

**1. Introduction**

**1.1 - State Party**

Tonga

**1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention**

30/04/2004

**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**

- Tuita. Tu'ilokamana

Hon. Tu'ilokamana Tuita

**Comment**

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**1.5 - Other key institutions responsible**

- Lord Vaea  
Secretary, Tonga Traditions Committee  
Tonga Traditions Committee  
Domain: cultural, natural, mixed
- Dr. Sione Nailasikau Halatuituia  
Secretary for Lands, Survey and Natural Resources  
Ministry of Lands, Survey and Natural Resources  
Domain: natural
- Mr. Sakopo Lolohea  
Director of Tourism  
Ministry of Tourism  
Domain: cultural, natural, mixed
- Asipeli Palaki  
Director of Environment and Climate Change  
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change  
Domain: cultural, natural, mixed
- Lord Vaea  
Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, Food and Fisheries  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Food and Fisheries  
Domain: cultural, natural, mixed

**1.6 - Comments**

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

**2.1 - Cultural Heritage (Level and Status)**

National	Process commenced
Regional / provincial / state	Process commenced
Local	Process commenced

Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Not applicable
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**2.2 - Natural Heritage (Level and Status)**

National	Process commenced
Regional / provincial / state	Process commenced
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 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 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 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)**

In 2009, a Cultural Mapping exercise was conducted throughout the whole of Tonga as part of a larger project on mapping, planning and cultural policy development. The data that was collected during this exercise has resulted in a preliminary list of cultural and natural heritage in Tonga, but work on a detailed inventory will commence in August of this year (2011).

**3. Tentative List**

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

The Ancient Capitals of Tonga, including the Ha'amonga 'o Mau'i Historic Park and Lapaha Ancient Royal Tombs in the Village of Mua / 2013 /
Lapita Pottery Archeological Sites in Tongatapu, Ha'apai, Vava'u and Niuatoputapu / 2016 /

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

ICOMOS thematic studies
IUCN thematic studies
UNESCO's Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List
Other global comparative analysis
Others (please provide details in 3.7)

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

### 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

Tonga received technical assistance from UNESCO for the preparation of its Tentative List through the services of a Cultural Expert and Natural Expert.

## 4. Nominations

### 4.1 - Property

### 4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

National government institution(s)	Not applicable
Regional / provincial / state government(s)	Not applicable
Local government(s)	Not applicable
Other government departments	Not applicable
UNESCO National Commission	Not applicable
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Not applicable
Local communities / residents	Not applicable
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)	Not applicable
Enhanced conservation practices	Not applicable
Catalyst for wider community appreciation of heritage	Not applicable
Improved presentation of sites	Not applicable

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

### 4.4 - Comments

Tonga has not submitted any nominations for inscription on World Heritage Listing.

## 5. General Policy Development

### 5.1 - Legislation

#### Comment

Tonga is currently working towards the development of a Tonga National Cultural Policy. This policy is planned to be implemented in 2012 and includes a 3-year National Cultural Implementation Plan. Tonga has a 1988 Preservation of Objects of Archeological Interest Act. This act serves more as an permit to search, remove and report any objects of archeological interest, but states no measurements of how to preserve or maintain sites. 1988 Polynesian Heritage Trust Act.

### 5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1

Birds and Fish Preservation Act / 1915 / National / natural / <a href="http://www.crownlaw.gov.to">www.crownlaw.gov.to</a>
Environment Management Act / 2010 / National / cultural, natural / <a href="http://www.crownlaw.gov.to">www.crownlaw.gov.to</a>
Fisheries Management Act / 2002 / National / natural / <a href="http://www.crownlaw.gov.to">www.crownlaw.gov.to</a>
Forests Act / 1961 / National / natural / <a href="http://www.crownlaw.gov.to">www.crownlaw.gov.to</a>
Tourist Act / 1976 / national / cultural, natural / <a href="http://www.crownlaw.gov.to">www.crownlaw.gov.to</a>

### 5.3 - Comment

There is no legislation at other levels, except national level.

### 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 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 Tonga National Cultural Policy will eventually result in a legislation.

**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**

The cooperation between the relevant institutes is improving, and the principle institute responsible for protection, conservation and presentation is working towards a better and more efficient cooperation and collaboration.

**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**

- Langi Tombs / Ongoing
  - local
  - cultural
  - none
  - Researcher and Community involvement

**7.3 - Comments**

None

**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)	Not applicable
International assistance from the World Heritage Fund	Major source of fixed term funding
International multilateral funding (e.g. World Bank, IDB, European Union)	Major source of fixed term funding
International bilateral funding (e.g. AFD, GTZ, DGCS, GEF, etc.)	Major source of fixed term funding
NGOs (international and / or national)	Minor source of sustained funding
Private sector funds	Major source of sustained funding
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**

Yes

**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**

None

**9. Training**

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

- Tonga Institute of Education / national / both  
Part of course teaching only

**9.2 - Training needs**

Conservation	High priority
Education	High priority
Promotion	High priority
Interpretation	High priority
Administration	High priority
Visitor management	High priority
Community outreach	High priority
Risk preparedness	High priority
Enforcement (custodians, police)	High 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**

None

**10. International Cooperation**

**10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties**

Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars
Distribution of material / information
Other (please specify in 10.3)

**10.2 - Twinned World Heritage properties with others**

No

**10.3 - Comments**

A collaboration has been established between Lord Vaea of the Tonga Traditions Committee and the Australian Government to work towards considering "The Ancient Capitals of the Kingdom of Tonga including the Ha'amonga 'o Maui and Lapaha Ancient Royal Tombs in the Village of Mu'a as a World Heritage Site in Tonga.

**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
Regional
Local

**11.1.2 - Films / TV**

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National

**11.1.3 - Media campaigns**

Not applicable
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**11.1.4 - Internet**

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

**11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals**

Information
Awareness Raising
National
Regional
Local

**11.1.6 - World Heritage Day**

Information
Awareness Raising
National
Local

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

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National

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

Not applicable
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**11.1.9 - Comments**

Not applicable

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

### 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	Once
Youth Forums	Once
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)	

### 11.2.5 - Comments

Youth Forums and Visits to World Heritage sites abroad; Logo competitions

## 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 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

<b>National Inventories</b>
National : Process commenced
Regional / provincial / state : Process commenced
National : Process commenced
Regional / provincial / state : Process commenced

#### 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: Good
Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: Not applicable
Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: Good
Local communities / residents: Not applicable
Indigenous peoples: Not applicable
Landowners: Not applicable

#### 12.1.7 - Larger-scale planning

<b>Larger-scale planning</b>
There are policies but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.

#### 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>
Human resources are inadequate for conservation, protection and presentation needs of cultural and natural heritage.

#### 12.1.12 - Training

<b>Training</b>
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

<b>International cooperation</b>
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars
Distribution of material / information
Other (please specify in 10.3)

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

Education, Information and awareness building
Private Sector : Poor
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	Inventories capture some of the diversity of cultural and natural heritage.	Capacity Building and Awareness			

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

Action Plan, including detailed proposed budget

**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:**

None

**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?**

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**

None

**14. Thank you**