

**1. World Heritage Property Data**

**1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property**

Old Town of Corfu

**1.2 - World Heritage Property Details**

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

• Greece

**Type of Property**

cultural

**Identification Number**

978

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

2007


**1.3 - Geographic Information Table**

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Old Town of Corfu	39.624 / 19.928	70	162	232	2007
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>232</b>	

**Comment**

The correct coordinates are: N39°37'28".440 E19°55'22".530

**1.4 - Map(s)**

Title	Date	Link to source
Old Town of Corfu - map of inscribed property	01/07/2007	

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

**Comment**

Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports - 21st 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)**

**1.8 - 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**

**Statement of Outstanding Universal Value**

The ensemble of the fortifications and the Old Town of Corfu is located in a strategic location at the entrance to the Adriatic Sea. Historically, its roots go back to the 8th century BC and to the Byzantine period. It has thus been subject to various influences and a mix of different peoples. From the 15th century, Corfu was under Venetian rule for some four centuries, then passing to French, British and Greek governments. At various occasions, it had to defend the Venetian maritime empire against the Ottoman army. Corfu was a well thought of example of fortification engineering, designed by the architect Sanmicheli, and it proved its worth through practical warfare. Corfu has its specific identity, which is reflected in the design of its system of fortification and in its neo-classical building stock. As such, it can be placed alongside other major Mediterranean fortified port cities.

**Criterion (iv):** The urban and port ensemble of Corfu, dominated by its fortresses of Venetian origin, constitutes an architectural example of outstanding universal value in both its authenticity and its integrity.

The overall form of the fortifications has been retained and displays traces of Venetian occupation, including the Old Citadel and the New Fort, but primarily interventions from the British period. The present form of the ensemble results from the works in the 19th and 20th centuries. The authenticity and integrity of the urban fabric are primarily those of a neo-classical town.

The responsibility for protection is shared by several institutions and relevant decrees. These include the Hellenic Ministry of Culture (ministerial decision of 1980), the Ministry of the Environment, Spatial Planning and Public Works (Presidential decree of 1980) and the Municipality of Corfu (Presidential decree of 1981). Also relevant are: the Greek law on the shoreline of towns and of islands in general; the law on the protection of antiquities and cultural heritage in general (n° 3028/2002) and the establishment of a new independent Superintendence for Byzantine and post-Byzantine antiquities, in 2006. A buffer zone has been established. The proactive policies of restoration and enhancement of the fortifications and of the citadel have resulted in a generally acceptable state of conservation. Many works however have still to be completed or started. A management plan has been prepared. An urban action plan, which is in line with the management plan of the nominated property, has just been adopted (2005) for the period 2006-2012.

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

(iv)

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

Criterion (iv): The urban and port ensemble of Corfu, dominated by its fortresses of Venetian origin, constitutes an architectural example of outstanding universal value in both its authenticity and its integrity. The overall form of the

fortifications has been retained and displays traces of Venetian occupation, including the Old Citadel and the New Fort, but primarily interventions from the British period. The present form of the ensemble results from the works in the 19th and 20th centuries. The authenticity and integrity of the urban fabric are primarily those of a neo-classical town.

**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

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	Name	Impact	Origin			
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>					
3.1.1	Housing					
3.1.2	Commercial development					
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure					
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities					
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>					
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure					
3.2.3	Marine transport infrastructure					
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure					
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>					
3.3.4	Localised utilities					
3.3.5	Major linear utilities					
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>					
3.4.5	Solid waste					
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>					
3.7.2	Relative humidity					
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)					
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>					
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses					
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage					
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation					
<b>3.9</b>	<b>Other human activities</b>					
3.9.1	Illegal activities					
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage					
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>					
3.11.2	Earthquake					
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>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>					
3.1.1	Housing	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing
3.1.2	Commercial development	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	static
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>					
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.2.3	Marine transport infrastructure	restricted	one off or rare	minor	high capacity	static
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	localised	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend	
3.3 Services Infrastructures						
3.3.4	Localised utilities	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.4 Pollution						
3.4.5	Solid waste	localised	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.2	Relative humidity	extensive	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	extensive	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	extensive	frequent	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.9 Other human activities						
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	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)

The responsibility for protection is shared by several institutions and relevant decrees. These include the Hellenic Ministry of Culture (ministerial decision of 1980), the Ministry of the Environment, Spatial Planning and Public Works (Presidential decree of 1980), and the Municipality of Corfu (Presidential decree of 1981).

Furthermore, the Greek law on the shoreline of towns and of islands in general applies to the whole length of the site and its buffer zone, for which the control distance is up to 500m for any intervention which could modify the urban landscape, the natural landscape and the archaeological situation. The parties concerned by the application of these provisions are the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of the Environment, and the Architectural Committee of the Municipality of Corfu through the building permit scheme.

Finally, any modification involving an action affecting the sea bed is subject to the approval of the Antiquities Department of the Ministry of Culture.

The relevant authorities, their responsibilities, and their legal guidelines are as follows:

#### Hellenic Ministry of Culture

*Ministerial Decision B1 / Φ33 / 29925 / 828 / 27-05-80 / Government Gazette 512 / B / 04-06-80*

By special declaration (Y.A. 4701/3-3-67/ΦΕΚ/183/B/16-3-67) the Property was classified as a "historic monument scheduled for preservation and a site of outstanding natural beauty and interesting from a architectural or historical point of view". The boundaries of the declared area were amended three times and the current definition can be found in the amendment of 1980, Ministerial Decision B1/Φ33/2925/828/27-5-80/Government Gazette 512 /B/4-6-80.

By means of special declarations that commenced in 1922 (Old Fortress), the Ministry of Culture austere protects 35 highly significant monuments (fortifications, churches, buildings, important architectural elements of various constructions) within the abovementioned area and 21 in the surrounding zone. In addition, many important, "recent" (post 1830) buildings both inside and outside the Historic Centre are protected by the Ministry of Culture by special declarations:

- Declared "recent" buildings inside the Property: 9
- Declared "recent" buildings outside the boundaries of the Historic Centre area: 302

*Ministerial Decision B1 / Φ33 / 29925 / 828 / 27-05-80 / Government Gazette 512 / B / 04-06-80*

The protection enforced by this particular declaration within the boundaries of the nominated Property includes:

- a ban on demolition
- control of construction related to the exterior appearance of all buildings
- control of interventions in communal areas

Any construction work within the confines of the designated Historic Centre that falls into the above categories can proceed with the issuing of the relevant approval from the 21st Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities, which follows the course of construction with on-site supervision.

Besides the above protection that is enforced in the entire area of the Old Town, specially declared buildings and architectural elements—either within the Property or Buffer Zone—are austere protected, with supervision extended to all construction works in the interior as well.

Because the Property's Buffer Zone embraces scattered declared archaeological sites, 21 isolated declared monuments and 302 "recent" (post 1830) declared buildings with a buffer zone ranging from 150-500m., the result is that nearly the entire buffer zone requires some sort of inspection:

- in the case of properties adjacent to archaeological sites, excavation is inspected in order to determine whether antiquities are present before a new structure is built on the site
- the size and design of the planned new building is checked in order to determine whether it is compatible with the adjacent Monument/Property

#### Ministry of the Environment, Spatial Planning and Public Works

*Presidential Decree 22-04-80 / Government Gazette 274 / Δ / 05-05-1980.*

The nominated Property has been classified by the Ministry of the Environment, Land Use and Public Works in the above P.D. as a "traditional settlement".

*Presidential Decree 22-04-80 / Government Gazette 274 / 05-05-1980*

Direction and control of urban planning for the protection and development of the area, a procedure currently evolving, is the responsibility of the centralized services of the Ministry.

The regional services of the Ministry have control over studies of environmental effects and approve the positions of new constructions and the development of works.

Additionally, in accordance with the above declaration, all interventions to modify communal spaces in the town must be approved by the Municipal Committee for Architectural Inspection, which operates within the framework of the Prefectural Administration.

#### Municipality of Corfu

*Presidential Decree 07-09-81 / Government Gazette 552 Δ / 02-10-81.*

Over the past decade, as part of the process of decentralization, significant responsibilities of the Ministry of the Environment, Spatial Planning and Public Works have been transferred to the local government, which inspects the development of construction activity through its Urban Planning Office. The construction of new buildings, additions to pre-existing ones, as well as repairs and alterations are regulated by Presidential Decree 07-09-81 / Government Gazette 552 Δ / 02-10-81 concerning the “coefficients of building surface”, in combination with Royal Decree 09-04-64 / Government Gazette 37 / 14-04-64 concerning “building terms and limitations of plots of land and on the height of buildings”. Recently the town council of the Municipality of Corfu with its Resolution 23-682/24-11-2005 approved the Management Plan for the Old Town of Corfu 2006-2012.

The existing protection arrangements are considered sufficiently effective.

*Presidential Decree 07-09-81 / Government Gazette 552 D / 02-10-81 and*

*Royal Decree 09-04-64 / Government Gazette 37 D / 14-04-64*

The decrees that determine the boundaries within which construction can take place legislate a small potential for the development of existing plots within the Historic Centre. These ensure the protective designation of the area in that they

- discourage the demolition of old, multi-storey buildings
- ban, as a rule, sizeable additions to pre-existing buildings threaten to alter the town’s appearance

Recently, in recognition of the complex nature of the problems facing the Old Town, the Municipality of Corfu, in collaboration with the Corfu Branch of the Technical Chamber of Greece, drew up a “Management Plan for the Old Town of Corfu 2006-2012” for the concerted and long-range management of the area for its protection and development. The Plan made use of the lengthy (15 years) experience of the Municipality, together with the other parties involved with the issues of protection (the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of the Environment, Spatial Planning and Public Works), and determined a plan of action for all the relevant local and state authorities.

#### Comment

A new Declaration-Designation of the Old Town of Corfu and Palaio polis, Ministerial Decision ΥΠΠΟΤ/ΓΔΑΠΚ/ΑΡΧ/Β1/Φ52/43496/1384/30-04-2012, (Government Gazette 289/ΑΑΠ/13-09-2012) has been added recently for the protection of the monument and the buffer zone.

#### 4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or

Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

#### 4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

#### 4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity

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

There is **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

A Management Plan was submitted in 2005, along with the Nomination File.

Plans already approved which influence to a greater or lesser degree the development of the Property and its existing uses are as follows:

1. General Urban Planning Scheme (Ministry of the Environment, Spatial Planning and Public Works, Ministerial Decision 78140 / 3271 / 12-11-86 / Government Gazette 55D / 05-02-87)

This regulates land use, determines the size of building plots and the building coefficient, and defines the mechanisms by which the plan will be applied.

2. Town Plan (Ministry of Reconstruction, Royal Decree 04-06-58 / Government Gazette 88 A / 10-06-58)

Determines which areas may be developed.

3. Royal Decree 09-04-64 / Government Gazette 37 D / 14-04-64

Fixes the requirements for building sites and determines the height to which buildings may legally be constructed. (Annex, Exhibit 41)

4. Ministry of the Environment, Spatial Planning and Public Works (Presidential Decree 07-09-81 / Government Gazette 552 D / 02-10-81)

Determines building coefficients throughout the urban area. (Annex, Exhibit 42)

5. Programme for local development, Municipality of Corfu, ANEDK / 8 / 13-08-98

Keeps detailed records (demography, production, urban planning, etc), elaborates development goals, and

programmes and prioritizes the necessary development works.

6. Action Plan for the Old Town, Municipality of Corfu Refines the development goals in the Historic Centre, determines the features of its protective designation, the development to follow, and suggests a series of means, methods and projects to meet these goals.

7. Action Plan for the Fortifications

Records the problems, defined the promotion and reuse of the facilities that need to be adjusted, prioritizes goals and selects a series of projects to be realized.

8. Programme for Multi-Cultural Tourism, ANEDK

Keeps a detailed record of the cultural and functional dimensions of the Old Town, establishes a network of guided tours to allow a fuller appreciation of the wealth of the Old Town, and puts into effect a series of measures and actions necessary for its implementation.

The current management system is considered sufficiently effective.

**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 **only partially** being implemented

**4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?**

An annual work / action plan exists and **many activities** are being implemented

**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	Fair
Researchers	Fair
Tourism industry	Fair
Industry	Not applicable

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

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

**4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer**

**zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?**

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

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

There is 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)	68%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	29%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	3%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

There are **adequate** equipment and facilities

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

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

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

4.4.1: 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%
Part-time	0%

**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?**

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

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

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

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

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

**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. Concerning 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

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	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Excellent

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

There is a **planned and effective** education and awareness programme that contributes to the protection of the World Heritage property

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

World Heritage status has **partially influenced** 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	Adequate
Site museum	Adequate
Information booths	Poor
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Poor
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
Transportation services

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 managed **but improvements could be made**

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 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	Excellent
Local communities	Non-existent
Researchers	Excellent
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

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	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>					
<b>3.2.4</b>	<b>Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure</b>	The use of transportation infrastructure does not affect negatively the criterion according to which the property was inscribed in the WHC List.	Extra measures for the control of the traffic are being implemented especially during the high season.	Supervision of the current situation by the responsible authorities	On going	Municipality of Corfu A new bicycle route has been constructed
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>					
<b>3.4.5</b>	<b>Solid waste</b>	The solid waste does not affect negatively the criterion according to which the property was inscribed in the WHC List.	Underground system of depositing and collecting solid waste is being under construction	Continuous supervision of the current situation	2014-2015	Municipality of Corfu Significant efforts for the solid waste collection with the existing personnel especially during the high season.
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>					
<b>3.7.2</b>	<b>Relative humidity</b>	Insignificant impact on the property's attributes	Constant conservation of the monuments	Continuous measuring of the humidity with specific instruments	On going	21st Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities and 8th Ephorate of Prehistorical and Classical Antiquities Relative humidity is a standard characteristic of the whole island's climate
<b>3.7.6</b>	<b>Water (rain/water table)</b>	Insignificant impact on the property's attributes	There is a system of channels for collecting and flowing out the rain water.	Continuous maintenance of the existing system	On going	21st Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities and 8th Ephorate of Prehistorical and Classical Antiquities Municipality of Corfu Rain is a standard characteristic of the whole island's climate
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>					
<b>3.8.2</b>	<b>Society's valuing of heritage</b>	Society's valuing of heritage does not affect negatively the criterion according to which the property was inscribed in the WHC List.	Awareness raising of the local community and creation of a manual for the appropriate use of the property are projects under way.	Continuous supervision and control of the property's use.	On going	21st Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities Municipality of Corfu Both the Municipality and the 21st Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities organize meetings for the public's information about the property's issues.
<b>3.8.6</b>	<b>Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation</b>	No negative impact on the criterion according to which the property was inscribed in the WHC List.	Seminars for the stakeholders are given by the responsible authorities concerning the management of the visitors. Organized routes for the tourists within the old town for the better distribution of large numbers of visitors.	Constant supervision of the situation of the monuments	On going	21st Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities (provision of information for the creation of the organized routes) Directorate of Tourism - Region of Ionian Islands Port Authority of Corfu Municipality of Corfu Although the number of visitors has increased there is no negative impact on the monuments of the property.

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	Positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	No impact
Legal / Policy framework	No impact
Lobbying	Positive
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	Not Applicable
State Party	Not Applicable
Site Managers	Not Applicable
Advisory Bodies	Not Applicable

**6.10 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee**

• **Geographic Information Table**

Reason for update: The correct coordinates are: N39°37'28".440 E19°55'22".530

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