

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Acropolis, Athens

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Greece

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

404


Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1987

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Acropolis, Athens	37.971 / 23.726	3.04	116.71	119.75	1987
Total (ha)		3.04	116.71	119.75	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Acropolis, Athens. Map 2/2	26/02/2009	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports - 1st Ephorate of Prehistoric & Classical Antiquities

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. [Athens](#)
3. [The Acropolis of Athens](#)
4. [odysseus.culture.gr](#)
5. [The Acropolis Museum](#)

Comment

Please exclude from the above web address list the second (2.) and third (3.) link. Add also the following link: Acropolis Restoration Service (<http://www.ysma.gr>)

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

Comment

The Acropolis and its surrounding archaeological sites have been awarded the European Heritage Label in 2006. According to the Decision No 1194/2011/EU of the European Parliament and Council, the EHL is a new European Union initiative and the Acropolis has applied in 2014 its new candidature under the name "The heart of the ancient Athens: The Acropolis and its surrounding archaeological sites".

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

The Draft Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for the Acropolis, Athens has been submitted to the World Heritage Centre and it is under evaluation.

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

(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(vi)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

Criterion (i). The Athenian Acropolis is the supreme expression of the adaptation of architecture to a natural site. This grand composition of perfectly- balanced massive structures creates a monumental landscape of unique beauty, consisting of a complete series of architectural masterpieces of the 5th century BC: the Parthenon by Iktinos and Kallikrates with the collaboration of the sculptor Pheidias (447-432); the Propylaia by Mnesikles (437-432); the Temple of Athena Nike by Mnesikles and Kallikrates (427-424); and Erechtheion (421-406). Criterion (ii). The monuments of the Athenian Acropolis have exerted an exceptional influence, not only in Greco-Roman antiquity, during which they were considered exemplary models, but also in contemporary times. Throughout the world, Neo-Classical monuments have been inspired by all the Acropolis monuments. Criterion (iii). From myth to institutionalized cult, the Athenian Acropolis, by its precision and diversity, bears a unique testimony to the religions of ancient Greece. It is the sacred temple from which sprung fundamental legends about the city. Beginning in the 6th century BC, myths and beliefs gave rise to temples, altars and votives corresponding to an extreme diversity of cults, which have brought us the Athenian religion in all its richness and complexity. Athena was venerated as the goddess of the city (Athena Polias); as the goddess of war (Athena Promachos); as the goddess of victory (Athena Nike); as the protective goddess of crafts (Athena Ergane), etc. Most of her attributes identities are glorified at the main cult temple dedicated to her, the Parthenon, the temple of the maiden-goddess patron-goddess. Criterion (iv). The Athenian Acropolis is an outstanding example of architectural ensemble illustrating significant historical stages dating from the 16th century BC. Firstly, it was the Mycenaean acropolis (Late Helladic civilization 1600-1100 BC) which included the royal residence and was protected by the characteristic Mycenaean fortification. Mainly the Acropolis monuments are distinctly unique structures that evoke the ideals of the Classical 5th century BC and represent the apex of ancient Greek architectural development. Criterion (vi). The Acropolis is directly and tangibly associated with events and ideas which have never faded over the course of history. Its monuments

are still living testimonies of the achievements of Classical Greek politicians (Themistokles, Perikles etc) who lead the city to the establishment of Democracy, the Thought of Athenian philosophers (Socrates, Plato, Demosthenes etc), the works of architects (Iktinos, Kallikrates, Mnesikles) and artists (Pheidias, Agorakritus, Alkamenes etc). These monuments are the testimony of a precious part of the cultural heritage of mankind.

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

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

3. Factors Affecting the Property



























































3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

There are no additional factors affecting the property.

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact	Origin			
3.1	Buildings and Development					
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities	   				
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	  				
3.2.5	Underground transport infrastructure	  				
3.4	Pollution					
3.4.4	Air pollution	    				
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	    				
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	   				
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	    				
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.6	Temperature change	   				
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.2	Earthquake	   				
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition	   				
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

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend	
3.4	Pollution					
3.4.4	Air pollution	extensive	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	decreasing
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	extensive	frequent	minor	high capacity	static
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing

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

3.17.1 - Comments

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is a buffer zone

4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

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

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

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

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

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

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **known** by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

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

4.2. Protective Measures

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

The site falls under a special legislation: Law 3028/2002 "On the Protection of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage in general. The existing protection arrangements are considered sufficiently effective.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

Submitted on Tuesday, October 25, 2005

• Question 6.02

The provisions of Law 3028/2002 On the Protection of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage in general.

Comment

The Acropolis has been operating as an archaeological site since 1833, shortly after the establishment of the modern Greek State. The Site is strongly protected under the

provisions of Law No 3028/2002 on the "Protection of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage in general" and by legislative decrees, such as the Ministerial Decision F01/12970/503/25.2.83(GG387/B/5.07.1983) which declares under protection the surrounding zone of the Acropolis Site, the MD F43/7027/425/29.1.2004(GG96/D/10.02.2004) which re-designates the peripheral zone and boundaries of the city of ancient Athens and imposes strict regulations and obligatory control before issuing any building or development permit within the peripheral zone and the MD 24946 (GG 606/B/3.10.1967) which designates the north, western and eastern edge of the Acropolis as an archaeological and historical site, a place of natural beauty and architectural interest. Special protection is also provided by the Presidential Decree 24/2007 (GG 14/a/26.01.2007), which declares the Acropolis area a no-fly zone.

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 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

4.2.4 - 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

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

The Committee for the Conservation of the Acropolis Monuments (ESMA), set up in 1975, is an advisory body: its jurisdiction consists in scheduling and setting guidelines for the restoration works on the Acropolis. This is an inter-scientific committee with members from various scientific fields of the Ministry of Culture and from the academic world. A Site Manager is employed on full-time basis.

The current management system is judged sufficiently effective.

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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: 1975

Function: The Committee for the Conservation of the Acropolis Monuments (ESMA).

Mandate: The Committee for the Conservation of the Acropolis Monuments (ESMA) is an advisory body: its jurisdiction consists in scheduling and setting guidelines for the restoration works on the Acropolis. This is an inter-scientific committee with members from various scientific fields of the Ministry of Culture and from the academic world.

Constituted: legal

• Question 5.05

Overall management system of the site

- Management by the State Party
- Management under protective legislation

Comment

The Acropolis Restoration Service (YSMA) is the special peripheral service of the Ministry of Culture & Sports, which was established in 1999 (GG 104/A/26.5.1999) in order to organize and carry out the works of conservation and restoration on the Acropolis. Academic responsibility for carrying out the works has, since 1975, been held by the Committee for the Conservation of the Acropolis Monuments (ESMA). All the interventions are imbued with the spirit of the Venice Charter (1964). They are based on clear theoretical and high scholarly criteria respecting the authenticity and integrity of all cultural goods. Very important restoration projects have already been carried out and received international recognition and awards. They are co-funded by the Greek State and the European Union. The indicator to monitor progress will be the number of completed restoration works and the initiation of new ones.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

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

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

No indigenous peoples are resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?

There is **little or no contact** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

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

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)	40%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	59%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	1%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

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

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

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

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

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

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

There is 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?

There is **basic** maintenance of equipment and facilities

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

4.4.1.7 and 4.4.1.8: Revenues from tickets as well as from commercial operator payments are collected by the Archaeological Receipts Fund (T.A.P.), a public jurisdiction legal entity under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture & Sports, and they are redistributed to the archaeological sites and museums of the country according to their needs. Therefore, such revenues are subject to centralized administration and for that reason it is not possible to estimate their contribution to the total funding of each property.

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	60%
Seasonal	40%

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

Paid	98%
Volunteer	2%

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

4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	High
Promotion	Low
Community outreach	Low
Interpretation	High
Education	High
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	High
Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	Medium
Tourism	Medium
Enforcement (custodians, police)	High

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

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

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

The staff of the property (core and buffer zones) is the following: • 43 Archaeologists • 6 architects • 2 engineers • 23 conservators • 28 administrative staff • 134 guards • 13 nightguards • 16 conservation technicians • 82 specialized workers • 1 topographer • 56 marble technicians workers • 3 cleaners

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

The "Acropolis Restoration News" (Volumes 6 to 13, 2006-2013) can be found at the: www.ysma.gr M.Ioannidou & E.Lembidaki.The restoration of the Athenian Acropolis,2011 C.Bouras, M.Ioannidou & I.Jenkins (eds.)Acropolis Restored,2012 A Papanikolaou.Restoration of the Erechtheion (1979-1987).Final report on the work,2012 C.Bouras& V.Eleftheriou,Interventions on the Acropolis Monuments 2000-12,2013

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

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

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

In **one location 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	Excellent
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Excellent
Information materials	Excellent
Transportation facilities	Excellent
Other	Excellent

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

Educational activities for students of Elementary&Secondary Education (6.644 participants in 2012-13) and for people with disabilities are organized on regular basis in the framework of national&international initiatives.4.6.6.8:Visitor facilities:ticket office,shop,cloakroom,lavatory facilities, elevator for people with disabilities.Outside:guide office,canteen, post-office,souvenir/gift shop

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	Decreasing
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Static
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
Visitor surveys

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

Acropolis Visitors: 2006 : 1.138.597 visitors 2007 : 1.151.587 visitors 2008 : 1.071.060 visitors 2009 : 1.087.889 visitors 2010 : 993.496 visitors 2011 : 1.355.727 visitors 2012 : 1.374.306 visitors 2013 : 1.390.057 visitors Visitor facilities: ticket office,shop,cloakroom,lavatory facilities, elevator for people with disabilities. Outside the archaeological site: guide office,canteen, post-office , souvenir/gift shop

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 **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

Although there is a close collaboration between the visitors and tourism industry with the site managers, the visitor use of the property is always in accordance with the Greek legislative framework and the international Charters and Conventions for the protection of antiquities and cultural heritage in general.

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	Non-existent
Researchers	Excellent
NGOs	Non-existent
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

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

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

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

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
3.4	Pollution						
3.4.4	Air pollution	The factor might slowly affect the integrity of the architectural elements of the monuments.	Due to the pedestrianization of peripheral to the property streets, the "Unification of the archaeological sites of Athens" & the construction of the new Acropolis metro station, the air pollution has been strongly diminished during the last 6 years.	The Conservation Section of the Acropolis Restoration Service check the air pollution level through measurements conducted by the Ministry of Environment, Energy & Climate Changes & the National Observatory of Athens in an annual base.	This project is conducted in an annual base.	Acropolis Restoration Service-Conservation Section, Ministry of Environment, Energy & Climate Changes, National Observatory of Athens.	-
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	The factor might slowly affect the integrity of the architectural elements of the monuments.	A chosen biocidal product will be implemented by the end of 2014.	A special project has been taking place since 2006 in order to estimate the effect caused by micro-organisms.	By the end of 2014 this project will begin.	Acropolis Restoration Service-Conservation Section.	-
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	The factor might slowly affect the integrity of the architectural elements of the monuments.	Specific visitors routes and pathways have been created and the monuments are protected inside restricted areas. Special care for the maintenance of the pathways is provided, whenever necessary.	Constant monitoring.	On-going procedure.	1st Ephorate of Prehistoric & Classical Antiquities, Acropolis Restoration Service	The answer to this question concerns the high levels of visitation.

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.3 Management System / Management Plan						
	Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.3.10	There is little or no contact with industry regarding management	The legislative framework excludes any kind of industrial activities from the core and buffer zone. As a result there is no industrial activity in the property's area.	-	-	The answer given does not refer to tourism industry.	

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **preserved**

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is **intact**

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

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

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

5.4.1 - Comments

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

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

Conservation	No impact
Research and monitoring	No impact
Management effectiveness	No impact
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Very positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	No impact
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	No impact
Lobbying	No impact
Institutional coordination	No impact
Security	No impact
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

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

6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff

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

yes

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

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

UNESCO	Very 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
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	Excellent
State Party	Excellent
Site Managers	Excellent
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: The Draft Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for the Acropolis, Athens has been submitted to the World Heritage Centre and it is under evaluation.

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