

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party

Belarus

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention

12/10/1988

1.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of Section I of the Periodic Reporting

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage
World Heritage property managers/coordinators

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

- Igor Cherniavsky
Department of Historical and Cultural Heritage and Restoration
Deputy Director

Comment

Igor Cherniavsky now is a Head of the Department of Historical and Cultural Heritage of the Ministry of Culture of Belarus

1.5 - Other key institutions responsible

- Alla Stashkevich
Head of the Department on the Protection of Cultural Heritage
Institute of Culture of Belarus
Domain: cultural
- Vladimir Zmushko
OAO
Institution
Domain: cultural

1.6 - Comments

No comments

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

2.1 - Cultural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	Process well-advanced
Regional / provincial / state	Process commenced
Local	No process established
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	

2.2 - Natural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state	Not applicable
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 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)

No comments

3. Tentative List

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

Augustowski Canal – a work of man and nature / 2016 /
Tangible Spiritual Heritage of St. Euphrosyne of Polotsk / 2017 /

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

ICOMOS thematic studies
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)	Good
Other government departments	Fair
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Fair
Local communities / residents	Poor
Indigenous peoples	Fair
Landowners	Poor
Local industries	Poor
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Good
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

No comments

4. Nominations

4.1 - Property

Name	Date of submission	Status
Mir Castle Complex	1991-10-01	inscribed
Berezinsky Biosphere Reserve	1991-10-01	not inscribed
Struve Geodetic Arc	2004-01-28	inscribed
Architectural, Residential and Cultural Complex of the Radziwill Family at Nesvizh	2004-01-30	inscribed
Augustowski Canal – a work of man and nature	2008-10-02	withdrawn
Augustowski Canal – a work of man and nature	2008-01-02	Incomplete
Tangible Spiritual Heritage of St. Euphrosyne of Polotsk	2008-01-31	withdrawn
Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Bialowieza Forest	1978-06-06	inscribed
Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Bialowieza Forest	1998-09-14	
Bialowieza Forest	2012-01-30	Incomplete

4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

National government institution(s)	Good
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	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Fair
Landowners	Fair
Local industries	Fair
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Good
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	Some 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
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4.4 - Comments

No comments

5. General Policy Development

5.1 - Legislation

Comment

The Law on the Protection of Historical and Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Belarus. It was adopted in 1992. Last redaction was in 2012.

5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1

Law on the Protection of Historical and Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Belarus. / 1992, last redaction in 2012. / national / cultural / www.kultura.by

Law on Environmental Protection / 1992, last redaction in 2002 / national / natural / www.minpriroda.gov.by

5.3 - Comment

No comments

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

Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970) Convention on Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003) Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005) European Cultural Convention

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

No 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 adequate capacity within services to conserve, protect and present World Heritage properties.

6.5 - Comments

no 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 programme concerned the Radziwill family / 2013 -2014
national
cultural
[www.http://niasvizh.by](http://niasvizh.by), www.mirzamak.by
no comments

7.3 - Comments

No 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	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

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 sufficient but further funding would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

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 but additional staffing would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

8.6 - Comments

No comments

9. Training

9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs

- Institute of Culture of Belarus / national / cultural
No

9.2 - Training needs

Conservation	High priority
Education	Low priority
Promotion	Medium priority
Interpretation	High priority
Administration	Medium priority
Visitor management	High priority
Community outreach	High 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

no comments

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

Participation in other UN programmes
Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
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

Yes

10.3 - Comments

No comments

11. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.1. Media used for World Heritage sites promotion

11.1.1 - Publications

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Regional
Local

11.1.2 - Films / TV

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Regional

11.1.3 - Media campaigns

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Regional
Local

11.1.4 - Internet

Information
Awareness Raising
International
National
Regional

11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National

11.1.6 - World Heritage Day

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional

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

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Regional

11.1.8 - Other (please specify in 11.1.8)

Not applicable

11.1.9 - Comments

No comments

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

11.2.5 - Comments

No 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 well-advanced
Regional / provincial / state : Process commenced
National : Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state : Not applicable

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
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12.1.6 - Communities

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

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 sufficient but further funding would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

12.1.11 - Human resources

Human resources
Human resources are adequate but additional staffing would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

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
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 : 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

5 General Policy Development						
		Action	Short description	Authority(ies) responsible	Timeframe	May this action require International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund?
5.7	There is adequate coordination and integration.	The development of special research programs concerned the World Heritage on national and regional levels for local communities, youths and children.	Possible programmes and their implementation will be discussed on the national expert meeting on the results of periodic reporting in September 2014	Local authorities, site managers, Ministry of Culture of Belarus	2014-2020	in individual cases

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

Possible actions will be discussed on the national expert meeting on the results of periodic reporting in September 2014

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:

No suggestions

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	Not applicable
ICCROM	Not applicable
ICOMOS national / regional	Fair
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	Good
Advisory Bodies	Fair
State Party	Fair
Site Managers	Fair

13.6 - Comments

No comments

14. Thank you