

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Medieval City of Rhodes

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Greece

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

493

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
Medieval City of Rhodes	36.447 / 28.228	65.85	0	65.85	1988
Total (ha)		65.85	0	65.85	

Comment

The correct coordinates are: N 36°26'35".090 E 28°13'34".720

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Medieval City of Rhodes, scale 1:10000	14/01/2008	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports - 4th Ephorate of Byzantine 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. [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 statement of Outstanding Universal Value of the Medieval City of Rhodes has been submitted for evaluation.

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

(ii)(iv)(v)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

Criterion (ii): The fortifications of Rhodes, a "Frankish" town long considered to be impregnable, exerted an influence throughout the eastern Mediterranean basin at the end of the Middle Ages. Criterion (iv): This cultural property is an outstanding example of an architectural ensemble which illustrates the significant period of history in which a military/hospital order founded during the Crusades survived in the eastern Mediterranean area in a context characterised by an obsessive fear of siege. Rhodes is one of the most beautiful urban ensembles of the Gothic period. The fact that this medieval city is located on an island in the Aegean Sea, that it was on the site of an ancient Greek city, and that it commands a port formerly embellished by the Colossus erected by Chares of Lindos, one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world, only adds to its interest. Finally, it must be noted that the chain of history was not broken in 1523 but rather continued up to 1912 with the additions of valuable Islamic monuments, such as mosques, baths and houses. Criterion (v): With its Frankish and Ottoman buildings the old town of Rhodes is an important ensemble of traditional human settlement, characterized by successive and complex phenomena of acculturation. Contact with the traditions of the Dodecanese changed the forms of Gothic architecture and building after 1523 combined vernacular forms resulting from the meeting of two worlds with decorative elements of Ottoman origin. All the built-up elements dating before 1912 have become vulnerable because of the evolution in living conditions and they must be protected as much as the great religious, civil and military monuments, the churches, monasteries, mosques, baths, palaces, forts, gates and ramparts.

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								
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure								
3.3	Services Infrastructures								
3.3.1	Water infrastructure								
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities								
3.3.4	Localised utilities								
3.3.5	Major linear utilities								
3.4	Pollution								
3.4.5	Solid waste								
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric								
3.7.2	Relative humidity								
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)								
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage								
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses								
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage								
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community								
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation								
3.9	Other human activities								
3.9.1	Illegal activities								
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events								
3.11.2	Earthquake								
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					
3.7.2	Relative humidity	widespread	frequent	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	widespread	frequent	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage	extensive	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	extensive	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	extensive	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.1	Illegal activities	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	static

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)

Apart from the institutional framework protecting the site, a town-urban planning scheme is formally in force. The latter is contradictory to the institutional framework, and thus is not implemented. This planning scheme ought to be replaced by a Land Use Plan delimiting areas of purely residential use and areas of tourist development in order to protect the settlement against damage brought about by the exploitation of historical buildings.

In accordance with the new Law 3028/2002 "On the Protection of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage in general Archaeological Law, some of the provisions pertaining to historical settlements require the enactment of complementary legislation.

The programme contract between the Ministry of Culture-Archaeological Receipts Fund and the Municipality of Rhodes,

in force for about 20 years, has expired. The contract involved the fields of restoration, enhancement of spaces and research in the settlement.

The Credit Management Fund for the Execution of Archaeological Projects is operating in Rhodos; its scope is the restoration and presentation of ecclesiastical monuments within the settlement and of problematic fortification sections surrounding the settlement.

The medieval moat was proclaimed an archaeological site through a Ministry of Culture Decision 31095/942/7-12-2001. The site depends from the 4th Ephorate for Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Antiquities.

The existing protection arrangements are considered sufficiently effective.

A revision of the boundaries and the buffer zone, regarding specific protection and management issues for the site, was advised in the 1st Cycle of the Periodic Reporting.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

Submitted on Tuesday, October 25, 2005

• Question 6.02

Apart from the institutional framework protecting the site, a town-urban planning scheme is formally in force. The latter is contradictory to the institutional framework, and thus, it is, not implemented. This planning scheme ought to be formally withdrawn, and replaced by a land use plan delimiting areas of purely residential use and areas of tourist development in order to protect the settlement against damage brought about by thoughtless exploitation of historical buildings.

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?

An **adequate** legal framework exists for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone, but **there are some deficiencies in its implementation** which undermine the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the property

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

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

The following Ministerial Decision has established additional protection for the property as follows: Ministerial Decision 277/AAP/15-6-2009. 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

The site is managed by the State Party, and the management of the site and its coordination is mainly the responsibility of the 4th EBA and the Archaeological Receipts Fund. The 4th EBA is in charge of conservation works, with the occasional assistance of other bodies.

Specific problems with the management are identified, and ideas are being exchanged. However, there is a need for a more holistic approach.

A Site Manager is employed full-time. A coordinator is needed. The current management strategy is not judged sufficiently effective.

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- **Question 5.04** Plans in place to set up a "steering group":
There are no plans concerning the setting up of a steering group
- **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 Scientific Committee responsible for the execution of restoration projects in the Medieval City of Rhodes is now supervised by the Directorate of Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Antiquities of the Ministry of Culture and Sports.

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 coordination between the range of administrative bodies / levels involved in the management of the property **but it could be improved**

4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value ?

The management system / plan is **fully adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is being **fully** implemented and monitored

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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	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Good
Visitors	Fair
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

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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)	70%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	30%
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)

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?

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

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

4.4.1: refers to the budget of the Ministry of Culture and Sports and to European funds managed by the Ministry. 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%
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Part-time	0%
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4.4.10 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Permanent	80%
Seasonal	20%

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

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

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

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

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

Research and monitoring	Good
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Good
Education	Good
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Good
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Fair
Tourism	Fair
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	High
Community outreach	Medium
Interpretation	Medium
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

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

4.4.10: The distribution of the staff refers only to the Ministry of Culture and Sports. 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

Π. Ψαρρή - Μ.Χ. Γεωργαλλή, «Η διαχρονική – οικουμενική αξία της μεσαιωνικής πόλης της Ρόδου ως μνημείου παγκόσμιας κληρονομιάς», Δωδεκανησιακά Χρονικά, τόμ. ΚΕ, Ρόδος 2012, 197-210. Μ.Chr. Georgalli, P. Psarri, «Protection and management of the monumental complex of the mediaeval town of Rhodes», Management of the monumental environment and its landmarks. The fortified medieval city of Rhodes, Europa Nostra Bulletin 64 (2010), The Nederland, 39-50. Μ.Χ. Γεωργαλλή, «Η αρχιτεκτονική πρόταση διαμόρφωσης των θόλων της ιπποτικής οικίας Τζεμ ως παράδειγμα εφαρμογής των αρχών διατήρησης της διαχρονικότητας- οικουμενικότητας της μεσαιωνικής πόλης της Ρόδου», Δωδεκανησιακά Χρονικά, τόμ. ΚΕ', Ρόδος 2012, 298-330. Αικ. Μανούσου- Ντέλλα, Α. Κοσμά, Μώλος των Μύλων: Ένας διαχρονικός αρχαιολογικός χώρος στην καρδιά του τουριστικού λιμανιού της Ρόδου, Δωδεκανησιακά Χρονικά, τόμ. ΚΕ', Ρόδος 2012, 270-297. Α. Μ. Kasdagli, «The management of state – owned monuments in the walled town of Rhodes», Management of the monumental environment and its landmarks. The fortified medieval city of Rhodes, Europa Nostra Bulletin 64 (2010), The Nederland, 51-58. Κ. Manoussou Ntella, «Le paysage culturel et les monuments symbols disparus de la ville de Rhodes», Management of the monumental environment and its landmarks. The fortified medieval city of Rhodes, Europa Nostra Bulletin 64 (2010), The Nederland, 59-74. Κ. Μανούσου Ντέλλα, Οι Θαλάσσιες οχυρώσεις και τα λιμάνια της πόλης της Ρόδου, ΔΧΑΕ Λ' (2009), 67-80. Μ.Χ. Γεωργαλλή, Η μουσουλμανική βιβλιοθήκη του Χαφίζ Αχμέτ Αγά στη μεσαιωνική πόλη της Ρόδου: Προβληματισμοί για την αποκατάσταση του οθωμανικού μνημείου, Δωδεκανησιακά Χρονικά, τόμ. ΚΓ', Ρόδος 2009, 62-84. Μεσαιωνική Πόλη Ρόδου, Έργα αποκατάστασης (2000-2008), Ρόδος 2008. Η Οθωμανική αρχιτεκτονική στην Ελλάδα, Αθήνα 2008. 15 Χρόνια Έργων αποκατάστασης στη Μεσαιωνική Πόλη Ρόδου. Πρακτικά Διεθνούς Συνεδρίου, Ρόδος 2007.

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	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 education and awareness programme but it only **partly meets the needs** and could be improved

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

World Heritage status has been an **important influence** on education, information and awareness building activities

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

There is **excellent presentation and interpretation** of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property

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

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

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	Major Increase (100%+)
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Two years ago	Major Increase (100%+)
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Minor Increase

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

Entry tickets and registries
Accommodation establishments
Transportation services
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys

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 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

Concerning 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.

4.8. 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 and key indicators have been defined but **monitoring the status of indicators could be improved**

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

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Average
Local communities	Non-existent
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Non-existent
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						
3.7.2	Relative humidity	Humidity in Rhodes has a minor impact on the stone masonry of the monuments.	Conservation of the stone masonry.	Constant monitoring.	On going.	4th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities, Municipality of Rhodes, owners of private buildings.	-
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	High percentage of rain during the winter season has insignificant effect on the property's attributes.	Conservation in frequent basis.	Constant monitoring.	On going.	4th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities, Municipality of Rhodes, owners of private buildings.	-
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage	Society's valuing of heritage does not affect negatively the criteria according to which the property was inscribed in the WHC List.	Awareness raising of the local community.	On going.	On going.	4th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities, Municipality of Rhodes.	-
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	Socioeconomic changes of the population do not affect the criteria according to which the property was inscribed on the WH List.	The city's management plan has provisions for the low income population and for the maintenance of the traditional character of the city.	Constant monitoring	On going.	4th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities, Municipality of Rhodes.	-
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	No negative impact on the criteria according to which the property was inscribed in the WHC List.	Organized routes for the tourists within the old town for the better distribution of large numbers of visitors. Extended visiting hours for the most important monuments.	Constant	Ongoing	4th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities, Municipality of Rhodes	-
3.9	Other human activities						
3.9.1	Illegal activities	Small-scale illegal constructions or change of use of buildings in a living town have no significant impact on the attributes of the property.	Continuous supervision in order to avoid illegal constructions	On going	On going	4th Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities, Municipality of Rhodes	-

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

Answers provided have not outlined any serious management need.

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

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

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

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

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

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

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

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

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

5.4.1 - Comments

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	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Very 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	No impact
Lobbying	Positive
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
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	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 statement of Outstanding Universal Value of the Medieval City of Rhodes has been submitted for evaluation.
- **Geographic Information Table**
Reason for update: The correct coordinates are: N 36°26'35".090 E 28°13'34".720

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