

**1. World Heritage Property Data**

**1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property**

Archaeological Site of Aigai (modern name Vergina)

**1.2 - World Heritage Property Details**

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

- Greece

**Type of Property**

cultural

**Identification Number**

780

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

1996


**1.3 - Geographic Information Table**

| Name  | Coordinates (latitude/longitude) | Property (ha)  | Buffer zone (ha) | Total (ha)     | Inscription year |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
|   | 0 / 0                            | ?              | ?                | ?              |                  |
|   | 0 / 0                            | ?              | ?                | ?              |                  |
| Ancient City and Necropolis of Aegae , Emathia , Central Macedonia , Greece         | 40.471 / 22.318                  | 1240.03        | ?                | 1240.03        | 1996             |
| Bronze Age settlement and Cemetery of Tumuli , Emathia , Central Macedonia , Greece | 40.506 / 22.312                  | 180.78         | ?                | 180.78         | 1996             |
| <b>Total (ha)</b>   |                                  | <b>1420.81</b> | <b>0</b>         | <b>1420.81</b> |                  |

**Comment**

The total buffer zone, that includes both the ancient city and the necropolis, the bronze age settlement and the cemetery of Tumuli is 4811.73 ha. The coordinates of the property are: Ancient City and Necropolis of Aigai: 40.29°13.63"/22.19°25.95" Bronze Age settlement and Cemetery of Tumuli: 40.30°36.18"/22.18°29.95"

**1.4 - Map(s)**

| Title   | Date       | Link to source  |
|---|------------|---|
| Archaeological Site of Aigai (modern name Vergina) - inscribed property | 10/12/2009 |  |

**1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property**

**Comment**

Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports - 17th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities

**1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency**

- Aggeliki Kottaridi  
Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Tourism  
Head of the Ephorate, Archaeologist  
17th Ephorate of Prehistoric & Classical Antiquities

**Comment**

The name of the Ministry has changed to "Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports"

**1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)**

1. [The Royal Tombs at Aigai: a Museum on the Site \(Hellenic Ministry of Culture\)](#)
2. [Vergina-Aigai \(Hellenic Ministry of Culture\)](#)

**Comment**

The abovementioned links are not active. Please, replace them with the following: 1. Official website of the Archaeological Site of Aigai (www.aigai.gr) 2. Facebook page (Museum of the Royal Tombs of Aigai - Vergina) 3. Royal tombs of Vergina (http://odysseus.culture.gr/h/1/eh151.jsp?obj\_id=3297)

**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 Aigai has been submitted to the World Heritage Centre and is under evaluation.

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

- (i)(iii)

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

Criterion (i): The archaeological finds, both from cemetery and the city, represent original and unique historical, artistic and aesthetic achievements of the late classical art, such as the architectural form of the royal palace and the so-called Macedonian tombs, the magnificent wall paintings - of extraordinarily high quality and historical importance – ivory portrait and miniature art, metal, gold and silver work. Many of these achievements were created by great artists of ancient Greece, such as Leochares, Nicomachos, e.a. Criterion (iii): The site represents an exceptional testimony to a significant development in European civilization, at the transition from the classical era to the Hellenistic and Roman periods. This is vividly demonstrated in particular by the remarkable series of royal tombs and their rich contents. Aigai provides important information about the culture, history and society of the ancient Macedonians, the Greek border tribe that preserved age-old traditions and carried Greek culture to the outer limits of the ancient world.

**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   |  |  |   |
|---------------|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| <b>3.1</b>    | <b>Buildings and Development</b>  |   |  |  |  |   |
| 3.1.5         | Interpretative and visitation facilities  |                |  |  |  |   |
| <b>3.6</b>    | <b>Physical resource extraction</b>   |   |  |  |  |   |
| 3.6.4         | Water (extraction)  |                |  |  |  |   |
| <b>3.7</b>    | <b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>   |   |  |  |  |   |
| 3.7.2         | Relative humidity   |                |  |  |  |   |
| 3.7.3         | Temperature   |                |  |  |  |   |
| 3.7.4         | Radiation/light   |       |  |  |  |   |
| 3.7.8         | Micro-organisms   |                |  |  |  |   |
| <b>3.8</b>    | <b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>   |   |  |  |  |   |
| 3.8.1         | Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses   |                |  |  |  |   |
| 3.8.6         | Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation   |                |  |  |  |   |
| <b>3.9</b>    | <b>Other human activities</b>   |   |  |  |  |   |
| 3.9.1         | Illegal activities  |       |  |  |  |   |
| <b>3.11</b>   | <b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>   |   |  |  |  |   |
| 3.11.2        | Earthquake  |       |  |  |  |   |
| 3.11.4        | Avalanche/ landslide  |       |  |  |  |   |
| 3.11.6        | Fire (wildfires)  |       |  |  |  |   |
| <b>3.13</b>   | <b>Management and institutional factors</b>   |   |  |  |  |   |
| 3.13.1        | Low impact research / monitoring activities   |      |  |  |  |   |
| 3.13.2        | High impact research / monitoring activities  |      |  |  |  |   |
| 3.13.3        | Management activities   |      |  |  |  |   |
| <b>Legend</b> |  Current |  Potential   |  Negative |  Positive |  Inside |  Outside |

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

|              | Spatial scale                                     | Temporal scale | Impact                   | Management response | Trend         |            |
|--------------|---|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|
| <b>3.7</b>   | <b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b> |                |                          |                     |               |            |
| <b>3.7.2</b> | <b>Relative humidity</b>                          | localised      | frequent                 | minor               | high capacity | static     |
| <b>3.7.3</b> | <b>Temperature</b>                                | localised      | intermittent or sporadic | minor               | high capacity | static     |
| <b>3.7.8</b> | <b>Micro-organisms</b>                            | restricted     | intermittent or sporadic | minor               | high capacity | decreasing |

The existing protection arrangements are considered sufficiently effective.

#### Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

Submitted on Tuesday, October 25, 2005

##### • Question 6.02

The following are in effect: 1. Designation of the archaeological site (Ministerial Decision 35117/2019/2.8.95 Government Gazette 738/28.8.95) 2. Designation of the landscape as being an area of outstanding natural beauty (decision of the Ministry of Macedonia and Thrace 8383/92/28.1.1993) 3. Legislated Buffer Zone A of absolute protection (Ministerial Decision 37634/2180/2.8.95 Government Gazette 739/B/28.8.95),

##### Comment

There is a recent designation of the archaeological site of Aigai (Ministerial Decision: YPPOA/GDAPK/DIPKA/TAX/F43/68775/42337/4265/1677/30-04-2014 - Govern. Gazette 166/TAA & PTH/23-05-2014). With this new designation, the expanded protection zone provides, in national level, an even bigger area of protection and control for the 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 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

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

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

3.7.4 Light factor might have a negative impact in case of revealing certain categories of archaeological finds, such as wall-paintings with vulnerable colors.

### 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 following are in effect:

1. Designation of the archaeological site (Ministerial Decision 35117/2019/2.8.95)
2. Designation of the landscape as being an area of outstanding natural beauty (decision of the Ministry of Macedonia and Thrace 8383/92/28.1.1993)
3. Legislated Buffer Zone A of absolute protection (Ministerial Decision 37634/2180/2.8.95)

The boundaries of the World Heritage Site have been modified in 2009, and ratified by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th Session (Decision 34COM 8D).

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

**4.3. Management System / Management Plan**

**4.3.1 - Management System**

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 Vergina the 17<sup>th</sup> Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities is responsible for the management and protection of the monuments. A Site Manager is employed on full-time basis, but with some responsibilities added to an existing job. The current management system is considered sufficiently effective.

**Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2**

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**

According to the Ministerial Decision: YPPOT/GDAPK/ARX/A1/F17/29694/1889/10-6-2010 the site has an integrated Master Plan which contemplates every act of management concerning the protection, conservation, enhancement, and communication of Aigai.

**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

**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              | Poor           |
| Industry                      | Poor           |

**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**

**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)                          | 60% |
| International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)                    |     |
| Governmental (National / Federal)                                    | 40% |
| Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)                         |     |
| Governmental (Local / Municipal)                                     |     |
| In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)                       |     |
| Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.) |     |

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.) |  |
| Other grants  |  |

**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**

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

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

|           |      |
|-----------|------|
| Full-time | 100% |
| Part-time |      |

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

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Permanent | 30% |
| Seasonal  | 70% |

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

|           |      |
|-----------|------|
| Paid      | 100% |
| Volunteer |      |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**

1. Drougou, S.. Vergina . Ta pilina agegia tis Megalis Toumbas, Athens 2005 2. Drougou, S.. Eikones kai symbola peri ton Aigon", in S. Drougou, D. Evgenidou, C. Kritzas, N. Kaltsas, V. Penna, I. Tsourtli, M. Galani-Krikou and F. Ralli (eds.), KERMATIA FILIAS. Studies in honor of Ioannis Touratsoglou (Athens), 171-9. Athens 2009. 3. Hatzopoulos, M. B. 2001. "Macedonian Palaces. Where King and City Meet", in I. Nielsen (ed.), The Royal Palace Institution in the First Millennium BC: Regional Development and Cultural Interchange Between East and West (Aarhus). 4. Kottaridi A., Burial customs and beliefs in the royal necropolis of Aegae, "Heracles to Alexander the Great, Treasures from the Royal Capital of Macedon, a Hellenic Kingdom in the Age of Democracy", Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, 2011 5. Kottaridi A., Aegae: the Macedonian metropolis, "Heracles to Alexander the Great, Treasures from the Royal Capital of Macedon, a Hellenic Kingdom in the Age of Democracy", Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, 2011 6. Kottaridi A., "The excavation of the 17th Ephorate for Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities in the city and the necropolis of Aigai in 2003-2004: New data regarding the royal burial cluster of Euridice and the ancient city wall", Archaeological Work in Macedonia and Thrace 18, Thessaloniki, 2006 7. Kottaridi A., The Symposium, "Alexander the Great, Treasures from an epic era of hellenism", A.S. Onassis foundation, New York 2004 8. Kottaridi A., The Lady Of Aigai, "Alexander the Great, Treasures from an epic era of hellenism", A.S. Onassis Foundation, New York, 2004 9. Kottaridi A., Discovering Aegae, the old Macedonian capital, "Excavating classical culture, Recent archaeological discoveries in Greece, Studies in Classical Archaeology", BAR 1031, 2002 10. Kottaridi A., The custom of cremation and the Macedonians. Some thoughts on the occasion of the findings in the Aigai necropolis. "Cremations in the Bronze and Early Iron Ages", 2001. 11. Kottaridou A., Vergina: Die Entdeckung der altmakedonischen Hauptstadt und das Museum der königlichen Gräber, "Rettung des Kulturerbes", Hildesheim, 2000 12. Kottaridi, A., The Palace of Aegae, Brill's Companion to Ancient Macedon, 297-333. 2011. 13. Αγγελική Κοτταριδίη, Aigai. The Royal Metropolis of the Macedonias. Athens 2013, <http://www.latsis-foundation.org/default.asp?pid=92&la=1&bID=74&libID=1> 14. Saatsoglou-Paliadeli, C. Vergina. O Tafos tou Filippou. I toixografia me to kynigi. Athens 2004. 15. Herakles to Alexander the Great. Treasures from the Royal Capital of Macedon, a Hellenic Kingdom in the Age of Democracy. Oxford 2011

**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 |
| Local landowners   | Average        |
| Visitors   | Excellent      |
| Tourism industry   | Average        |
| 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 and effective** education and awareness programme that contributes to the protection of the World Heritage property

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

World Heritage status has 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?**

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            | Not needed |
| Site museum               | Excellent  |
| Information booths        | Excellent  |
| Guided tours              | Adequate   |
| Trails / routes           | Adequate   |
| 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       | Minor Increase |
| Two years ago   | Minor Increase |
| 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 |
|------------------------------|

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 contact between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry but this is largely **confined to administrative or regulatory matters**

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  |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>3.7</b>   | <b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b> |   |   |   |                                   |  |
| <b>3.7.2</b> | <b>Relative humidity</b>                          | The factor might slowly affect some parts of the monuments, but in a scale that doesn't affect the attributes of the property.  | conservation and consolidation of the monuments wherever it is necessary.                 | Continuous monitoring by the competent Ephorate | On-going procedure.               | 17th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities<br>None |
| <b>3.7.3</b> | <b>Temperature</b>                                | The temperature scale variations, from day to night during the winter, might affect some parts of monuments, but in a scale that doesn't affect the attributes of the property. | Specific conservation measures are implemented whenever necessary.                        | Continuous monitoring by the competent Ephorate | On-going procedure.               | 17th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities<br>None |
| <b>3.7.8</b> | <b>Micro-organisms</b>                            | Micro-organisms might slowly affect the surface of some architectural components of the monuments.  | Conservation and removal of the micro-organisms by the conservators of the 17th Ephorate. | Continuous monitoring by the competent Ephorate | On-going procedure.               | 17th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities<br>None |

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

| 4.7 Visitor Management |  |                         |                                   |                     |   |  |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
|                        | Actions  | Timeframe               | Lead agency (and others involved) | More info / comment |   |  |
| <b>4.7.5</b>           | <b>Contact with the tourism industry is largely confined to administrative or regulatory matters</b> | No actions are planned. | -                                 | -                   | - |  |

**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  | Very positive  |
| Education  | Positive       |
| Infrastructure development                                   | No impact      |
| Funding for the property                                     | No impact      |
| International cooperation                                    | Positive       |
| Political support for conservation                           | Positive       |
| Legal / Policy framework                                     | Positive       |
| Lobbying   | Not applicable |
| Institutional coordination                                   | Positive       |
| Security   | Positive       |
| 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 Draft Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for the Archaeological Site of Aigai has been submitted to the World Heritage Centre and is under evaluation.

• **Geographic Information Table**

Reason for update: The total buffer zone, that includes both the ancient city and the necropolis, the bronze age settlement and the cemetery of Tumuli is 4811.73 ha. The coordinates of the property are: Ancient City and Necropolis of Aigai: 40.29°13.63'/22.19",25,95" Bronze Age settlement and Cemetery of Tumuli: 40.30°.36,18"/22.18"29,95"

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