

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Greece

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

491

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1988


1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus	37.667 / 23.117	1393.8	3386.4	4780.2	1988
Total (ha)		1393.8	3386.4	4780.2	

Comment

The property's core zone is 1393.8 ha and its buffer zone is 1992.6 ha. So the total size is 3386.4 ha, according also to the site's map below.

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus	26/02/2009	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports - 4th Ephorate of Prehistoric & Classical Antiquities

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
2. [Hellenic Ministry of Culture](#)

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

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 Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus 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 Theatre of Epidaurus, an architectural masterpiece designed by Polykleitos the Younger, architect from Argos, represents a unique artistic achievement, through its admirable integration into the site and the perfection of its proportions and acoustics. The Theatre has been revived thanks to an annual festival held there since 1955. The temple of Asklepios, the stoa of Enkoimeterion (Dormitory) and the Propylaia display architectural elements, which introduce new forms of the Hellenistic architecture. The Sanctuary's complicated hydraulic system constitutes an excellent example of serving populous installations and reveals significant ancient knowledge of engineering. Criterion (ii): The Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus exerted an influence on all the Asklepieia in the Hellenic world, and later on all the Roman sanctuaries of Esculape. Tholos has influenced the development of Greek and Roman architecture and particularly of the Corinthian order. The temple of Asklepios introduces, in classical architecture, the painting perception of the buildings, while the Enkoimeterion stoa and the Propylaia introduce new forms that evolved further in Hellenistic architecture. Criterion (iii): The group of buildings comprising the Sanctuary of Epidaurus bears exceptional testimony to the healing cults of the Hellenic and Roman worlds. The temples, the Enkoimeterion, the Banqueting Hall, the hospital and the hydraulic facilities, the library and the engraved stelai that were erected in the sanctuary, constitute a coherent and complete ensemble. The combination of the cult of Apollo and that of Asklepios, clearly recorded in this sanctuary, constitutes a unique sample of beliefs of the agro-pastoral society in ancient Greece, from which the initially magical and thereafter scientific, medical practice emerged. Criterion (iv): The Theatre, the Temples of Artemis and Asklepios, the Tholos, the Enkoimeterion and the Propylaia make the Sanctuary of Epidaurus an eminent example of a Hellenic architectural ensemble of the 4th century BC. Criterion (vi): The emergence of modern medicine in a sanctuary originally reputed for the psychically-based miraculous healing of supposedly incurable patients is directly and tangibly illustrated by the functional evolution of the Sanctuary of Epidaurus and is strikingly described by the engraved inscriptions on the remarkable stelai preserved in the Museum.

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)

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					
3.2.3	Marine transport infrastructure					
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.1	Water infrastructure					
3.5	Biological resource use/modification					
3.5.4	Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals					
3.5.5	Crop production					
3.6	Physical resource extraction					
3.6.4	Water (extraction)					
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.3	Temperature					
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					
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.1	Illegal activities					
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1	Storms					
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.2	Earthquake					
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)					
3.13	Management and institutional factors					
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities					
3.13.2	High impact research / monitoring activities					
3.13.3	Management activities					
Legend	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric				
3.7.3	restricted	on-going	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.7.8	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage				
3.8.6	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.9	Other human activities				
3.9.1	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing

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

3.17.1 - Comments

3.5.4-3.5.5: involve traditional, mild activities, in a safe distance from the monuments, that maintain the agricultural character of the area.

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)

Presidential Decree: P.D. 19-2-1935 and Ministerial Decision: M.D. 16307/ 9-9-1965.
 Delimitation of Buffer Zones A, B and C: P.D.18-11-1983. The Buffer Zones for the broader area of the Epidaurus Asklepieion archaeological site have been delimited by P.D.18-11-1983. With the Joint Ministerial Decision T/956/25-5-1999, ownership of 139,920 square metres devolved from the National Tourism Organisation to the Ministry of Culture, because this expanse was located within an area of archaeological interest; this devolution of ownership took place for the purpose of securing archaeological and every other related scientific research. This land also contains the

Ancient Stadium of the sanctuary, parking lots, buildings, visitor kiosks/pavilions, etc.

In order to better protect the archaeological site of the Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus, various measures have been taken from time to time, such as improving the guarding, installing an automatic fire protection system, maintenance of the existing fencing, installing alarms etc. In order to improve conditions and to increase the protection offered to the site, it is necessary to take additional measures, on the condition that sufficient funds are provided.

Such additional measures include fencing in the boundaries of the remaining expropriated archaeological site; creating a central gate to control entry to the entire archaeological site (which is currently not fenced); extending the lighting within the main sanctuary along the trails for visitors and the monuments. Improving the guarding of the site at night; continual maintenance and improvement of the site facilities; rational use of water resources etc.

The protection arrangements are considered sufficiently effective.

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

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• Question 6.02

This has been designated by Presidential Decree: P.D.19-2-1935 (Government Gazette 53/A/27-2-1935) and Ministerial Decision: M.D. 16307/9-9-1965 (Government Gazette 605/B/16-9-1965). Delimitation of Buffer Zones A, B and C: P.D.18-11-1983 (Government Gazette 83/Δ/9-2-1984). The Buffer Zones for the broader area of the Epidaurus Asklepieion archaeological site have been delimited by P.D.18-11-1983 (Government Gazette 83/Δ/9-2-1984).

Comment

The designated area of the archaeological site was recently expanded by the Ministerial Decision: YPPOT/GDAPK/ARX/A1/F43/52481/2644/15-6-2012 (Government Gazette: 220/ AAP/ 15-6-2012). No change in the boundaries of the core and buffer zone of the World Heritage property.

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**

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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

The designated area was recently expanded by the Ministerial Decision: YPPOT/GDAPK/ARX/A1/F43/52481/2644/15-6-2012 (Government Gazette: 220/ AAP/ 15-6-2012), for better monitoring of the broader area. No change in the boundaries of the core and buffer zone of the World Heritage property.

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

There is a multi-disciplinary scientific committee of the Ministry of Culture. The Committee is a self-supervising body which performs the work it has been assigned at the Asklepion of Epidaurus, where it employs personnel with a variety of fields of expertise (archaeologists, architects/engineers, conservators, draughtsmen, specialised technicians, administrative staff). The funds necessary for the work of the Committee are administered by the "Credit Management Fund for the Execution of Archaeological Projects", a legal entity operating under private law, supervised by the Ministry of Culture. The Committee for the Conservation of the Monuments of Epidaurus works hand in hand with the 4th EPCA. Mandate on the basis of the Ministerial Decisions that established the Committee for the Conservation of the Monuments of Epidaurus, the Committee has been changed by the Ministry of Culture with coordinating and organising individual groups for the purpose of studying, preserving, protecting, conserving, restoring and enhancing the monuments of the Asklepion at Epidaurus. It is legally constituted of the following representatives:

- A Site manager on full-time basis, but with responsibilities added to an existing job
- Levels of public authority who are primarily involved with the management of the site: national
- The current management system is sufficiently effective

The management and protection of monuments and archaeological sites in Greece is not based on an actual management plan. Greece has a system of protection, which is administered centrally by the Ministry of Culture through its regional services. The Ministry of Culture is the competent body supervising the sites and overseeing all works carried out. As far as the safeguarding of cultural and natural heritage is concerned, there are cases where other competent bodies besides the Ministry of Culture are involved. The Ministry of Culture sets out the guidelines and the general policy for the management of the monuments and sites, which is then implemented by the competent Ephorates. In the case of the Archaeological Site of Epidaurus, the 4th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities is responsible for the management and protection of the monuments.

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• Question 5.02

Sterling group or similar management committee has been set up to guide the management of the site

• Question 5.03

Set up date: 1984

Function: This is a multi-disciplinary scientific committee of the Ministry of Culture [Initially called the WORK TEAM FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE MONUMENTS OF EPIDAUROS (WTCME), from 2000 it became: COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF EPIDAUROS MONUMENTS (C.C.M.E.)] The Committee is a self-supervising body which performs the work it has been assigned at the Asklepion of Epidaurus, where it employs personnel with a variety of fields of expertise (archaeologists, architects / engineers, conservators, draughtsmen, specialised technicians, administrative staff). The funds necessary for the work of the Committee are administered by the "Credit Management Fund for the Execution of Archaeological Projects", a legal entity operating under private law, supervised by the Ministry of Culture. The Committee for the Conservation of the Monuments of Epidaurus works hand in hand with the 4th EPCA.

Mandate: On the basis of the Ministerial Decisions that established the Committee for the Conservation of the Monuments of Epidaurus (C.C.M.E.), the Committee has been charged by the Ministry of Culture with coordinating and organising individual groups for the purpose of studying, preserving, protecting, conserving, restoring and enhancing the monuments of the Asklepion at Epidaurus.

Constituted: legal

• Question 5.05

Overall management system of the site

- Management by the State Party
- Management under protective legislation

Comment

The "Credit Management Fund for the Execution of Archaeological Projects", which was responsible for the administration of the funds, was repealed by the Law 4109/2013 (Government Gazette 16/ A/ 23-1-2013) and the C.C.M.E. is now supervised by the Directorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities of the Ministry of Culture and Sports (Ministerial Decision YPAITHPA - GGP/ GDAPK/ DIPKA/ TAX/ 86602/ 43054/ 5964/ 2940/ 30-5-2013).

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

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

4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

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 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

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

The designated area was recently expanded by the M. D. YPPOT/GDAPK/ARX/A1/F43/52481/2644/15-6-2012 (Gov. Gaz. 220/ AAP/ 15-6-2012). The "Credit Management Fund for the Execution of Archaeological Projects" was repealed (L. 4109/13, Gov. Gaz. 16/A/23-1-2013) and the C.C.M.E. is now supervised by the Directorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities of the Ministry of Culture and Sports (M.D. YPAITHPA-GGP/GDAPK/DIPKA/TAX/86602/43054/5964/2940/30-5-13


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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)	22%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	78%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	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)

Title	Year	Amount	Link to source
Purchase of a stereopantograph for Epidaurus	1990	65400.00	
Total		65400	

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 **some** adequate equipment and facilities, but deficiencies in at least one key area **constrain** management at the World Heritage property

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

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

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

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.

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

Full-time	100%
Part-time	0%

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

Permanent	86%
Seasonal	14%

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

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

4.4.12 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?

A range of human resources exist, but these are **below optimum** to manage the World Heritage Property.

4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Good
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Good
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Good
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	High
Promotion	Medium
Community outreach	Medium
Interpretation	High
Education	Medium
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	High
Administration	High
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 fully implemented**; all technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, who are assuming leadership in management

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

4.4.9-4.4.11: The organization responsible for the annual cultural festival at the theater (Hellenic Festival S.A.) is also responsible for hiring the necessary staff for the events.
4.4.15: None of the 4 answers fully reflects the property's current situation. However, 4.4.15.4 is closer to the current status, since constant care for transferring technical skills among the personnel exists at a permanent basis, although there is no specific capacity development plan or programme.

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 archaeological work in Peloponnese, Int. Conf., Tripoli 2012 (in press): P. Anastasiadou-A. Pachigianni, The Reconstruction Program of the doric colonnade of the Epidaurus "Tholos E. Mastellos, Ancient Stadium in the Asklepieion at Epidaurus B. Lambrinoudakis et al, The Research and Restoration Program at the Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus B. Lambrinoudakis et al, Building E at Epidaurus reconsidered

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 **many locations and easily visible** to visitors

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

Local communities / residents	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable

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Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Average
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 provided but needed
Site museum	Poor
Information booths	Adequate
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Excellent
Other	Poor

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

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

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property

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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 **limited 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

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	Not applicable
Industry	Non-existent
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
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.3	Temperature	The temperature scale variations, from day to night during the winter, might affect friable material in some parts of a limited number of monuments but in a scale that doesn't affect the attributes of the property.	The phenomenon is recorded and specific conservation measures are implemented by the well trained, specialized and experienced staff of the competent Agencies	The phenomenon is recorded and specific measures are taken in an on-going basis.	The phenomenon is recorded and specific conservation measures are implemented in an on-going basis	4th Ephorate of Prehistoric & Classical Antiquities, Committee for the Conservation of the Monuments of Epidaurus	No comments
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	The phenomenon might affect friable material in some parts of a limited number of monuments but in a scale that doesn't affect the attributes of the property.	The phenomenon is recorded and specific conservation measures are implemented by the well trained, specialized and experienced staff of the competent Agencies	The phenomenon is recorded and specific measures are taken in an on-going basis	on-going project	4th Ephorate of Prehistoric & Classical Antiquities, Committee for the Conservation of the Monuments of Epidaurus	No comments
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	The careless movement of visitors, especially during the annual cultural events, might have some effect to the integrity of the theater of the archaeological site.	The 4th E.P.C.A & the C.C.M.E. take annually all the necessary measures for the protection of the site by a) permitting a defined number of events & b) monitoring and properly arranging the movement of the visitors during the events, under surveillance	The 4th E.P.C.A and the C.C.M.E. take annually all the necessary measures for the protection of the site by a) permitting a defined number of events and b) monitoring and properly arranging the movement of the visitors during the events.	The 4th E.P.C.A and the C.C.M.E. take annually all the necessary measures.	4th Ephorate of Prehistoric & Classical Antiquities, Committee for the Conservation of the Monuments of Epidaurus	The use of the theater for cultural events, focused mainly in Greek classical repertoire, contributes to the understanding of the values of classical Greece. The impact of the vast number of visitors during the events is minimized by the taken actions
3.9	Other human activities						
3.9.1	Illegal activities	It refers to sporadic, isolated incidents, outside the core zone, that don't affect the attributes of the property.	There is an extended, on-going monitoring and an immediate response by the competent 4th Ephorate.	There is an extended monitoring by the 4th Ephorate on a daily basis, with collaboration with the local Police Department.	There is an extended, on-going monitoring by the authorized personnel of competent 4th Ephorate.	4th Ephorate of Prehistoric & Classical Antiquities, Police	No comments

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building							
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.6.3	There is a limited education and awareness programme	The 4th E.P.C.A. has scheduled the application of educational activities addressed to students of elementary and secondary schools inside the archaeological site.	These activities are expected to get started in 2014.	4th E.P.C.A. in collaboration with teaching community.	The program's success depends on the close collaboration between the 4th Ephorate and the teaching community.		

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	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	No impact
Infrastructure development	No impact
Funding for the property	No impact
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	No impact
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

The questionnaire was too extended and it contained questions that were not applicable to the site because of the nature of the Monument. It would be preferable, the questionnaires to be structured for different groups of Monuments that share the same characteristics.

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

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	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 Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus has been submitted to the World Heritage Centre and it is under evaluation.

• Geographic Information Table

Reason for update: The property's core zone is 1393.8 ha and its buffer zone is 1992.6 ha. So the total size is 3386.4 ha, according also to the site's map below.

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