

**1. World Heritage Property Data**

**1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property**

SGang Gwaay

**1.2 - World Heritage Property Details**

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

- Canada

**Type of Property**

cultural

**Identification Number**

157

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

1981

**1.3 - Geographic Information Table**

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Sang Gwaay	52.095 / -131.22	0	0	0	1981
<b>Total (ha)</b>			<b>0</b>		

**Comment**

SGang Gwaay is the correct spelling of this site. The "G" in SGang is underlined, but this questionnaire does not allow that. Please make note of correct spelling. Also, please note that the spelling that is represented in the "Name" column for the Geographic Information is a typo - please update. Coordinates for SGang Gwaay: 131 degrees 13' 00" West, 52 degrees 05' 56" North

**1.4 - Map(s)**

**Comment**

Canada will address mapping during the Retrospective Inventory project to 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. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
2. [SGaang Gwaii \(Parks Canada\)](#)
3. [Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve](#)
4. [World Heritage in Canada \(Parks Canada\)](#)
5. [Report on the State of Conservation \(Parks Canada\)](#)

**Comment**

Please REMOVE web address #1 from this list (OUR PLACE the World Heritage Collection) -The web address "#3, Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve" listed above does not work, please remove and replace with the official Parks Canada Gwaii Haanas Webpage: <http://www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/bc/gwaiihaanas/index.aspx>

**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**

At the village of SGang Gwaay Inagaay (Nan Sdins) the remains of large cedar long houses, together with a number of carved mortuary and memorial poles, illustrate the art and way of life of the Haida. The site commemorates the living culture of the Haida, based on fishing and hunting, their relationship with the land and sea, and offers a visual key to their oral traditions. The village was occupied until shortly after 1880. What survives is unique in the world, a 19th century Haida village where the ruins of houses and memorial or mortuary poles illustrate the power and artistry of Haida society. Criterion (iii) SGang Gwaay Inagaay (Nan Sdins), located on SGang Gwaay (Anthony Island) in an archipelago off the west coast of British Columbia, bears unique testimony to the culture of the Haida. The art represented by the carved poles at SGang Gwaay Inagaay (Nan Sdins) is recognized to be among the finest examples of its type in the world.

**Comment**

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

(iii)

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

Criteria III Attributes that express OUV at SGang Gwaay: form & design of totem poles illustrate art and way of life of the Haida; cedar materials & substance used for houses and totem poles; the present use and function of the site serves to educate visitors, as well as facilitate the continuation of the Haida culture through traditional use activities on site by the Haida Gwaii Watchmen who are Haida people employed to manage visitor use on site during visitor season.

**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 13 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			
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>					
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities					
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>					
3.4.1	Pollution of marine waters					
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>					
3.7.1	Wind					
3.7.2	Relative humidity					
3.7.3	Temperature					
3.7.4	Radiation/light					
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)					
3.7.7	Pests					
3.7.8	Micro-organisms					
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>					
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses					
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage					
3.8.3	Indigenous hunting, gathering and collecting					
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system					
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community					
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation					
<b>3.9</b>	<b>Other human activities</b>					
3.9.1	Illegal activities					
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage					
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>					
3.10.1	Storms					
3.10.2	Flooding					
3.10.5	Changes to oceanic waters					
3.10.6	Temperature change					
3.10.7	Other climate change impacts					
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>					
3.11.2	Earthquake					
3.11.3	Tsunami/tidal wave					
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition					
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)					
<b>3.12</b>	<b>Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species</b>					
3.12.1	Translocated species					
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species					
3.12.5	Hyper-abundant species					
<b>3.13</b>	<b>Management and institutional factors</b>					
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities					
3.13.2	High impact research / monitoring activities					
3.13.3	Management activities					
<b>Legend</b>	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
<b>3.1 Buildings and Development</b>					
<b>3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities</b>	restricted	one off or rare	minor	high capacity	static
<b>3.4 Pollution</b>					
<b>3.4.1 Pollution of marine waters</b>	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
<b>3.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>					
<b>3.7.1 Wind</b>	extensive	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
<b>3.7.2 Relative humidity</b>	widespread	on-going	significant	low capacity	static
<b>3.7.3 Temperature</b>	widespread	on-going	minor	no capacity and / or resources	static
<b>3.7.4 Radiation/light</b>	extensive	on-going	significant	low capacity	static
<b>3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)</b>	extensive	on-going	significant	low capacity	static
<b>3.7.7 Pests</b>	localised	on-going	significant	low capacity	static
<b>3.7.8 Micro-organisms</b>	restricted	on-going	significant	low capacity	static
<b>3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>					
<b>3.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage</b>	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	static
<b>3.8.3 Indigenous hunting, gathering and collecting</b>	restricted	one off or rare	significant	medium capacity	static
<b>3.8.4 Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system</b>	widespread	on-going	significant	medium capacity	static
<b>3.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community</b>	restricted	on-going	minor	low capacity	static
<b>3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation</b>	localised	on-going	minor	medium capacity	static
<b>3.9 Other human activities</b>					
<b>3.9.1 Illegal activities</b>	restricted	one off or rare	minor	medium capacity	static
<b>3.10 Climate change and severe weather events</b>					
<b>3.10.1 Storms</b>	widespread	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
<b>3.10.5 Changes to oceanic waters</b>	localised	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
<b>3.10.7 Other climate change impacts</b>	localised	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
<b>3.11 Sudden ecological or geological events</b>					
<b>3.11.2 Earthquake</b>	widespread	one off or rare	significant	low capacity	increasing
<b>3.11.5 Erosion and siltation/ deposition</b>	localised	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
<b>3.12 Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species</b>					
<b>3.12.1 Translocated species</b>	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
<b>3.12.2 Invasive/alien terrestrial species</b>	widespread	frequent	significant	high capacity	decreasing

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

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

SGang Gwaay was part of an ongoing study on erosion that began in 2006. The 2006 report noted that most of the poles at SGang Gwaay are situated five to fifteen meters from the eroding shoreline and that the site showed "tidal encroachment and localized storm erosion." Parks Canada is currently researching solutions for mitigating coastal shoreline erosion at SGang Gwaay.

## 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 not known** by the management authority or 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

Inconsistencies in the nomination form submitted to ICOMOS in 1980 have made it unclear whether the World Heritage property boundaries are limited only to the actual SGang Gwaay village site or if the boundary is around the entire island of SGang Gwaay. Canada will be taking advantage of the upcoming WHC Retrospective Inventory project to clarify this.

## 4.2. Protective Measures

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

The site is presently in public ownership and is protected and controlled by the Province of British Columbia by virtue of: (a) being a Class A Provincial Park; and (b) being Designated as a "Provincial Heritage Site" under the Heritage Conservation Act of British Columbia.

The Canada National Parks Act gives the Minister authority to enter into an agreement with the Haida Nation for the management of Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve (GHNPR) and Haida Heritage Site (HHS). SGang Gwaay is located within Gwaii Haanas (GH) and is managed under the authority of the Gwaii Haanas Agreement (1993) signed by the Government of Canada, represented by the Minister of Environment, and Council of the Haida Nation (CHN), represented by the President of the CHN. It was witnessed by 9 Hereditary Leaders of Haida Gwaii and 9 other Haidas. The Archipelago Management Board (AMB), consists of 2 representatives each from Parks Canada and the Haida Nation. The AMB provides direction for the management of the natural and cultural heritage values of Gwaii Haanas, including SGang Gwaay.

#### Regulation:

Canada National Parks Act (2000)

Parks Canada Agency Act (1998)

Parks Canada's Guiding Principles and Operational Policies (1994)

#### Comment

1. Change 1st Paragraph: 1. The site is presently in public ownership and is protected and controlled by the Government of Canada by virtue of: (a) being a National Park Reserve; and (b) being designated as a National Historic Site under the Historic Sites and Monuments Act. 2. ADD: To regulation section: Canada National Marine Conservation Area Act (2002) & Historic Sites and Monuments Act (2007) 3. CORRECTION: The Archipelago Management Board consists of 3 members each from Canada and Haida

### 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 **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**

A protective zone has been created by the firm boundaries of the National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Haida Heritage Site. This protective zone is managed through the Gwaii Haanas NPR & HHS Management Plan for the Terrestrial Area and the Gwaii Haanas NMCAR & HHS Interim Management Plan and Zoning Plan. Through these wider boundaries and the accompanying management plans, the site of SGang Gwaay and its OUV are adequately protected.

**4.3. Management System / Management Plan**

**4.3.1 - Management System**


There is a Management Plan for GHNPR and this includes SGang Gwaay. There is also a site plan specific to SGang Gwaay, which provides more specific management direction. The SGang Gwaay Site Plan, approved in 1998, recommended that specific management actions be taken to minimize the impacts of visitation.

- Recommend to visitors that they use the north beach as their point of access.
  - Create a loop trail to minimize overlap between different visit groups, to allow greater solitude and to provide visitors with a better perspective on the village's environment.
  - Formalize the trail, harden where necessary.
  - Use the beach on the southern portion of the village as a trail to minimize the impacts of foot traffic on artifacts.
  - Provide shelter at the south end of the beach for gear storage, rather than the beach or village.
  - Provide a site pamphlet to assist visitors in gaining a better understanding of the island's features.
  - Install a solar composting toilet at Watchmen cabin.
  - No public mooring buoys, sea floor can withstand anchoring.
- All 8 items have been implemented since 1998.

**Comment**

UPDATE FIRST PARAGRAPH TO: There is a Management Plan for the Terrestrial Area of GHNPR & HHS and an Interim Strategic Management Plan & Zoning Plan for the GHNMCAR & HHS and this includes SGang Gwaay. There is also a site plan specific to SGang Gwaay, which provides more specific management direction. The SGang Gwaay Site Plan, approved in 1998, recommended that specific management actions be taken to minimize the impacts of visitation.

**4.3.2 - Management Documents**

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Skung Gwaii [SGaang Gwaii] Site Plan	N/A	Available	01/01/1998	
Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site. Management Plan for the Terrestrial Area	N/A	Available	01/01/2005	

**Comment**

Parks Canada will supply the WHC with an electronic copy of the Gwaii Haanas National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Haida Heritage Site: Interim Strategic Management Plan and Zoning Plan (May 2010)

**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	Good
Landowners	Not applicable
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Good
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?**

Local communities have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role in management

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

Indigenous peoples directly participate in **all relevant** decisions relating to management, i.e. co-management

**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 are a number of innovative management practices in place to ensure the conservation of the OUV at SGang Gwaay. Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, which includes SGang Gwaay, is cooperatively managed by the Archipelago Management Board (comprised of equal representatives from the Government of Canada and the Council of the Haida Nation). The AMB oversees the management of the area and the participation of Haida representatives ensures that all cultural concerns for SGang Gwaay are met.

**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**

Since the last Periodic Report the waters surrounding Gwaii Haanas, which includes SGang Gwaay have become a National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (2010). The new NMCAR designation, the Fisheries Act, and the Rock Fish Conservation Area are mechanisms to ensure that the waters and ecosystems surrounding SGang Gwaay are managed. These mechanisms enhance the OUV as it relates to the living culture of the Haida, whose living culture depends on the ocean's resource.

**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)	97%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	3%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	
Other grants	

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

**Comment**

No financial assistance has been received for SGang Gwaay from the World Heritage Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There are **adequate** equipment and facilities

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

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

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

Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, and in turn SGang Gwaay, has a stable annual budget through its designation as a National Park Reserve and National Marine Conservation Area Reserve. Within these budgets, the site of SGang Gwaay has a specific budget line.

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

Full-time	50%
Part-time	50%

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

Permanent	50%
Seasonal	50%

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

Paid	95%
Volunteer	5%

**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	Fair
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Fair
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Fair
Tourism	Fair
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	Medium
Promotion	Medium

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

**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 **partially implemented**; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally **but most of the technical work is carried out by external staff**

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

In order to maintain the World Heritage Property of SGang Gwaay, training is being provided to staff. All training opportunities assure appropriate knowledge is provided to those protecting the cultural resources and OUV at SGang Gwaay. NOTE ALTERATION TO ANSWER, Question 4.4.15, Answer 4.4.15.3: A capacity development plan is partially in place, and THE TECHNICAL WORK IS CARRIED OUT BY PARKS CANADA STAFF.

**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 **small amount** of research, but it is not planned

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

Research results are **shared with local participants and some national agencies**

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

Grattan, Et al. (2010). Nan Sdins Totem Pole Study 2009. Canada Heritage: Canadian Conservation Institute.

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

Collectively, research studies have provided a sound basis for the conservation and presentation of SGang Gwaay so that its significant features are protected and information can be disseminated to the visiting public. This complex site is an

evolving environment, and therefore ongoing research is required to ensure that the Property Manager makes informed decisions for the care of the site.

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

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

**Not displayed** at all

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

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

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

There is a **limited and ad hoc** education and awareness programme

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

People interested in SGang Gwaay can obtain information about the site through the staff who are on site during peak visitor season, literature developed by Gwaii Haanas (visitor guides, pamphlets, website). Gwaii Haanas staff have travelled nationally and internationally to give presentations on



the unique management system- the AMB. Additionally, films, video & radio have also contributed.

**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	Decreasing
Three years ago	Decreasing
Four years ago	Decreasing
Five years ago	Static

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

Entry tickets and registries
Tourism industry
Other

**4.7.3 - Visitor management documents**

**Comment**

Documents that address Visitor Management: - (2012). Gwaii Haanas User Statistics 2011. Gwaii Haanas Field Unit, Parks Canada. Summarizes visitor trends -(2012). The Gwaii Haanas Backcountry Management Plan. Identifies visitor management strategies for SGang Gwaay, -(1998). The Skung Gwaii Site Plan. Identifies visitor management strategies for SGang Gwaay

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

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

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

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

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

The fee is collected, and makes **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**

To ensure that visitors do not have a negative impact on OUV, a number of procedures have been established. Staff help control the number of visitors on site during visitor season (12 people ashore maximum). The plans listed in section 4.7.3. ensure that visitors attend a mandatory orientation, and are accompanied to the site by staff, and that to reduce negative impacts on site development is limited (for example: trails, boardwalks established on site must be sensitive to cultural resources)

**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 **small amount** of monitoring, but it is not planned

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

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

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

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

**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**

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

The property manager is working on increasing monitoring activities at SGang Gwaay.

**4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs**

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

Please refer to question 5.2

### 5. Summary and Conclusions

#### 5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

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	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>						
<b>3.7.2</b>	<b>Relative humidity</b>	Humidity contributes to the deteriorating of cultural resources that are built of organic materials: Cedar longhouse remains and poles	Gwaii Haanas has been advised by the Haida Hereditary leaders to allow poles and remains to return to the earth. New work is looking at innovative ways to prolong life of poles, and will be brought back to the leaders for their input and advice.	Photographic monitoring, as well as studying previous reports to determine rate of decay on organic materials.	5 years	Parks Canada and the Haida Nation	Gwaii Haanas is looking at ways to mitigate environmental factors affects on cultural resources.
<b>3.7.3</b>	<b>Temperature</b>	Global Warming affects on temperature and climate have resulted in more severe winter storms and rising sea levels, and therefore shoreline erosion on site puts cultural resources at risk of damage (falling trees hitting poles, etc).	Gwaii Haanas is participating in "Green Shores" research which will provide ecologically sensitive and cost effective options for mitigating erosion.	Coastal Erosion Research: a five year study from 2006-2011 has monitored rate of erosion on site on annual basis and contributes to the Green Shores research.	Staged approach: Green Shores research currently underway. Gwaay Haanas recieved options for mitigation on March 31, 2013. Mitigation actions pending funding and approval by Haida Hereditary Chiefs- 2013/14	Parks Canada and the Haida Nation	Nil
<b>3.7.4</b>	<b>Radiation/light</b>	Can contribute to deterioration of wood.	none	Monitoring program being developed.	NA	Parks Canada and Haida Nation	NA
<b>3.7.6</b>	<b>Water (rain/water table)</b>	Low lying ground areas are often very wet due to drainage patterns, some of the poles and remains are situated in these areas and therefore the wet ground area is causing the base of poles to decay at a more rapid rate than the rest of the pole.	Conservation work also clears debris from small stream through the middle of the village to prevent overflow of water onto areas where poles are situated.	Ground areas subject to poor drainage are monitored during yearly conservation work on site.	Stream clearing done twice a year.	Parks Canada and the Haida Nation	Nil
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>						
<b>3.8.4</b>	<b>Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system</b>	The living Haida have been affected by colonization, although, many changes have allowed positive adaptation. Technological changes allow the recording of traditional knowledge information to pass on to future generations.	Gwaii Haanas NPR & HHS Management Plan for the Terrestrial Area identifies "Sustaining the Continuity of the Haida Culture" as a Management Goal. There are a number of strategies in place to acheive this.	Successful implentation of strategies means that: visible signs of Haida culture exist, Gwaii Haanas is a place that supports cultural continuity, employment of Haida people, and visitors gain an understanding of Haida Culture.	Ongoing	Parks Canada and the Haida Nation	Equal representation of Govt. of Canada and the Council of the Haida Nation ensures that traditional ways of life and knowledge are represented.
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>						
<b>3.10.1</b>	<b>Storms</b>	Climate change is thought to have resulted in more severe winter storms, SGang Gwaay is situated in an exposed and harsh environment. Poles, remains, shoreline, tree stands are all subject to the effects of storms.	Green Shores approach for options to mitigate affects of winter stroms.	Coastal Erosion Study (2006-2011)	March 31, 2013 recieved options for mitigating affects of storm erosion on shoreline. Mitigation actions pending funding and approval by Haida Hereditary Chiefs- 2013/14	Parks Canada and the Haida Nation	Nil

### 5.2. Summary - Management Needs

#### 5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

<b>4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones</b>
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		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
4.1.2	<b>Boundaries could be improved</b>	Take Advantage the upcoming Retrospective Inventory project; Seek approval from the AMB to explore completion of Commemorative Integrity Statement that can aid the identification of boundaries.	2015	Parks Canada and the Council of the Haida Nation	Any identification of boundaries on SGang Gwaay must be done in consultation with the AMB, and the Haida Hereditary Chief's Council. Also, the Tentative List site of Gwaii Haanas would fully encompass SGang Gwaay.

### 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 has been **compromised** by factors described in this report

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

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **impacted** by factors described in this report, but this situation is being **addressed through effective management actions**.

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

Other important cultural and / or natural values are being **partially degraded** but the state of conservation of the World Heritage property has not been significantly impacted

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

#### 5.4.1 - Comments

The Property Manager has consulted with the Haida Hereditary Chiefs and as a result, have decided to allow the poles and house remains to return to the Earth. Gwaii Haanas NPR anticipates upcoming consultations with the Chiefs to confirm this direction. Annual conservation is performed using minimally invasive techniques such as tree, sapling and shrub removal and general clearing of grass.

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

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

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

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

no

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

Questions are too prescribed, some answers were hard to answer because they didn't adequately reflect the situation. Due to the diversity of World Heritage Sites around the world, it would be better to have the format of the Questionnaire like the last periodic reporting period in 2005 where the question is asked and sufficient space is available for summarized answer, rather than prescribed answers. Additionally, the 500 character max for comment fields is too limiting.

#### 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	Very poor

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

All required information was accessible

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

The World Heritage Convention
The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and / or Authenticity
The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting
Management effectiveness

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

UNESCO	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

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

Reason for update:

- **Geographic Information Table**

Reason for update: SGang Gwaay is the correct spelling of this site. The "G" in SGang is underlined, but this questionnaire does not allow that. Please make note of correct spelling. Also, please note that the spelling that is represented in the "Name" column for the Geographic Information is a typo - please update.

Coordinates for SGang Gwaay: 131 degrees 13' 00"  
West, 52 degrees 05' 56" North

• **Map(s)**

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

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

no comment