

**1. World Heritage Property Data**

**1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property**

Butrint

**1.2 - World Heritage Property Details**

**State(s) Party(ies)**

- Albania

**Type of Property**

cultural

**Identification Number**

570ter


**Year of inscription on the World Heritage List**

1992, 1999

**1.3 - Geographic Information Table**

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Butrint	39.751 / 20.026	3980	4611.2	8591.2	1992
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>3980</b>	<b>4611.2</b>	<b>8591.2</b>	

**1.4 - Map(s)**

Title	Date	Link to source
Butrint National Park, scale by calculation ~1: 153,000.	01/02/2007	

**1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property**

- Apollon Bace  
Institute of Cultural Monuments of Albania  
Director

**Comment**

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**1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency**

- Raimond Kola  
Butrint National Park  
Director

**1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)**

1. [Butrint, Albania \(History Channel\)](#)
2. [Butrint \(Albanian.com\)](#)
3. [www.butrinti.org](http://www.butrinti.org)
4. [The Butrint Foundation](#)

**Comment**

www.butrint.al

**1.8 - Other designations / Conventions under which the property is protected (if applicable)**

**Comment**

Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar (Iran), 2 February 1971

**2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value**

**2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**

**Comment**

At its 38th session (Doha, June 2014), the World Heritage Committee has adopted the retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, as agreed upon by Albanian authorities and the Advisory Bodies, for the World Heritage property of Butrint. The Decision 38 COM BE refers to the adoption of the retrospective SOUV.

**2.2 - The criteria (2005 revised version) under which the property was inscribed**

(iii)

**2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion**

Criterion (iii): The evolution of the natural environment of Butrint led to the abandonment of the city at the end of the Middle Ages, with the result that this archaeological site provides valuable evidence of ancient and medieval civilizations on the territory of modern Albania.

**2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised**

**2.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value**

The property is of sufficient size (200 ha) to include a significant proportion of the attributes which express its Outstanding Universal Value. The integrity of the Butrint World Heritage Property is related to the fact that it does not suffer from adverse effects of development or neglect. Besides modern development and urban expansion, the integrity of the World Heritage Property of Butrint is not threatened.

**3. Factors Affecting the Property**

**3.14. Other factor(s)**

**3.14.1 - Other factor(s)**

### 3.15. Factors Summary Table

#### 3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact				Origin	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>						
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure						
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Biological resource use/modification</b>						
3.5.1	Fishing/collecting aquatic resources						
3.5.2	Aquaculture						
3.5.3	Land conversion						
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>						
3.10.2	Flooding						
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>						
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)						
<b>3.13</b>	<b>Management and institutional factors</b>						
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities						
3.13.3	Management activities						
<b>Legend</b>	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside	

### 3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

#### 3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend	
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Biological resource use/modification</b>					
<b>3.5.3</b>	<b>Land conversion</b>	extensive	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>					
<b>3.10.2</b>	<b>Flooding</b>	extensive	on-going	significant	low capacity	static
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>					
<b>3.11.6</b>	<b>Fire (wildfires)</b>	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing

### 3.17. Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to factors affecting the property

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

No Comments

## 4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

### 4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

#### 4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is a buffer zone

#### 4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

#### 4.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

#### 4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

#### 4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are known by the management authority but are **not known by local residents / communities/landowners**.

#### 4.1.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

No Comments

### 4.2. Protective Measures

#### 4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional)

The entire nominated area is statutorily protected. In 1948 93 monuments were protected under the provisions of the Law No 586/1948 on the Protection of Cultural Monuments and Rare Natural Sites: this covers all the individual monuments in the area. In 1981 a special government decree nominated the 25ha of woodland at Butrint as a site of special natural interest under the same legislation. There are severe penalties for any action that has an adverse impact on protected cultural and natural monuments.

The inscribed property of 16 ha (core zone) lies within the Butrint National Park. The entire area of park serves as a buffer zone of the World Heritage property. Butrint National Park is divided into four zones:

- Core zone A: 3980 ha - with the strongest protection - this includes the World Heritage property.
- Core zone B: 592 ha - Recreation Zone
- Core zone C: 3081 ha - Traditional use zone
- Core zone D: 938 ha - Sustainable use zone – with the least protection and which act as a buffer zone for the World Heritage site from the neighboring urban areas.

#### Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

Source: [Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 \(2001-2006\)](#)

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##### • Question 6.02

There is zoning within the Park boundary which is mainly respected.

#### 4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property is **inadequate**

#### 4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property is **inadequate**

#### 4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

An **adequate** legal framework exists for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone, but **there are some deficiencies in its implementation** which undermine the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the property

#### 4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?

There is **acceptable** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies remain

#### 4.2.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to protective measures

No Comments

### 4.3. Management System / Management Plan

#### 4.3.1 - Management System

In 1999, the Albanian Government created the Butrint National Park with a fulltime Director to oversee its management. Furthermore during the period of 2004, the Park recruited other required specialists for archaeology, architecture, environment, tourism and finance.

The Institute of Monuments and the Institute of Archaeology are responsible for all activities of physical research work, excavations, and conservation of architectural and archeological remains in the Park. The above-mentioned

management team of the Park has offices in Saranda as well as in the castle at Butrint National Park.

Besides the staff management structure of the Park, there is also the the Board of the Butrint National Park, which is chaired by the Minister of Culture, Tourism, Youth and Sport, and is composed of representatives from the Institutes of Archaeology and Monuments, representatives of the Ministries of Environment and Spatial Planning, as well as one representative of the Albanian National Commission for UNESCO.

The Board's main task is dedicated to the review and approval of the Park's annual research and maintenance programme; including allocation of required budgetary resources, and monitoring of the implementation of planned programme activities.

The Butrint Foundation funded and carried out excavation and conservation of archaeological remains in association with the Albanian Institute of Archaeology.

In October 2008, the museum was transferred to the park authorities. This will make possible its full management by the Butrint National Park and its integration into the overall experience of visitors.

**Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2**

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**• Question 5.02**

Steering group or similar management committee has been set up to guide the management of the site

**• Question 5.03**

**Set up date:** 2000

**Function:** The Park has a management board, which was set up in 2000 (date not sure) with the establishment of the National Park. Its function is to oversee the activities of the Park.

**Constituted:** legal

**• Question 5.05**

Overall management system of the site

- Management by the State Party
- Management under protective legislation

**Comment**

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**4.3.2 - Management Documents**

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Butrint Management Plan, 2000-2005	N/A	Available	01/01/2001	
Butrint National Park Management Plan 2007-2012	In Force	Available	01/02/2007	

Butrint National Park Management Plan (September 2009)	N/A	Available	01/09/2009	
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**4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional / provincial / state; local / municipal etc.) coordinate in the management of the World Heritage Property ?**

There is coordination between the range of administrative bodies / levels involved in the management of the property **but it could be improved**

**4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value ?**

The management system/plan is only **partially adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

**4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?**

The management system is being **fully** implemented and monitored

**4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?**

An annual work / action plan exists and **most or all activities** are being implemented and monitored

**4.3.7 - Please rate the cooperation / relationship with World Heritage property managers / coordinators / staff of the following**

Local communities / residents	Fair
Local / Municipal authorities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Non-existent
Landowners	Poor
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Industry	Poor

**4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?**

Local communities have **no input** into decisions relating to the management

**4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?**

**No indigenous peoples** are resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

**4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?**

There is contact but only **some cooperation** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

**4.3.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training**

No Comments



**4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report**

**4.4. Financial and Human Resources**

**4.4.1 - Costs related to conservation, based on the average of last five years (relative percentage of the funding sources)**

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	30%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	9%
Governmental (National / Federal)	0%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	56%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	5%

**4.4.2 - International Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)**

Title	Year	Amount	Link to source
Technical assistance for the restoration of Butrint	1996	6000.00	
Butrint	1997	100000.00	
<b>Total</b>		106000	

**4.4.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?**

The available budget is **sufficient** but further funding would enable more effective management to international best practice standard

**4.4.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?**

The existing sources of funding **are secure** in the medium-term and planning is underway to secure funding in the long-term

**4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?**

There is **some flow** of economic benefits to local communities

**4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?**

There are **some** adequate equipment and facilities, but deficiencies in at least one key area **constrain** management at the World Heritage property

**4.4.7 - Are resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure adequately maintained?**

There is **basic** maintenance of equipment and facilities

**4.4.8 - Comments, conclusion, and / or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure**

The activities of the park were covered by government budget, while income of the park went to the government. A decision saying that the park can use and administer 90% of its income, is very slowly implemented for various bureaucratic obstacles. Such freedom of using the revenues (mainly from ticket selling) will allow for much better use of the budget.

**4.4.9 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)**

Full-time	100%
Part-time	0%

**4.4.10 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)**

Permanent	60%
Seasonal	40%

**4.4.11 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)**

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

**4.4.12 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?**

A range of human resources exist, but these are **below optimum** to manage the World Heritage Property.

**4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines**

Research and monitoring	Good
Promotion	Good
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Good
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Good
Conservation	Good
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Poor
Tourism	Good
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

**4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines**

Research and monitoring	High
Promotion	Low
Community outreach	Low
Interpretation	Low
Education	Low
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	High
Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	Low
Tourism	High



Enforcement (custodians, police)	Low
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#### 4.4.15 - Do the management and conservation programmes at the World Heritage property help develop local expertise?

A capacity development plan or programme is **in place and fully implemented**; all technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, who are assuming leadership in management

#### 4.4.16 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

No Comments

### 4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

#### 4.5.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient**

#### 4.5.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is a **comprehensive, integrated programme of research**, which is relevant to management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

#### 4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **shared widely** with the local, national and international audiences

#### 4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report

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**4.5.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to scientific studies and research projects**

Due to their importance and values, the archaeological properties must be managed and handled at the highest possible standards, not allowing for any compromises. New excavations as well as ongoing ones will follow a development plan. As a matter of principle, new excavations must serve not only scientific purpose but as well conservation and needs of the park and its visitors.

**4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building**

**4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?**

In many locations and easily visible to visitors

**4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups**

Local communities / residents	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Average
Local Indigenous peoples	Non-existent
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Excellent
Tourism industry	Average
Local businesses and industries	Poor

**4.6.3 - Is there a planned education and awareness programme linked to the values and management of the World Heritage property?**

There is a planned education and awareness programme but it only **partly meets the needs** and could be improved

**4.6.4 - What role, if any, has designation as a World Heritage property played with respect to education, information and awareness building activities?**

World Heritage status has influenced education, information and awareness building activities, **but it could be improved**

**4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?**

There is **excellent presentation and interpretation** of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property

**4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property**

Visitor centre	Not provided but needed
Site museum	Excellent
Information booths	Poor
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Poor
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Adequate
Other	Not needed

**4.6.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to education, information and awareness building**

1. A new and ongoing initiative of the Ministry of Culture "Friends of Monuments" (2014) focuses on the raising of awareness on the value of WH property for the local community. 2. After the reorganization (2014) of the Cultural Heritage Management system in Albania, in each regional directorate of national culture there is a expert responsible for the education through culture

**4.7. Visitor Management**

**4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years**

Last year	Minor Increase
Two years ago	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Minor Increase

**4.7.2 - What information sources are used to collect trend data on visitor statistics?**

Entry tickets and registries
Visitor surveys

**4.7.3 - Visitor management documents**

**Comment**

Number of sold tickets and Electronic tickets registered

**4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?**

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is managed but **improvements could be made**

**4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?**

There is **limited co-operation** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry to present the Outstanding Universal Value and increase appreciation

**4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?**

The fee is collected and makes a **substantial contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

**4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property**

No Comments

**4.8. Monitoring**

**4.8.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or**

**improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?**

There is considerable monitoring but it is **not directed towards management needs** and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

**4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?**

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is sufficient and key indicators have been defined but **monitoring the status of indicators could be improved**

**4.8.3 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups**

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Average
Local / Municipal authorities	Not applicable
Local communities	Poor
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Average
Industry	Non-existent
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

**4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?**

Implementation is **underway**

**4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee**

The state Party currently is in the process of preparing a clear map of the World Heritage property itself and its boundaries, also indicating the existing buffer zone, following "Guidelines for maps".

**4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring**

No comments/recommendations

**4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs**

**4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)**

Please refer to question 5.2



## 5. Summary and Conclusions

### 5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

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	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Biological resource use/modification</b>						
<b>3.5.3</b>	<b>Land conversion</b>	Criteria affected: iii	Drafting of the New Integrated Management Plan	Office for the Administration and Coordination of the National Park of Butrint.	2015	Ministry of Culture Ministry of Environment Office for the Administration and Coordination of the National Park of Butrint Institute of Cultural Monuments Institute of Archaeology	A first draft of the new integrated management plan has been prepared (with the assistance of the international expert Mr. Giora Solar) and is currently in process of consultation and revision.
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>						
<b>3.10.2</b>	<b>Flooding</b>	Criteria affected: iii	A separate section of the new integrated management plan is dedicated to Risk Management.	Office for the Administration and Coordination of the National Park of Butrint	2015-2020	Ministry of Culture Ministry of Environment Office for the Administration and Coordination of the National Park of Butrint Institute of Cultural Monuments Institute of Archaeology	There have been previous training on Management of Risk in WH properties (UNESCO Venice office and ICCROM) but further assistance from the WHC is needed.
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>						
<b>3.11.6</b>	<b>Fire (wildfires)</b>	Criteria affected:iii	A separate section of the new integrated management plan is dedicated to Risk Management.	Office for the Administration and Coordination of the National Park of Butrint	2015-2020	Ministry of Culture Ministry of Environment Office for the Administration and Coordination of the National Park of Butrint Institute of Cultural Monuments Institute of Archaeology	There have been previous training on Management of Risk in WH properties (UNESCO Venice office and ICCROM) but further assistance from the WHC is needed.

### 5.2. Summary - Management Needs

#### 5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

<b>4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones</b>						
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
<b>4.1.5</b>	<b>The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are not known by local residents / communities/landowners</b>	Coordinated activities with local government institutions and local agencies Awareness raising activities	2014-2016	Ministry of Culture Ministry of Environment State institutions (central and local) responsible for the management of the cultural heritage Local agencies and operators State institution responsible for education	After the reorganization (2014) of the Cultural Heritage Management system in Albania, in each regional directorate of national culture there is a expert responsible for the education through culture	
<b>4.2 Protective Measures</b>						
<b>4.2.2</b>	<b>The legal framework is inadequate</b>	Drafting the new Law on Cultural Heritage.	The new law will be sent for approval by the Parliament by the end of 2014.	Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Albania (Lead), line ministries, different stakeholders, such as public institutions involved directly and indirectly with cultural heritage, central and local, NGO-s.	The new draft of the Law "On Cultural Heritage", is a legislative initiative of the Ministry of Culture, and it is aimed at further improving the operating rules in the field of cultural heritage.	
<b>4.2.3</b>	<b>The legal framework in the buffer zone is inadequate</b>	Drafting the new Law on Cultural Heritage.	The new law will be sent for approval by the Parliament by the end of 2014.	Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Albania (Lead), line ministries, different stakeholders, such as public institutions involved directly and indirectly with cultural heritage, central and local, NGO-s.	The new draft of the Law "On Cultural Heritage", is a legislative initiative of the Ministry of Culture, and it is aimed at further improving the operating rules in the field of cultural heritage.	
<b>4.3 Management System / Management Plan</b>						
<b>4.3.8</b>	<b>Local communities have no input into management decisions</b>	Coordinated activities with local government institutions to better reflect and implement the intervention considered as necessary by the local communities.	2014-2020	Ministry of Culture Ministry of Environment State institutions (central and local) responsible for the management of the cultural heritage Local agencies and operators	The Office for Administration and coordination of the National Park of Butrint is in close cooperation with the local authority	

**5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property**

**5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity**

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **preserved**

**5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity**

The integrity of the World Heritage property is **intact**

**5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value**

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

**5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values**

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

**5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property**

**5.4.1 - Comments**

No Comments

**6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise**

**6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas**

Conservation	Positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	No impact
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Negative
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Very positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	No impact
Lobbying	Very positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

**6.2 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to World Heritage status**

No comments/recommendations

**6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report**

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff
Staff from other World Heritage properties

**6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?**

yes

**6.5 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire**

No suggestions

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

UNESCO	Very good
State Party Representative	Good
Advisory Body	Good

**6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?**

Most of the required information was accessible

**6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following**

The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and / or Authenticity
The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value

**6.9 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities**

UNESCO	Satisfactory
State Party	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Satisfactory

**6.10 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee**

**• Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**

Reason for update: At its 38th session (Doha, June 2014), the World Heritage Committee has adopted the retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, as agreed upon by Albanian authorities and the Advisory Bodies, for the World Heritage property of Butrint. The Decision 38 COM BE refers to the adoption of the retrospective SOUV.

**6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise**

No comments/recommendations