

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party

Viet Nam

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention

19/10/1987

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
Others

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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1.6 - Comments

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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	Not applicable
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Process well-advanced

2.2 - Natural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state	Process well-advanced
Local	Not applicable
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Process well-advanced

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)

Besides national and provincial heritage site, we also have inventoried heritage site which have not been inscribed and some were inscribed as national important site. Currently, there are 10 national important sites, 3054 national sites, more than 6,000 provincial sites and more than 40,000 inventoried sites in Vietnam.

3. Tentative List

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

Con Moong Cave / 2016 /
Cat Tien National Park / 2015 /
Ba Be National Park / 2017 /

Hoa Lu /

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
UNESCO's Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List
Other global comparative analysis

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

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

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

Yes

3.7 - Comments

Department of Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam is the main agency responsible for developing the Tentative List.

4. Nominations

4.1 - Property

Name	Date of submission	Status
Huong Son	1992-09-29	
Ha Long Bay	1992-09-29	inscribed
Ha Long Bay	1999-07-19	inscribed
Cuc Phong National Park	1992-09-29	
Hoa Lu	1992-09-29	
Complex of Hué Monuments	1992-09-29	inscribed
Hoi An Ancient Town	1998-07-28	inscribed

Name	Date of submission	Status
My Son Sanctuary	1998-07-28	inscribed
Phong Nha Cave	1998-07-28	deferred
Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park	2000-07-05	inscribed
Phong Nha - Ke Bang National Park	2009-09-15	
Ba Be National Park	2006-01-20	deferred
Cat Tien National Park	2009-01-09	Incomplete
Central Sector of the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long - Hanoi	2009-01-22	inscribed
Citadel of the Ho Dynasty	2010-01-28	

4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

National government institution(s)	Fair
Regional / provincial / state government(s)	Good
Local government(s)	Fair
Other government departments	Good
UNESCO National Commission	Good
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Fair
Local communities / residents	Good
Indigenous peoples	Fair
Landowners	Good
Local industries	Not applicable
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Fair
Consultants / experts	Fair
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	High benefit
Others (please provide details in 4.4)	Not applicable

4.4 - Comments

Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam is the main agency responsible for preparing the dossier for World Heritage nomination. Being recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage brings about great opportunities for World Natural and Cultural Heritage.

5. General Policy Development

5.1 - Legislation

Comment

Law on Cultural Heritage issued in 2001 and amended in 2009. Decree No. 98/2010/ND-CP dated September 21, 2010 by the Government on the regulations to implement articles of the Law on Cultural Heritage and the Law on the amendment of and supplement to the Law on Cultural Heritage. Regulations on preservation, restoration of historical – cultural heritage site and scenic sights (Issued along with Decision No.

05/2003/QD-BVHTTDL dated 06/02/2003 by Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism).

5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1

Decision No 1272/QD-TTg dated August 12, 2009 by Prime Minister on classifying 10 national important sites. / 12 August 2009 / National / Cultural, Natural / www.chinhphu.vn
Decision No 1706/2001/QD-BVHTT dated 24/07/2001 by Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism passed on Master plan for conservation and promotion of the values of historical – cultural heritage sites and scenic sites to the year 2010 / 2001 / National / Cultural, Natural / www.cinet.gov.vn

5.3 - Comment

Law on Cultural Heritage and other documents on implementation of it contribute to setting specific objectives and policies while presenting Vietnamese Government's commitments. They also give ways to the public to participate in safeguarding and promoting the values of cultural heritage, in particular: - Recognise different types of ownership of cultural heritage - Clearly identify rights and obligations of institutions and individuals.

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

Conv. for the safeguarding of the ICH Conv. on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit traffic of Cultural Property Conv. on the Protection of the Diversity of Cultural Contents and Artistic Expressions Conv. on wetlands of international importance especially as waterfowl habitat Conv. on international trade in endangered species of wild fauna & flora Conv. for the protection of the ozone layer Conv. on Climate change Conv. on Biological Diversity

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 that are effectively implemented.

5.10 - Comments

General policies on safeguarding heritages were developed and implemented effectively in Vietnam. This is still being constantly improved. Vietnam understands the responsibilities to identify, protect, preserve, and transmit the nation's cultural and natural heritages to future generations. We will try our best to fulfill this responsibility by investing in human resources, and cooperating closely with international organizations.

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?

All principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage are effectively cooperating with other government agencies.

6.3 - To what degree do different levels of government cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of cultural and natural heritage?

Different levels of government cooperate effectively for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

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 adequate capacity within services to conserve, protect and present World Heritage properties.

6.5 - Comments

Department of Cultural Heritage has taken initiative in coordinating with World Heritage Centre, Institute of Heritage Conservation, National Committee of Cultural Heritage, National Commission for UNESCO of Vietnam and other agencies to identify, safeguard, preserve and present the World Cultural and Natural Heritages in Vietnam.

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 a comprehensive research programme specifically addressing World Heritage.

7.2 - Research projects

- Preservation of the Cultural Heritage Complex of Thang Long - Ha Noi / 2010 - 2012
Ha Noi city (local)
Cultural
www.hoangthanhthanglong.vn
The project was funded by Japanese Fund-in-Trust via UNESCO in the World Heritage site, Thang Long Royal Citadel. Within the scope of the project opportunities for capacity building are presented for site management staff. More in-depth research into this heritage site are also being conducted.
- Project: Plan for preserving and promoting the values of Complex of Hue monuments for the period 1996-2010 (Decision No. 105/TTg dated 12/2/1996 by the Prime Minister) and the Project: Amendment to the plan for preserving and promoting the values of Complex of Hue monuments for the period 2010 – 2020 (Decision No 818/QD-TTg dated 07/06/2010 by the Prime Minister) / 1996 – 2010 and 2010 - 2020
National
Cultural
www.huedisan.com.vn
The project contributed greatly to preserving, restoring and promoting the values of Complex of Hue monuments .
- Project on building capacity of site management staff in Ha Long Bay / 2009 - 2010
Quang Ninh province (local)
Natural
www.halongbay.com.vn
Management board of Ha Long bay fulfills its responsibilities of a heritage management body by building capacity for staff in planning, managing and promoting the values of Ha Long bay. In particular:
- Integrated culture and tourism strategy toward sustainable development in Quang Nam (home to 2 World Heritage sites) / 2009 - 2011
Quang Nam province (local).
Cultural
www.hoianheritage.net
With the support of UNESCO, tourism management plan of Hoi An and My Son were developed in order to maximize tourists' experience and ensure adequate safeguarding of the heritage. The model is being finalized for further implementation in other World Heritage sites in Vietnam.
- Project: Safeguarding My Son World Heritage - Demonstration and Training in the Application of international World Heritage Standards of Conservation at My Son Group G Monuments. / 2003 - 2012
Quang Nam province (local)
Cultural
<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/hanoi/culture/my-son-sanctuary/>
The project contributes to preserving G monuments in My Son Heritage site. Within the scope of the project, the manual "Guidelines for Conservation of Cham monuments" provides guidelines for restoring other Cham monuments in Vietnam.

7.3 - Comments

Investments in the preservation of cultural and natural heritage National Target Programme in culture are explained in detail in the National Target programme in culture. Within the framework of the programme, World Heritage sites received significant investments for safeguarding and restoration.

Thorough management plans for all World Heritage sites were prepared in scrutiny.

8. Financial Status and Human Resources

8.1 - Sources of funding

National government funds	Major source of fixed term 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)	Minor source of fixed term funding
International bilateral funding (e.g. AFD, GTZ, DGCS, GEF, etc.)	Minor source of fixed term funding
NGOs (international and / or national)	Minor source of fixed term funding
Private sector funds	Minor 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

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

National Target Programme has been implemented since 1994. Vietnamese Government always encourages the public to participate in preserving heritage sites.

9. Training

9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs

- Heritage Guide Training / National / both
None.

- Training on Public Use Planning Method / National / both
None.
- Training on destination marketing and analyzing data for marketing purpose / National / both
None.
- Training on researching and documenting wooden structures by Department of Cultural Heritage in coordination with Asia/ Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO / National / Cultural
In the one-week training course, 15 participants from management boards of World Heritage sites and sites in other provinces were presented with research methodology, measuring, documenting traditional wooden structures – a common type of heritage in Vietnam

9.2 - Training needs

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

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

- Annual training course of directors of museums and site management boards, site management staff and local people living in the site - Training and certification for staff specialised in site restoration - Sending staff to conferences, postgraduate education and research in site management overseas.

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

Participation in other UN programmes
Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Financial support
Contributions to private organisations for the preservation of cultural and natural heritage
Participation in foundations for international cooperation
Sharing expertise for capacity building
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars
Distribution of material / information

10.2 - Twinned World Heritage properties with others

No

10.3 - Comments

Recently, bilateral and multilateral cooperation in safeguarding heritage between Vietnam and other countries, international organizations are being constantly strengthened. UNESCO and other international institutions and individuals have given support to Vietnam in different forms such as domestic and international training courses, providing technical experts and equipments, funding.

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
International
National
Regional
Local

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

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International

National
Regional
Local

11.1.6 - World Heritage Day

Information
Awareness Raising
National

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

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Regional
Local

11.1.8 - Other (please specify in 11.1.8)

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

11.1.9 - Comments

Media is becoming increasingly powerful in presenting World Heritage sites to Vietnamese people. Apart from the aforementioned means of media, World Heritage sites are also presented in festivals, arts performances, workshops, and conferences... Especially, in 2005 November 23rd was chosen as the Vietnam Cultural Heritage Day in which different activities in the theme of preserving and promoting the values of cultural heritage take place throughout the country.

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	Good
Communities living in/around heritage sites	Good
Tourism industry	Fair
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 participates in UNESCO's *World Heritage in Young Hands programme* and has integrated World Heritage Education in School Curricula.

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	Occasionally
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	Occasionally
Other (comment below)	Never

11.2.5 - Comments

In 2 years 2010-2011, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism in coordination with Ministry of Education and Training and other related Government agencies initiated the program called "Child-friendly school", which contributes to raising the awareness of students in safeguarding historical and natural heritages. Within the scope of the program "World Heritage in young hands", several projects have been implemented in Vietnam such as: Volunteers for World Heritage site, Ha Long Bay in 2008-2009

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
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: Good
Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: Poor
Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: Good
Local communities / residents: Good
Indigenous peoples: Fair
Landowners: Good

12.1.7 - Larger-scale planning

Larger-scale planning
There are policies that are effectively implemented.

12.1.8 - Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation

Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation
Different levels of government cooperate effectively for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

12.1.9 - Scientific and Technical Studies and Research

Scientific and Technical Studies and Research
There is a comprehensive research programme 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
Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Financial support
Contributions to private organisations for the preservation of cultural and natural heritage
Participation in foundations for international cooperation
Sharing expertise for capacity building
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars
Distribution of material / information

12.1.14 - Education, Information and awareness building

Education, Information and awareness building
Private Sector : Fair
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

Answers provided have not outlined any serious management need.

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

Training/Workshop on strengthening awareness for local community who are living in and around world heritage sites. International cooperation in sharing and training on restoration, protection and management of world natural and cultural heritage sites. Popularizing and strengthening the implementation of UNESCO 1972 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:

The questionnaire is clear; include general issues on management of world heritage sites following guidelines of UNESCO 1972 Convention.

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	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?

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	Good
Advisory Bodies	Good
State Party	Good
Site Managers	Good

13.6 - Comments

We want to express our sincere appreciation to UNESCO Ha Noi Office for supporting us in this exercise by hosting training for national focal point, site managers, providing technical assistance and translation. Thank you World Heritage Center for developing a comprehensive report for evaluating the management, safeguarding, preservation and promotion of World Heritage sites.

14. Thank you