

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Białowieża Forest

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Belarus
- Poland

Type of Property

natural

Identification Number

33bis

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1979, 1992

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Belovezhskaya Pushcha / Białowieża Forest	52.5 / 23.583	92669	0	92669	1979
Total (ha)		92669	0	92669	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Belovezhskaya Pushcha/Białowieża Forest UNESCO World Heritage site	30/01/2009	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

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Ministry of Culture and National Heritage
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Comment

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1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

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Comment

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park](#)

2. [Belavezhskaya Puscha \(Virtual Guide to Belarus\)](#)
3. [Białowieża Forest, Poland](#)
4. [Białowiecki National Park](#)
5. [Natural site datasheets from WCMC: Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park \(Belarus\)](#)
6. [Białowieża National Park and Biosphere Reserve \(UNESCO MAB Biosphere Reserve\)](#)

Comment

Białowieża National Park - <http://www.bpn.com.pl/>
Belavezhskaya Pushcha National Park - <http://www.nppb.brest.by/>

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

Comment

National park Natura 2000 Site (Habitat Directive, Bird Directive) UNESCO Biosphere Reserve European Diploma

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

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

(vii)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

not applicable

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

not applicable

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

not applicable

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

no other factors

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact						Origin
3.1	Buildings and Development							
3.1.1	Housing							
3.3	Services Infrastructures							
3.3.1	Water infrastructure							
3.4	Pollution							
3.4.3	Surface water pollution							
3.4.4	Air pollution							
3.5	Biological resource use/modification							
3.5.3	Land conversion							
3.5.7	Subsistence wild plant collection							
3.5.10	Forestry /wood production							
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric							
3.7.1	Wind							
3.7.3	Temperature							
3.7.4	Radiation/light							
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)							
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage							
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community							
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation							
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events							
3.10.1	Storms							
3.10.3	Drought							
3.10.6	Temperature change							
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events							
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)							
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species							
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species							
3.12.5	Hyper-abundant species							
3.13	Management and institutional factors							
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities							
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
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric				
3.7.1	Wind	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	no capacity and / or resources static
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	extensive	on-going	significant	no capacity and / or resources increasing
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species				
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	localised	on-going	minor	medium capacity static
3.12.5	Hyper-abundant species	localised	on-going	minor	low capacity static
3.13	Management and institutional factors				
3.13.3	Management activities	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity static

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

3.17.1 - Comments

no comment

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is no buffer zone, but there is a need for one

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 **do not limit** the ability to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value but they could be improved

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

The property had **no buffer zone at the time of its inscription** on the World Heritage List

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

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

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

The property had **no buffer zone** at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

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

The State-Parties have submitted an application to the World Heritage Centre to re-nominate the property under different criteria and within different boundaries.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

- Laws of the Republic of Belarus "On the Environment Protection" (1992),
- "On Specially Protected Natural Territories" (1994),
- "On Use of the Animal World" (1996);
- Land Code of the Republic of Belarus (1999);
- Law of the Republic of Belarus "On Flora" (2003);
- Forest Code of the Republic of Belarus (2000);
- Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus "On Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park" № 460 (2004),

which determines the status, description area and composition of the lands of the Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park

The National Park currently consists of the following zones: Total protection zone (30,000 ha). In this zone, only activities linked to scientific research and environmental conservation are allowed. Prior to 2004, the total protection zone (15,000 ha) consisted of some 5 plots of a size between 500 and 7.000 ha. After the 2004 enlargement, one large unit of about 25,000 ha, including the property, was formed, and its configuration had it following the state border. In some parts, this shape is considered inappropriate for effective conservation. The rest of 5,000 ha is divided among 5 plots. Controlled nature management zone (52,800 ha). In this zone, authorized activities concern the maintenance or restoration of ecosystems, including measures linked to near-natural silviculture or certain traditional activities. The zone surrounds all territories of the total protection zone; Recreation zone (6,100 ha). This zone is intended for tourism and the installation of leisure facilities, small camping areas, picnic areas etc; Economic activities zone (63,300 ha). This zone contains the villages, the Park's administrative and logistic buildings, (museum, hotel, wild animal enclosures), those former collective farmlands and installations recently added to the National Park .

There is a buffer/transition area (66,000 ha) around the National Park where economic activities (collective farms) are governed by certain prohibitions or restrictions protecting the Park from: introduction of flora (forest species) or fauna alien to the native species, elimination of pond or river vegetation, any use of water likely to affect the hydraulic system, and any other activity that might harm the Park's natural ecosystems. The National Park was recognized as a Biosphere Reserve in 1993 and was awarded the European Diploma for protected areas in 1997.

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The legal basis for the conservation of biological diversity in the Republic of Belarus is structured around general and special laws; particularly, the Land Code of the Republic of Belarus (1999), Forest Code (2000), the Law of the Republic of Belarus on Special Protected Natural Areas (1994, 2000), the Law of the Republic of Belarus on State Ecological Examination (Environmental Impact assessment) (2000).

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Protected areas in Poland have been established under the 16th October 1991 Act of Nature Protection. The Act defines the concept of a national park as well as other forms of nature protection, whereby national parks in Poland are given the highest degree of protection which is administratively implemented by the state.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

Submitted on

• Question 6.02

On the Polish side the Site forms a part of the Białowieża National Park, which has (under preparation) a protection plan. The protection plan for the next 20 years has been prepared, currently the work is continued on the form and layout of the plan so as it can be adjusted to the recent Ordinance of the Minister of Environment dated 12 May 2005. The plan will come into force in January 2007. Until then, the National Park has to prepare annual protection plans. Those plans cover all planned activities carried out in the Park area, including the area of the World Heritage Site. This applies both to protective and cultivation activities and to proposed tourist infrastructure and changes in tourist traffic arrangements. The provisions of the Park protection

plan supersede the spatial development plan provisions within the boundaries of the National Park.

Comment

Information provided in an attachment.

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?

The property had **no buffer zone at the time of inscription** on the World Heritage List

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

none

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

BELARUS

Management structure

A management plan for the new national park was drawn up for the period 1992 to -2012. The plan, essentially a forestry programme, places the emphasis on protecting the forest and combating biotic and abiotic threats: fires, storms, insects, detrimental fungi. The plan was later updated, taking account of the expansion of the National Park's territory and encouraging stronger economic development in view of the difficult situation faced by the local community (some 30,000 people live in the Park's 22 villages). This included opening up the controlled nature management zone for professional and recreational hunting and fishing.

POLAND

Management structure

The administration and management is under the responsibility of the Ministry of Environment. National parks are directly managed in the field by the special governmental bodies employed by the Polish Ministry of Environment. Art.15

and 16 of the NPA specifies tasks and rules under the responsibility of National Park directors.

The development of a new management plan was launched in 1998. The plan has been drawn up by several specialist research bodies coordinated by the Scientific Council of Białowieża National Park. At the time the 2004 mission took place, the plan had already been finished. However, it had not yet entered into force, because it had not been approved by the Polish Ministry of Environment. After entering into force, the new management plan will be valid for 20 years and it will be reviewed after ten years. According to the latest management plan for the period 2003 –2013 the significant part of the state forest is given over to different protection categories.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

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- **Question 5.04** Plans in place to set up a "steering group: As the whole area of the WHS belongs to the State and there are clearly defined methods of management there is no urgent need to set it up. However, the matter has been considered and the steering group will be appointed in the near future.
- **Question 5.05** Overall management system of the site
 - Management by the State Party
 - Management under protective legislation

Comment

In Poland, after the accession to the EU the new regulations entered into force. The biggest change was the Natura 2000 network. The whole Polish part of the Białowieża Forest became a Natura 2000 site. This resulted in the necessity of preparing the management plan taking into account Natura 2000 requirements. Such a plan was prepared for the Białowieża National Park in 2010, it was subjected to public consultations. At present it is revised by Governmental Legislation Centre. See attachment

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

Białowieża National Park - Act on Nature Conservation from 16th April 2004 (Law Gazette from 2009, no. 151, item 1220, with later amendments) Management plan for the World Heritage Site is under preparation.

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 **only partially** being implemented

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

An annual work / action plan exists and **many activities** are being implemented

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

Local communities / residents	Poor
Local / Municipal authorities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Good
Visitors	Fair
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Fair
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?

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 **regular contact** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone and **substantial co-operation** on management

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

none

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

none

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)	1%
Governmental (National / Federal)	76%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	1%

Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	9%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	13%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

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

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

The available budget is **acceptable** but could be further improved to fully meet the management needs

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

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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	100%
Seasonal	0%

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	Fair
Promotion	Non-existent
Community outreach	Poor
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Good
Visitor management	Good
Conservation	Good
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Fair
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	Medium
Promotion	Medium
Community outreach	Medium
Interpretation	Medium
Education	High
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	High
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	Medium
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

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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** for most key areas **but there are gaps**

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 **considerable** research but it is **not directed** towards 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

Białowieża National Park. Know it. Understand it. Protect it. Białowieża Park Narodowy, Białowieża
http://bpn.com.pl/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=402&Itemid=268
http://bpn.com.pl/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25&Itemid=46
http://bpn.com.pl/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=47
http://bpn.com.pl/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24&Itemid=45

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

none

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	Poor
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Poor
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Poor
Visitors	Average
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 **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 **partially influenced** education, information and awareness building activities

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 **not adequately** presented and interpreted

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	Poor
Site museum	Adequate
Information booths	Poor
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Poor
Transportation facilities	Adequate
Other	Not needed

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

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4.7. Visitor Management

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

Last year	Static
Two years ago	Static
Three years ago	Static
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

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

Visitors management is based on annually accepted by the Director of the Park documents on the Regulations of visitors" management. The documents describe the rules of visiting of particular parts and objects, the limits and fees.

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 **effectively managed** and does not impact its Outstanding Universal Value

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

There is contact between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry but this is largely **confined to administrative or regulatory matters**

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 **some 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

none

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?

There is **little or no information available** on the values of the World Heritage property to define key indicators

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	Non-existent
Local communities	Poor
Researchers	Excellent
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

Some recommendations are being implemented while others which involve political issues (the property is transboundary) are issues of serious discussions but regarding the delicate matter need more time and serious consideration.

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

none

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

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.1	Wind	vii	removing fallen trees from roads	monitoring of the extend of the windfall areas	continuous process	Białowieża National Park State Forest Administration National Park "Białowieża Forest"	none
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	vii	small water retention facilities deepening of small water bodies	automatic monitoring of ground water table across the Białowieża National Park	continuous process	Białowieża National Park State Forest Administration National Park "Białowieża Forest"	Small water bodies and retention of water in the ecosystem help to maintain water resources available in the dry period, usually in summer. They also provide suitable habitat for numerous species enhancing the diversity and beauty of the property.
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species						
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	vii	elimination of invasive alien species of plants and animals outside of the boundaries of the strictly protected area	monitoring of the sites which were cleared of alien plant species (checking of reappearance of the species)	continuous process	Białowieża National Park State Forest Administration National Park "Białowieża Forest"	the problem of invasive species in not very serious but the danger exists
3.12.5	Hyper-abundant species	vii	elimination of hyper-abundant species of plants and animals outside of the boundaries of the strictly protected area	monitoring of the sites which were cleared of hyper-abundant species (checking of reappearance of the species)	continuous process	Białowieża National Park State Forest Administration National Park "Białowieża Forest"	the problem in not very serious but the danger exists
3.13	Management and institutional factors						
3.13.3	Management activities	vii	consulting and discussions	monitoring of activities	continuous process	Białowieża National Park State Forest Administration National Park "Białowieża Forest"	some of the management actions might have a negative impact but most of them have a positive impact - fragile habitats and species protection

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones							
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.1.1	There is a need for a buffer zone	The renomination file has been submitted to the World Heritage Centre, and it includes changes of the boundaries and delineation of the buffer zone for the Property	the file will be examined in June 2014	Białowieża National Park, National Park Białowieża Forest, State Forest Administration	-		
4.1.2	Boundaries could be improved	The renomination file has been submitted to the World Heritage Centre, and it includes changes of the boundaries and delineation of the buffer zone for the property	the file will be examined in June 2014	Białowieża National Park, National Park Białowieża Forest, State Forest Administration	none		
4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building							
4.6.3	There is a limited education and awareness programme	Education and awareness programme will be developed together with other partners after the World Heritage Committee takes up the decision as to the new boundaries and criteria of the property	the file will be examined in June 2014	Białowieża National Park, National Park Białowieża Forest, State Forest Administration	There is an education programme carried out by the Białowieża National Park but it is directed at general nature conservation issues and biodiversity. The new programme will cover world heritage issues and the concept of Outstanding Universal Value		

4.6.5	The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is not adequately presented and interpreted	Education and awareness programme on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property will be developed together with other partners after the World Heritage Committee takes up the decision as to the new boundaries and criteria of the property	the file will be examined in June 2014 The programme will be developed with management plan for the property - by the end of 2015	Białowieża National Park, National Park Białowieża Forest, State Forest Administration	The new education and information programme will cover the issue of Outstanding Universal Value of the property
4.7 Visitor Management					
4.7.5	Contact with the tourism industry is largely confined to administrative or regulatory matters	The collaboration on enhancement of presentation of unique values of the Property will be strengthened	continuous process	Białowieża National Park, National Park Białowieża Forest, State Forest Administration	-
4.8 Monitoring					
4.8.2	Little or no information to define key indicators	It is difficult to ascribe indicators for criterion vii in the property- the more suitable are c. IX and X - this is included into the re-nomination file. After the Committee takes up the decision as to the criteria the indicators will be ascribed.	By the end of 2015	Białowieża National Park, National Park Białowieża Forest, State Forest Administration	-

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

none

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

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

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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

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

UNESCO	Fair
State Party Representative	Very good
Advisory Body	Fair

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 World Heritage Convention
The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting

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

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