heritage Convention. For site managers in Tajikistan in order to train them on safeguarding cultural heritage sites and on the WHC. (2007)

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	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 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

The Aga-Khan Fund recently financed a training session for local Pamir people regarding cultural heritage preservation. This was a great success and we are working toward repeating and expanding this training. The Ministry of Culture has also published a guide for safeguarding cultural heritage; as well as an album of cultural and natural heritage by Presidential Order.

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

Participation in other UN programmes
Financial support
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

We are working on submitting Panjikent between Uzbekistan and Tajikistan and Murgab between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan as part of the "Central Asian Petroglyphs" transboundary serial nomination. Once submitted these sites may be considered twinned with other petroglyph sites in the CIS region.

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

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Regional

11.1.3 - Media campaigns

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National

Regional
Local

11.1.4 - Internet

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals

Awareness Raising
Education
National

11.1.6 - World Heritage Day

Awareness Raising
Education
National

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

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Local

11.1.8 - Other (please specify in 11.1.8)

Not applicable

11.1.9 - Comments

We see the media as an essential way of communicating information and educating the public about World Heritage. However, we are limited by our available funds. additional resources would be extremely beneficial in raising public awareness and appreciation for our World Heritage Site (Sarazm) and future nominated sites in Tajikistan.

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	Fair
Communities living in/around heritage sites	Good
Tourism industry	Poor
Decision makers and public officials	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Good
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* but intends to do so.

11.2.4 - Level of frequency of activities

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

11.2.5 - Comments

The Ministry of Culture is preparing a comprehensive plan to organize training for teachers, students, young people and others; in addition, the Ministry of Culture is working with the Academy of Sciences of RT to create programs for young scientists in conservation and preservation of cultural and natural heritage (this year from 20 to 25 June at Sarazm World Heritage Site). Every year, school children visit significant sites in Tajikistan as part of their normal course of study.

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: Fair
Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: Fair
Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: Poor
Local communities / residents: Fair
Indigenous peoples: Poor
Landowners: No involvement

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
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
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
Participation in other UN programmes
Financial support
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 : Fair
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

Answers provided have not outlined any serious management need.

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

The World Heritage Convention has been implemented at the state level, and is enforced. The text of the convention has been translated into Russian and into Tajik (local language). We have also organized a seminar for site managers at the local and regional level in order to train them on the World Heritage Convention and on how to safeguard cultural sites. Last, we will be publishing a book for the general public on Sarazm, our World Heritage Site in July 2011.

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:

A Russian language version of the Periodic Reporting Tool would be helpful in completing the questionnaire quickly and accurately as many of our officials are not fluent in English or French. We have also noticed discrepancies between the Russian, English and French translations of the questionnaire.

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

World Heritage Centre	Not applicable
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?

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	Not applicable
Advisory Bodies	Not applicable
State Party	Not applicable
Site Managers	Not applicable

13.6 - Comments

We recommend that we always invite Ms. Camille Czerkowicz to assist with our Periodic Reporting.

14. Thank you