

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower

Comment

We would suggest few grammatical amendments 1) to use Shirvanshahs" instead of current Shivanshah"s (The Palace served as a residence for number of Shirvanshahs during several centuries) 2) to use "the" before "Maiden Tower" as well. Correct updated name would be: "Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshahs" Palace and the Maiden Tower".

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Azerbaijan

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

958


Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

2000

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower	40.367 / 49.833	21.5	12	33.5	2000
Total (ha)		21.5	12	33.5	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower - map of inscribed property	02/12/2000	

Comment

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1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Tarana Gambarova
Cultural heritage Division of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Comment

Governmental Institution Responsible for Property is the Administration of State Historical Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan. 20, A.Zeynally str, Icherisheher, Baku, Azerbaijan +994 12 4921175 office@icherisheher.gov.az

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Samir Nuriyev
Administration of State Historical Architectural Reserve

"Icherisheher" under the Cabinet of Ministers
Head of the Administration

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)

Comment

www.icherisheher.gov.az

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

Comment

Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshahs" Palace and the Maiden Tower was granted enhanced protection status within framework of the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its Second Protocol. Decision was adopted on the 8th meeting of the Committee on 18-19th December, 2013 in Paris.

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

Text of the Statement was recently adopted by relevant decision of the World Heritage Committee during its 38th Session, held in 2014, in Doha, Qatar

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

(iv)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

The Walled City of Baku represents an outstanding and rare example of an historic urban ensemble and architecture with influence from Zoroastrian, Sassanian, Arabic, Persian, Shirvani, Ottoman and Russian cultures.

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

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			
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure					
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure					
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1	Wind					
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)					
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1	Storms					
3.10.2	Flooding					
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.2	Earthquake					
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide					
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)					
3.13	Management and institutional factors					
3.13.3	Management activities					
Legend	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	
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	decreasing
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	decreasing
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing

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

3.17.1 - 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 both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

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

4.2. Protective Measures

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

The following initiatives have been made by the Government of Azerbaijan regarding the safeguarding the World Heritage site of the Walled City of Baku and its buffer zone:

- The State Historical-Architectural Reserve Icheri Sheher was established in Baku in 1984. From that time up to 2005 the protection and management of the reserve was the responsibility of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan jointly with the Executive Power of the City of Baku.

- On 10 February 2005, a presidential decree ordered the establishment of the State Department of the Historical-Architectural Reserve Icheri Sheher (SDHARIS), which was placed directly under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The new Department was provided with full

management responsibility for the core zone of the World Heritage site, thus replacing the former authorities of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, and the Executive Power of the City of Baku.

- The decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, dated February 28, 2005, instructed the Cabinet of Ministers to prepare and submit the draft Regulations for the management of the State Historical-Architectural reserve Icheri Sheher.

- The President decree No. 315 of November 22, 2005 approved the Regulations on the management of the state historical-architectural reserve Icheri Sheher (Annex 5). The department will have its own annual budget and will periodically submit for approval by the Council of Ministers proposals for multi-year capital investment programmes related to the World Heritage site.

Comment

the updated text is on the next link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xHVz4LWs9hhtv0YjiNcW63o1tesm83cW5xgSZoXqZzY/edit?usp=sharing>

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 provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

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?

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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?

The legal framework for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity

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

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

At the time of the preparation of the nomination, the administration and management of the State Historical-Architectural Preserve of Icheri Sheher was the responsibility of the National Committee of Restoration and Preservation of the Monuments of History and Culture, reporting to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic.

The institutional framework established under the Presidential Decree of 10 February 2005 united the previously shared responsibilities under one administration, the new Administration of the State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" (SHAHAR). Placed directly under the authority of the Cabinet of Ministers, this administration acts as an independent authority with full legal powers and annually approved financial resources. It has been provided with four subsidiary bodies, namely the Scientific Production Restoration Workshop, the Scientific-Cultural Centre, the Museum "Icherisheher" and the Housing-Communal and Maintenance Service.

SHAHAR has adopted:

- Regulation of use of monuments located on the territory of "Icherisheher" State Historical-Architectural Reserve;
- Authorization to conduct current repair works and organization of supervision in this field;
- Regulation of entry of freight and supply vehicles into the territory of "Icherisheher" State Historical-Architectural Reserve;
- New rules on consent for and control over refurbishment of accommodation (premises);
- New rules on exploitation and preservation of historical monuments/houses by their owners;
- In order to prevent the accidents, natural calamities, extraordinary accidents and to eliminate their results in territory of the Walled City of Baku, including the Shirvanshahs' Palace and Maiden Tower has been established Commission of Emergency Situations in accordance to the Order of the Head of the Administration of "Icherisheher".

In order to ensure coordination with institutions and public stakeholders, two independent bodies have been created according to the Statutes of SHAHAR adopted by Presidential Decree on 16 May 2007. A multi-disciplinary Council/Board of Experts has been appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers. In addition, a Council of Elders representing the local population was appointed by the Director of SHAHAR. The Council of Experts is composed of the main public sector stakeholders: Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Executive Power of Baku, Sabayil District Administration, Academy of Sciences, utilities companies, and other agencies to be determined. Its role is to provide advice on the preparation of the long-term strategy, on the nature and timing of strategic interventions, on the definition of the standards to be adopted to protect the environmental quality of World Heritage property and its buffer zone, on the standards to be followed in the rehabilitation of structures and for new construction in Icherisheher, and on the suitability and potential impact of complex new projects. The Council of Elders is composed of resident representatives and other community-based stakeholders, and provides a formal mechanism to ensure the communication of local needs and the transparency of the planning and management

processes. The Council is consulted and informed regularly about the programming and prioritisation of interventions, and the adoption of development regulations. In addition, it participates actively in the management of the site and the implementation of programs to assist residents to improve their dwellings and the common spaces in multi-family buildings.

The Conservation Master Plan has been approved by the Decision of the Cabinet of Ministers (2010). The Decision as a normative-legal act is the part of national legislation and its implementation is obligatory for the all state authorities. It means that ongoing process of urban planning system preparation of Baku city takes the clause into account. A consulting firm was contracted to integrate the CMP with the Integrated Area Management Plan (IAMAP) into a single document called "Development Strategy of Icherisheher" that includes high-level strategies and an action plan for implementation.


Following the adoption of Order of the Cabinet of Ministers on Establishment of Buffer Zone of Icherisheher (May 25, 2009), the Charter on the Special Legal Regime Regulation of Buffer Zone of Icherisheher has been approved by the Cabinet of Ministers (September, 2011).

Comment

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4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Integrated Area Management Plan of Icheri Sheher (IAMAP)	N/A	Available	29/03/2007	

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 **fully 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	Good
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Good

Landowners	Good
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Industry	Not applicable

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 **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role in 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?

Indigenous peoples have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role

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 **little or no contact** 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

Regarding question # 4.3.10 it should be noted that area of the World Heritage Property is not surrounded by any industry.

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)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	0%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	87%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	8%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	5%
Other grants	0%

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

Title	Year	Amount	Link to source
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Preparation of nomination file for the Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah Palace and the Maiden Tower	1998	15000.00	
Total		15000	

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 **adequate** equipment and facilities

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

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

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

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

Full-time	97%
Part-time	3%

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

Permanent	100%
Seasonal	0%

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

Paid	92%
Volunteer	8%

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

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

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	Good
Interpretation	Good

Education	Good
Visitor management	Good
Conservation	Good
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Good
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	High
Community outreach	High
Interpretation	High
Education	High
Visitor management	High
Conservation	High
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	High
Tourism	High
Enforcement (custodians, police)	High

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

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 with local partners** but there is no active outreach to national or international agencies

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

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

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, but not 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	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Excellent
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Excellent
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Average

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 **limited and ad hoc** education and awareness programme

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?

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is adequately presented and interpreted **but improvements could be made**

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	Adequate
Site museum	Adequate
Information booths	Adequate
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Adequate
Other	Adequate

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

4.7. Visitor Management

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

Last year	Major Increase (100%+)
Two years ago	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Static

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

Entry tickets and registries
Accommodation establishments
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

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 **excellent 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

Regarding question 4.7.3. it should be noted that visitors management issues are part of many internal rules and procedures (traffic management system operation, museums daily operations, tourism department activity and etc.) implemented by different bodies of the Administration.

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 a **comprehensive, integrated programme** of monitoring, which is relevant to 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** for defining and monitoring key indicators for measuring its state of conservation

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

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Excellent
Local communities	Excellent
Researchers	Excellent
NGOs	Average
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	Excellent

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

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

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	
3.2 Transportation Infrastructure							
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	(IV) - The Walled City of Baku represents an outstanding and rare example of an historic urban ensemble and architecture with influence from Zoroastrian, Sassanian, Arabic, Persian, Shirvani, Ottoman, and Russian cultures.	It is planned to find out and consider opportunities for alternative parking solutions	Existing smart traffic management system and daily work of relevant staff members allows to monitor daily use of parking spaces	There is initial plan to find out alternative solutions and to consider opportunities for its implementation within next 3-5 years.	Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Existing smart traffic management system counts number of cars within area of the site at any given time and limits entrance when needed
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	(IV) - The Walled City of Baku represents an outstanding and rare example of an historic urban ensemble and architecture with influence from Zoroastrian, Sassanian, Arabic, Persian, Shirvani, Ottoman, and Russian cultures.	It is planned to find out and consider opportunities for alternative parking solutions which may allow to limit movement of cars within area of the site	Existing smart traffic management system and daily work of relevant staff members allows to monitor daily use of parking spaces	There is initial plan to find out alternative solutions and to consider opportunities for its implementation within next 3-5 years.	Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Existing smart traffic management system counts number of cars within area of the site at any given time and limits entrance when needed
3.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric							
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	(IV) - The Walled City of Baku represents an outstanding and rare example of an historic urban ensemble and architecture with influence from Zoroastrian, Sassanian, Arabic, Persian, Shirvani, Ottoman, and Russian cultures.	There is ongoing process of conservation of monuments within area of the site	There is regular monitoring on monuments condition organised by relevant bodies of the Administration	Ongoing process based on both annual plan and monitoring results	Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Hydroisolation is an important part of realised conservation projects

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.3 Management System / Management Plan						
	Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.3.10	There is little or no contact with industry regarding management	pls see "Comments"	pls see "Comments"	pls see "Comments"	As it was already mentioned in comment to the question # 4.3.10 - area of the World Heritage Property is not surrounded by any industry.	
4.5 Scientific Studies and Research Projects						
4.5.3	No active outreach of research results to national or international agencies	pls see "Comments"	pls see "Comments"	pls see "Comments"	Researches implemented and their results are not oriented for wider distribution and aimed to help to improve existing management system within SHAHAR and better introduction of OUV to employees and local residents.	
4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building						

4.6.3	There is a limited education and awareness programme	to find out better source of knowledge and expertise and organise additional educational process	3-5 years	Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan	There are some areas deep knowledge in which is not introduced on local educational market yet
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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

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	Very positive
Research and monitoring	Very positive
Management effectiveness	Very positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Very positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Very positive
International cooperation	Very positive
Political support for conservation	Very positive
Legal / Policy framework	Very positive
Lobbying	Very positive
Institutional coordination	Very positive
Security	Very positive
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

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

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

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

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

UNESCO	Good
State Party Representative	Good
Advisory Body	Very poor

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

All required information was accessible

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

The World Heritage Convention
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
Monitoring and reporting
Management effectiveness

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

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