

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Thracian Tomb of Sveshtari

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Bulgaria

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

359

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1985


1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Thracian Tomb of Sveshtari	43.667 / 26.667	647.6	0	647.6	1985
Total (ha)		647.6	0	647.6	

Comment

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1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Thracian Tomb of Sveshtari, scale 1:5000	21/12/2008	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Vezhdi Rashidov
Ministry of Culture
Minister of Culture

Comment

The name of the Minister of Culture is Peter Stoyanovich. With the adoption of the Cultural Heritage Act in 2009 in the Ministry of Culture a General directorate inspectorate with a regional inspectors was established, and it has supervision and control features at on site. The National Institute of Immovable Cultural Heritage is a government institute that supports the Minister of culture in protection activities of immovable cultural properties.

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Mateva Boryana
Museum of Isperih
Director

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

Comment

www.getika.com <http://www.museumisperih.com/>
poseti.guide-bulgaria.com › <http://www.isperih.bg/>
museumisperih@yahoo.com

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

Comment

European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Revised) /1992/

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

Brief synthesis

The Thracian Tomb near Sveshtari is an extremely rare and very well preserved monument of the sepulchral architecture containing remarkable elements in terms of their quality and style sculpture and painting. The Tomb is also remarkable for the fact that it represents local art, inspired by Hellenism, a rare case of an interrupted creative process which possesses specific characteristics.

Criterion (i): The Thracian Tomb near Sveshtari is a unique artistic achievement with its half human, half vegetable caryatids enclosed in a chiton in the shape of an upside down palmette. The fact the original polychromy has been preserved with its ochre, brown, blue, red and lilac shades adds to the bewitching charm of an expressive composition where the anthropomorphic supports conjure up the image of a choir of mourners frozen in the abstract positions of a ritual dance.

Criterion (iii): The tomb is exceptional testimony to the culture of the Getes, Thracian peoples living in the north of Hemus (contemporary Stara Planina), in contact with the Greek and Hyperborean worlds according to the ancient geographers. The Tomb is also remarkable for the fact that it represents local art inspired by Hellenism, a rare case of an interrupted creative process, which possesses specific characteristics. This monument is unique in its architectural décor and in the specific character of the funeral rites revealed by the excavation.

Integrity

The integrity of the site is consistent with its unchanged character, and the surrounding area. The monument is located within the archaeological reserve "Sboryanovo", where more than 40 Thracian sepulchral mounds, various sanctuaries, ancient and medieval villages, buildings, a fortress, mausoleum and a minaret from the ottoman period, exist. The property encompasses within its boundaries all the components necessary to convey its Outstanding Universal Value.

Authenticity

The Property retains its authenticity, being preserved in its original location by a moisture-isolating protective shell when the external sepulchral mound was reinstated. The enclosing embankment also emerges as a unique element in the surrounding landscape. The general condition of the original stone figures and pictorial elements of the construction is good, and the spatial organization of the Tomb is retained unaltered. The conservation work has been completed with minimal and discrete interference. The Tomb is open for visitors whilst meeting technical conservation requirements.

Protection and management requirements

The management is implemented under:

- Cultural Heritage Law (Official Gazette No.19 of 2009) and subdelegated legislation. This law regulates the research, studying, protection and promotion of the immovable cultural heritage in Bulgaria, and the development of Conservation and Management plans for its inscribed World Heritage List of immovable cultural properties.

- The Instructions of the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Construction, Architecture, and Public Works on preservation of culture monuments and territory usage of the Historical-Archaeological Reserve "Sboryanovo" and its protection area (Letter No.RD-91-00 10/25.04.1990 of the Ministry of Culture);
- The Spatial Planning Act - (Official Gazette, No.1 of 2001 with amendments) and subdelegated legislation relates to spatial and urban planning, investment projects and buildings in Bulgaria. It also determines particular territorial and spatial protection, and the territories of cultural heritage.

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

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2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

The Thracian Tomb near Sveshtari is a unique artistic achievement with its half human, half vegetable caryatids enclosed in a chiton in the shape of an upside down palmette. The tomb is exceptional testimony to the culture of the Getes, Thracian peoples living in the north of Hemus. The Tomb is remarkable for the fact that it represents local art inspired by Hellenism, a rare case of an interrupted creative

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

We do not find any need to change the SOUV.

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

We consider that the current Statement of OUV reflects the Outstanding universal value of the Property.

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	
3.1	Buildings and Development						
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure						
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities						
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure						
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure						
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure						
3.5	Biological resource use/modification						
3.5.3	Land conversion						
3.5.4	Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals						
3.5.5	Crop production						
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.2	Relative humidity						
3.7.3	Temperature						
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)						
3.7.7	Pests						
3.7.8	Micro-organisms						
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage						
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation						
3.9	Other human activities						
3.9.1	Illegal activities						
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage						
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events						
3.11.2	Earthquake						
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)						
3.13	Management and institutional factors						
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities						
3.13.2	High 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

No factor is both current and negative.

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

3.17.1 - Comments

World Heritage property is located in a archaeological reserve "Sboryanovo" which is guarded as instructed by the Ministry of Culture, Cultural Heritage Act and by law to him. He has a protective building, equipment to maintain optimum temperature and humidity, security and surveillance. There is no real threat to his condition.

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**, and it is not needed

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 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 both the management authority and 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

By Decree No.19 of the Council of Ministers from 08.12.1988 the Archeological Reserve "Sboryanovo" was designated (the State Gazette, issue 96/1988). The Thracian Tomb of Sveshtari is located on the reserve's territory. The reserve features an area of 647.6 ha. The reserve is supplied with a buffer zone featuring an area of 1330.4 ha.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

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heritage in Bulgaria, and the development of Conservation and Management plans for its inscribed World Heritage List of immovable cultural properties.

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Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

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• Question 6.02

The management is performed under:

- the Culture Monuments and Museums Act (the State Gazette, issue 29 from 1969, as amended and supplemented);
- the Instructions of the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Construction, Architecture, and Public Works on preservation of culture monuments and territory usage of the Historical-Archaeological Reserve "Sboryanovo" and its protection area (Letter No.RD-91-00-10/25.04.1990 of the Ministry of Culture);
- the Spatial Planning Act and by law regulations (Decrees, Ordinances).

(See appendix 06.02. - normative documents for spatial planning)

Comment

6.0.2. The Cultural Monuments and Museums Act is canceled. According to Cultural Heritage Act (in force since 10.04.2009) a need to apply the principles of integrated conservation is noted and the types and categories of immovable cultural property are defined, for which conservation and management plans are mandatory required. Instructions of the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Construction, Architecture, and Public Works on preservation - territory usage of the Archeological Reserve

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?

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 **excellent** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property

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

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4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Steering group formally constituted
 Site manager on full-time basis
 Levels of public authority who are primarily involved with the management of the site: national; local

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

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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: 2005

Function: To coordinate the activities throughout the reserve's territory, including those related with the Thracian tomb of Sveshtari, to suggest initiatives and to assist to the implementation of conservation-restoration activities.

Constituted: formal

•Question 5.05

- Overall management system of the site
 - Management by the State Party
 - Management under protective legislation
 - Management under traditional protective measures or customary law

Comment

The site is managed by the Historical Museum - Iserih and by the State Party. Management is conducted under national protective legislation. - Cultural Heritage Act (in force since 10.04.2009)and subdelegatedlegislation - Spatial Planning Act (in force since 31.03.2001 with amendments) - Ordinance on terms and conditions for presenting cultural properties (in force since 28.03.2014)

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

- Cultural Heritage Act (Official Gazette No.19 of 2009) and subdelegatedlegislation - Spatial Planning Act (in force since 31.03.2001 with amendments) - Ordinance on terms and conditions for presenting cultural properties (in force since 28.03.2014) - Instructions of the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Construction, Architecture, and Public Works on preservation of culture monuments and territory usage of the Historical-Archeological Reserve "Sboryanovo" and its protection area

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

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?

No local communities are resident in or living near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

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

There is a contact with the forestry and local farmers. Meetings are as necessary, such as sanitary logging, start of new studies, cleaning objects from sprout trees. There is a contract with a local farmer for the maintenance of the lawn in the archaeological reserve in good condition, including the Thracian tomb of Sveshtari.

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)	34%
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.)	65%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	1%
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?

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

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

1998-2000 Headley Trust financed the implementation of the Project "Thracian tomb near Sveshtari village-open to the public".

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

Full-time	90%
Part-time	10%

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

Permanent	90%
Seasonal	10%

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?

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

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	Not available
Promotion	Low
Community outreach	Low
Interpretation	Not available
Education	Low
Visitor management	Low
Conservation	Low

Administration	Low
Risk preparedness	Low
Tourism	Low
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not available

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

Activities in conservation and restoration of the cultural property are performed by professionals listed in the register of persons entitled to carry out such activities. The register is kept by the Ministry of Culture.

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 **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

2009, Chichikova M. & D.Stoyanova On the instruments of the Stonecutters, the Architects and the Painters of the royal tomb with Caryatids at the Getic capital Helis – in IX Conference Interdisciplinary Studies on Ancient Stone, Taragona, 8-13 June 2009 2012, Chichikova & all The caryatids royal tomb, Isperih 2012, 129 p

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

On the territory of the property NAIM, BAS, the Historical Museum – Isperih and the University of Sofia conduct regular archaeological researches. In the period 2005-2013 were found archaeological structures and movable archaeological properties with high scientific and artistic value. The results of the studies are published in the annual reports of the NAIM, BAS and are promoted in scientific journals and in the media.

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	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Poor
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 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 been an **important influence** on education, information and awareness building activities

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

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

Programs, lectures, exhibitions are being held. In May 2014 History Museum - Isperih presented a photo exhibition "The treasure of Sveshtary" In July 2014 a public discussion was held on "Razgrad - new opportunities for cultural-history tourism in the area" - The Sveshtary tomb and Reserve "Sboryanovo" - emphasis in the development of cultural historical tourism in the area.

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
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

2009 - The director of History museum, Isperih, issued Rules for tourist visits and protection of Thracian royal tomb of IV-III century in the Archeological reserve "Sboryanovo". The Rules define the access regimes and visits of the tomb.

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 **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

Sources used: financial reports of income from tickets, the budget and outcome of budget of Historical museum - Isperih. There is a rules defining the access regimes and visits of the Thracian tomb of Sveshtari.

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	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Average
Local communities	Non-existent
Researchers	Excellent
NGOs	Poor
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

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

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

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

No recommendations.

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

A regular monitoring of the microclimate is being carried out. Temperature and humidity are monitored with a special recording program and if deviations from the optimum occur measures are taken for its recovery.

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

No factor is both current and negative.

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

Answers provided have not outlined any serious management need.

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

The World Heritage property has the equipment for maintainance of optimal humidity and temperature, nonstop unarmed security and CCTV, parking, visitor service centre and guides. It is easy of access by well-kept fourth-class road.

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	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Not applicable
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Not applicable
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	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
Advisory bodies

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

The provided answers do not always allow an opportunity for establishing an accordance with an existing situation.

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

UNESCO	Good
State Party Representative	Very good
Advisory Body	Fair

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	Excellent
Site Managers	Excellent
Advisory Bodies	Satisfactory

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

• Geographic Information Table

Reason for update: By Decree No.19 of the Council of Ministers from 08.12.1988 the Archeological Reserve "Sboryanovo" was designated (the State Gazette, issue 96/1988). The Thracian Tomb of Sveshtary is located on the reserve's territory. The reserve features an area of 647.6 ha. The reserve is supplied with a buffer zone featuring an area of 1330.4 ha.

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

There is an opportunity for detailed analysis of the needs of the sites for better financing for restoration, maintenance, conservaiton and adequate management plan.