

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site

### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

#### State(s) Party(ies)

• Canada

#### Type of Property

cultural

#### Identification Number

4


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

1978

### 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site	51.467 / -55.617	8056	0	8056	1978
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>8056</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8056</b>	

### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site - Map of the inscribed property	08/04/1978	

#### Comment

Canada will further address mapping during the Retrospective Inventory project that will be carried out in 2013.

### 1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

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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. [L'Anse aux Meadows \(Parks Canada\)](#)
2. [World Heritage in Canada \(Parks Canada\)](#)
3. [Report on the State of Conservation \(Parks Canada\)](#)

#### Comment

Please remove #3, Report on the State of Conservation.

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

#### Comment

n/a

## 2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

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

#### Statement of Significance

This archaeological site at the tip of the Great Northern Peninsula of the island of Newfoundland contains the excavated remains of an 11th century Viking settlement consisting of timber-framed turf buildings (houses, workshops, etc.) that are identical with those found in Norse Greenland and Iceland at the same period. The site is thus unique evidence of the earliest known European presence on the American continent.

Criterion (vi) L'Anse aux Meadows is the first and only known site established by Vikings in North America and the earliest evidence of European settlement in the New World. As such, it is a unique milestone in the history of human migration and discovery.

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

(vi)

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

The buildings erected on site in the 11th century were similar to those found in Norse Greenland and Iceland from the same period. They were constructed with a pointed roof that was covered with turf taken from the peat bog. The layout of the rooms, fireplaces and openings followed Norse design. The archaeology also uncovered approximately 800 bronze, bone, stone and wooden artefacts that confirm the Norse origins of the property and of the work and lifestyle of the site's occupants.

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

See 2.5 below

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

Canada is currently finalizing Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value for thirteen of its World Heritage sites. Pending Committee approval, these will be used for the next Periodic Reporting cycle.













## 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	
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage								
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation								
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

No factor is both current and negative.

### 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**, 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

no comment

#### 4.2. Protective Measures

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

The property is managed under the Canada National Parks Act (2000) and the Parks Canada Agency Act (1998). There are two regulations under the Canada National Parks Act: The National Historic Site General Regulations and the National Historic Site Wildlife and Domestic Animal Regulations.

L'Anse aux Meadows is a national historic site that is owned and managed by Parks Canada. The Parks Canada Agency is a separate service agency under the federal Department of Environment. The Agency is responsible for the establishment and management of national parks, national historic sites and national marine conservation areas.

The Canada National Parks Act includes authorities to make regulations with respect to the management of specified national historic sites. For example, the National Historic

Parks General Regulations make it an offence to disturb, remove, deface, damage or destroy any archaeological site or historical resource in the specified historic sites and provide the Superintendent with authority to restrict or prohibit activities and limit access to areas within the site. L'Anse aux Meadows is one of the national historic sites to which these Regulations apply. Parks Canada Agency Act - This act outlines the purpose of the agency, to ensure that Canada's national parks, national historic sites and related heritage areas are protected and presented for this and future generations and it outlines generally the manner in which this will be achieved. Activities that take place in L'Anse aux Meadows are also regulated under a number of federal and provincial laws, including: Government of Canada Statutes: Canada National Parks Act Forestry Act Migratory Bird Convention Act Fisheries Act Parks Canada Agency Act Canadian Environmental Assessment Act Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Statutes: Wildlife Act Environmental Protection Act All-Terrain Vehicle and Motorized Snow Vehicle Act.

##### 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

no comment

#### 4.3. Management System / Management Plan

##### 4.3.1 - Management System


The management plan for the site was approved in the fall of 2003. The management plan states that Parks Canada's primary

responsibility at L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site is to ensure commemorative integrity. Commemorative integrity is defined by three elements: the resources directly related to the reasons for designation as a national historic site are not impaired or under threat; the reasons for designation are effectively communicated to the public; and heritage values are respected in all decisions and actions affecting the site. The commemorative integrity statement (CIS) for L'Anse aux Meadows, outlined in the management plan, states: "L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site is commemorated because it is the first known site established by Vikings in North America, the earliest evidence of Europeans in Canada." This commemorative integrity statement provided the basis for decision-making in the development of the management plan. The plan outlines strategies with respect to the protection of cultural resources, the heritage presentation program at the site, the management of natural resources and traditional activities and ongoing partnerships and public involvement that ensure the commemorative integrity of the site. This also ensured that the World Heritage values under which it has been designated by UNESCO are protected. The site management plan for L'Anse aux Meadows addresses visitor and tourism management.

#### Comment

The site is also managed under the Parks Canada Cultural Resource Management Policy. There has been site redevelopment in 2010-2011 to address action items in the 2003 Management Plan. These improvements include the renewal of the visitor centre, upgrades to trails and upgrades to amenities at the visitor centre.

#### 4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site of Canada. Management Plan	N/A	Available	01/01/2003	

#### Comment

A new management plan will be completed in 2013.

#### 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 **excellent coordination** between all bodies / levels involved in the management of the property

#### 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 **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	Good
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
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 **directly contribute** to some decisions relating to 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

The industry referred to in section 4.3.10 is the tourism industry, with which we have excellent relationships. With other industries such as fishing, forestry, mining and the industrial sector, there is not much contact.

#### 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

no comment

## 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)	
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	
Governmental (National / Federal)	80%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	20%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	
Other grants	

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

## Comment

None received

## 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 a **major flow** of economic benefits to local communities from activities in and around the World Heritage property

## 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

no comment

## 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	13%
Seasonal	87%

## 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	Good
Community outreach	Good
Interpretation	Good
Education	Good
Visitor management	Good
Conservation	Fair
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Good
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	Low
Promotion	Low
Community outreach	High
Interpretation	High
Education	High
Visitor management	High
Conservation	Low
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	Medium
Tourism	High
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not applicable

## 4.4.15 - Do the management and conservation programmes at the World Heritage property help develop local expertise?

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

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

no comment

## 4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

## 4.5.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values of the World Heritage

#### property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

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

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

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

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

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

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

A separate and extensive bibliography accompanies this report that contains listings of all research papers about the site that we are aware of.

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

The known archaeological site has been extensively researched and reported on to date, and continues to inform management decisions.

### 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	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Excellent
Visitors	Excellent
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Excellent

#### 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 and effective** education and awareness programme that contributes to the protection of the World Heritage property

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

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

no comment

### 4.7. Visitor Management

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

Last year	Decreasing
Two years ago	Static
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Decreasing
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
Other

#### 4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

##### Comment

Visitor Information Survey - 2009. Visitor Experience Assessment - 2009 Point of Sale social data collection - Annually collected Visitor Tracking and observation study - 2009 Annual Program Evaluations.

#### 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**

no comment

**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	Average
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Excellent
NGOs	Excellent
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 comment

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

no comment

**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

no comment

### 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	Very positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Very positive
Infrastructure development	Very 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

no comment

#### 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

We had a few glitches saving data but worked closely with staff at WHC to mitigate these problems. Some of the choices provided in the questions do not accurately reflect the local conditions and situations. Providing definitions for what is significant, minor, insignificant etc. would be helpful.

#### 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	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
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	Not Applicable
State Party	Not Applicable
Site Managers	Not Applicable
Advisory Bodies	Not Applicable

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

##### • Map(s)

Reason for update: Canada will further address mapping during the Retrospective Inventory project that will be carried out in 2013.

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

no comment