

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Archaeological Site of Olympia

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

• Greece

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

517


Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1989

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Archaeological Site of Olympia	37.65 / 21.667	105.6	1458.18	1563.78	1989
Total (ha)		105.6	1458.18	1563.78	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Archaeological Site of Olympia	26/02/2009	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports - 7th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

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 0030-26240-23753, 0030-26240-22529 0030-26240-22529

Comment

The present title of the Ministry is: Ministry of Culture and Sports

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

- [VRML Representation of the Temple of Zeus, Olympia \(Foundation of the Hellenic World\)](#)
- [Hellenic Ministry of Culture](#)

Comment

Please exclude the above two links and add the following:
 Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports
 (http://odysseus.culture.gr/h/3/eh351.jsp?obj_id=2358)
 Foundation of the Hellenic World (<http://olympia.fhw.gr/>)
<http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/mainland/olympia>

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 Archaeological Site of Olympia has been submitted to the World Heritage Center 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 sanctuary of the Altis contained one of the highest concentrations of masterpieces of the ancient Mediterranean world. Many have been lost, such as the Olympia Zeus, a gold-and-ivory cult statue which was probably executed by Pheidias between 438 and 430 BC and one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Other masterpieces have survived: large votive archaic bronzes, pedimental sculptures and metopes from the temple of Zeus, and the famous complex of Hermes by Praxiteles. These are all major works of sculpture and key references in the history of art. Criterion (ii) The influence of the monuments of Olympia has been considerable: the temple of Zeus, built in 470-457 BC, is a model of the great Doric temples constructed in the Peloponnese, as well as in southern Italy and in Sicily during the 5th century BC; the Nike by Paionios, sculptured c. 420 BC, so lastingly influenced iconographic allegories of Victory that neoclassic art of the 19th century is still much indebted to it; the first bathing facilities, constructed in the 5th century BC at the west of the sanctuary, have been the model for their subsequent development by the Romans; with reference to the Roman period, the Olympian Palaestra, the square, open space for athletes' training as well as their mental and physical preparation before the Games, is undoubtedly the typological reference made by Vitruvius in "De Architectura". Its value as a standard in architecture is in any case indisputable. Criterion (iii) Olympia bears exceptional testimony to the ancient civilizations of Peloponnese, both in terms of duration and quality. The first human settlements date back to prehistoric times when the valley was occupied from 4000 to 1100 BC. Settlements and necropolises from the Bronze Age have been unearthed along the banks of the Alpheios river. The Middle Helladic and Mycenaean periods are represented at the site. Consecrated to Zeus, the Altis is a major sanctuary from the 10th century BC to the 4th century AD, corresponding to the zenith of Olympia, marked more specifically by celebration of the Olympic Games from 776 BC to 393 AD. A Christian settlement survived for a time at the site of the ruins of the great Pan-Hellenic sanctuary: discovery of the workshop of Pheidias under the remains of a Byzantine church is an outstanding indication of continuous human settlement, which was interrupted only in the 7th century AD, as a result of natural disasters. Criterion (iv) Olympia is an outstanding example of a great Pan-Hellenic sanctuary of antiquity, with its multiple functions: religious, political and social. Inside the peribolus of the Altis, consecrated to the gods, alongside the principal temples of Zeus and Hera, are very ancient sanctuaries, such as the Pelopion, and a row of Treasuries to

the north, at the foot of the Kronion Hill. All around the divine precinct are the structures used by the priests (Theokoleon) and the administration (Bouleuterion), as well as common buildings (Prytaneion), accommodation (Leonidaion and Roman hostel), residences for distinguished guests (Nero's House), and all the sports structures used for the preparation and celebration of the Olympic Games: the stadium and the hippodrome to the east, and the thermal baths, the Palaestra and the Gymnasium to the south and west. All the above, inextricably linked with the natural beauty environment, form a unique natural and cultural whole. Criterion (vi) Olympia is directly and tangibly associated with an event of universal significance. The Olympic Games were celebrated regularly beginning in 776 BC. The Olympiad –the four-year period between two successive celebrations falling every fifth year– became a chronological measurement and system of dating used in the Greek world. However, the significance of the Olympic Games, where athletes benefitting from a three-month Sacred Truce came together from all the Greek cities of the Mediterranean world to compete, demonstrates above all the lofty ideals of Hellenic humanism: peaceful and loyal competition between free and equal men, who are prepared to surpass their physical strength in a supreme effort, with their only ambition being the symbolic reward of an olive wreath. The revival of the Olympic Games in 1896 through the efforts of Pierre de Coubertin illustrates the lasting nature of the ideal of peace, justice and progress, which is no doubt the most precious but also the most fragile feature of the world's heritage.

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		
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure		
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		
3.6	Physical resource extraction		
3.6.4	Water (extraction)		
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric		
3.7.2	Relative humidity		
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					
3.7.2	Relative humidity	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.1	Illegal activities	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1	Storms	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)	localised	one off or rare	minor	high capacity	decreasing

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

3.17.1 - Comments

3.7.2 The archaeological site of Olympia is situated near the rivers Alpheus and Kladeos. The high percentage of humidity contributes to the development of vegetation, which affects the local shell-stone. However it must be underlined that the competent 7th Ephorate every year cleans effectively the rising vegetation especially near the monuments or the architectural members lying on the ground. 3.10.1 In the broader area of Olympia, from ancient times till now, a lot of lightning storms exist. 3.11.6 The area of Olympia has suffered a catastrophic fire, the one in 2007. After that incident, the fire protection system of the area was redesigned by the competent agencies of the Greek State. At the same time the private domain contributed significantly, by funding the enhancement of the fire-protection infrastructure.

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 Archaeological Site of Olympia, as all movable and immovable monuments, archaeological sites and the cultural heritage of Greece in general, from ancient to contemporary ones, are protected by the Law 3028/2002 «On the Protection of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage in general».

The buffer zones A and B have been designated by way of decision of the Ministry of Culture 10834|566 (ΥΠΠΟ/ΑΡΧ/Α1/Φ7/10834/566 π.ε.) and Government Gazette 128/Β/27-2-1992, Government Gazette 216/Β/31-3-1992).

The existing protection arrangements are considered sufficiently effective.

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

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• Question 6.02

Designation of buffer zones A and B by decision of the Ministry of Culture 10834|566 (ΥΠΠΟ/ΑΡΧ/Α1/Φ7/10834/566 π.ε.) and Government Gazette 128/Β/27-2-1992, Government Gazette 216/Β/31-3-1992) [please see above under 03.04]

Comment

Re-designation of the Archaeological site of Olympia, according to the National Coordination Report System 87, by the Ministerial Decision no.

ΥΠΠΟΤ/ΓΔΑΡΚ/ΑΡΧ/Α1/Φ43/51367/2583/30.05.2012, published in Government Gazette no.189/ΑΑΡ/30.05.2012.

There is 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 or better basis** for effective management and protection of

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the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity

4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?

There is **acceptable** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies remain

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

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

The responsibilities of the Site Manager are exercised as a part-time job.

There is no management plan. 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 Olympia, the 7th Ephorate is responsible for the management and protection of the monuments.

The current management system is considered highly effective.

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

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• **Question 5.04** Plans in place to set up a "steering group:

No

• **Question 5.05**

Overall management system of the site

- Management by the State Party
- Management under protective legislation

Comment

The responsibilities of the Site Manager are exercised as a full-time job.

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

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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	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
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 archeological site of Olympia and the surrounding environment are protected in a better way after the fire of 2007. (Training of the personnel, cooperation with local authorities, systematic surveillance of the equipment, enhancement of the preventive measures against flooding, installation of fire-extinguishers for the protection of the Museum of Olympic Games of Antiquity). Moreover, the competent 7th Ephorate in collaboration with local authorities

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launches a campaign every summer in order to motivate people to keep clean their fields.

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)	1%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	19%
Governmental (National / Federal)	8%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	70%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	2%

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 **sufficient** but further funding would enable more effective management to international best practice standard

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

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

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

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

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

There are **adequate** equipment and facilities

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

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

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

The property's main funding resource is the Greek State. However in 2009 a private foundation made a great donation to the Hellenic Ministry of Culture for the enhancement of the existing fire preventive system of the site. Other grants concern funding from German State and Cultural foundations for conservation works and restoration projects, conducted by the German Archaeological Institute of Athens. 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

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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	100%
Seasonal	0%

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

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	High
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

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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

4.4.15: 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

Indicative list of publications: Senff R. (2014) Olympia. Griechenland, e-Forschungsberichte de DAI Heiden Joachim (2013). Das Artemis Heiligtum in Olympia Patay-Horvas A. (2013) Virtual 3D reconstruction of East pediment of the temple of Zeus at Olympia. CAA (2010) Kyrieleis H. (2011). Olympia Archaeologie eines Heiligtums. Xanthopoulos, G.(2008). The fire of August 26,2007 that damaged Olympia: What happened and lessons learned. International International workshop on disaster risk reduction at world heritage properties. Proceedings, Olympia 6th-7th November 2008. Frielinghaus H.(2011). Die helme von Olympia. OF 33. Berlin Hatzi G. (2008). The Archaeological Museum of Olympia, EFG Eurobank-Latsis foundation Also visit the link of the German Archaeological Institute in Athens (<http://www.dainst.org/el/project/%CE%BF%CE%BB%CF%85%CE%BC%CF%80%CE%AF%CE%B1?ft=28>)

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

4.5.2 The 4 answers do not fully describe the scientific research carried out for the property from researchers and scholars. The extensive research covers different fields, like archaeology, architecture, religion, history etc.

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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	Average
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Excellent
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Average

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

There is a 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?

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

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

Visitor centre	Not needed
Site museum	Adequate
Information booths	Excellent
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Excellent
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Adequate
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	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Static
Four years ago	Static

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Five years ago	Minor Increase
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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 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	Poor
Local communities	Non-existent
Researchers	Excellent
NGOs	Not applicable
Industry	Non-existent
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

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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

4.8.1.4 There is constant monitoring of the monuments by the competent 7th Ephorate. There is also an interdisciplinary research programme approved by the Ministry and the competent 7th Ephorate, conducted by the German Archaeological Institute, which contributes significantly to the understanding of the site's OUV.

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	The factor might slowly affect the integrity of the architectural elements of the monuments.	Proactive conservation. Limiting the vegetation overgrowth close or in touch with the monuments.	Monitoring of the monuments especially in winter and autumn.	Every week	7th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities- Department of Conservation	The region of Olympia"s site is close to rivers Kladeos and Alpheus. The proactive conservation of the affected monuments and the constant monitoring are effective measures for dealing with this factor.
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	The factor might slowly affect the integrity of the architectural elements of the monuments.	Proactive conservation, Cleaning works	Constant monitoring of the monuments.	Every week	7th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities- Department of Conservation	Due to the region"s climate & the rich vegetation of the area, the development of micro-organisms on some blocks of poro-stone is inevitable. The protective measures taken can effectively protect the most sensitive architectural components of monuments
3.9	Other human activities						
3.9.1	Illegal activities	The factor could directly or indirectly affect the integrity of the property.	Improvement of surveillance of the core and buffer zone. Launching campaigns about heritage values. Training of the personnel upon security issues Synergies with local authorities.	Daily monitoring of the site from the guardians. Cooperation with the local Police Department.	1-2 years for the proposed actions	7th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities. Synergies with Departments of Police, Forests, as well as volunteers.	It is notable that illegal activities are extremely restricted in the archaeological site of Olympia because of the constant surveillance of the site.
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.1	Storms	Lighting strikes could be a threat for the monuments" natural environment.	Cutting away dead or over grown branches of pine-trees. Ministry might institute a committee of experts from different disciplines in order to make a plan for the necessary interventions in the archaeological site.	Interdisciplinary cooperation under the surveillance of the Ministry of Culture and Sports.	Annual pruning of trees (if needed).	Ministry of Culture and Sports, 7th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities	The average number of days with storms is 29-38 per year, according to data published in 2007 (National Foundation for Agricultural Research 2007).
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events						
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)	The factor could directly or indirectly affect the integrity of the property	Systematic surveillance and maintenance of the fire protection system. Training of the personnel. Cooperation with all the responsible authorities. Campaigns every summer in order to motivate people to keep clean their fields.	Systematic monitoring of the area, especially in the summer.	Annual training of the personnel. Daily surveillance of the area, especially during summer.	7th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities. Synergies with Departments of Fire, Police, Forests, as well as with local municipality and volunteers.	After the fire of 2007, great effort has been made by the competent authorities, especially in the domain of proactive protection in case of fire. The enhancement of the infrastructure, the training of the personnel and the cooperation of the responsible authorities are key factors for risk preparedness.

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	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
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
Others

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 covers different issues about properties. Of course some of the peculiarities of properties couldn't be covered, or some question should be more clear in order to avoid confusions.

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?

Most of the required information was accessible

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

The property's Outstanding Universal Value
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 Draft Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for the Archaeological Site of Olympia has been submitted to the World Heritage Center and it is under evaluation.

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

-Since the previous periodic reporting exercise, a lot of significant initiatives have been launched, especially in the domain of protection of the site from natural disasters. Furthermore, the competent 7th Ephorate, in cooperation with other Services of the Ministry, set up two ambitious projects funded by E.U.: the excavation of eastern hall(stoa) of Gymnasion and the enhancement of the existing barrier for the protection of the monuments called "treasuries" on the foot of Kronion hill. -All the provided answers were given after discussion with the personnel of the Ephorate, archaeologists and scientists from the German Archaeological Institute, as well as representatives from local authorities.