

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Pingvellir National Park

#### Comment

The State Party is considering a new name for the property whereas Pingvellir National Park has been enlarged beyond the current WH site boundaries.

### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

#### State(s) Party(ies)

- Iceland

#### Type of Property

cultural

#### Identification Number

1152


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

2004

### 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Pingvellir National Park	64.254 / -21.037	9270	0	9270	2004
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>9270</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9270</b>	

### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Pingvellir National Park - inscribed property	07/07/2004	

### 1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Ragnheidur Helga Thorarinsdottir  
Ministry of Education, Science and Culture  
Adviser  
Department of Cultural Affairs

#### Comment

New email: ragnheidur.h.thorarinsdottir@mrn.is

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

- Ólafur Örn Haraldsson  
Thingvellir National Park  
Director

#### Comment

New streetnumber: Austurstræti 8-10

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

- [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)

#### Comment

The official website of the property is www.thingvellir.is The OUR PLACE photo on the WH website is not representative of key elements of WH property. The state party has previously sent photos to the WH Center and can submit more photos upon request.

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

#### Comment

The property is not protected by other designations or conventions.

## 2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

### 2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

#### Comment

Retrospectiv Statement of OUV has been prepared by state party and delivered to the WH centre and accepted by ICOMOS.

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

(iii)(vi)

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

(iii): - - - The area of remains at Pingvellir is unique insofar as remains dating from the very beginning of the Althing can be found there. These are the only ruins that show the overall layout of an assembly site from this time, and the only assembly ruins so clearly visible at the surface. (Vi) Distinctive natural features and unique geological characteristics at a tectonic plate boundary have created a natural stage for an extraordinary history, a setting almost unchanged from the time - -

### 2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised

The statement of OUV has already been revised and accepted by the Advisory Body according to a mail from the WH Center on March 23 2013. It seems though, that the WH Committee did not take the ROUV for Thingvellir into consideration at the 37th session in 2013.

### 2.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

No further comments.

## 3. Factors Affecting the Property

### 3.14. Other factor(s)

#### 3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

N/A

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>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>								
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure								
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>								
3.4.2	Ground water pollution								
3.4.3	Surface water pollution								
<b>3.6</b>	<b>Physical resource extraction</b>								
3.6.2	Quarrying								
<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>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>								
3.11.1	Volcanic eruption								
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								
3.13.3	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>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>					
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	extensive	on-going	minor	medium capacity	increasing
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>					
3.4.2	Ground water pollution	restricted	on-going	minor	medium capacity	static
3.4.3	Surface water pollution	restricted	frequent	minor	low capacity	static
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>					
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	restricted	on-going	minor	low capacity	increasing
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>					
3.11.2	Earthquake	extensive	one off or rare	significant	low capacity	static

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

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

No 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 the management authority but are **not known by local residents / communities/landowners**.

##### 4.1.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

The bufferzone is sufficient for the World Heritage property.

#### 4.2. Protective Measures

##### 4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional)

**Note WHC (July 2012)**  
The information below should be carefully reviewed and updated.

The property is protected by the 1928 Law on the Thingvellir National Park (No.59/1928), which came into force when the National Park opened in 1930. This established the Thingvellir National Park Commission, which has overall responsibility for the management of the Park.

All archaeological remains in Iceland are protected under the 2001 National Heritage Act (No. 107/2001). The Archaeological Preservation Agency has been set up to administer this law.

The National Planning and Building Act (No. 73/1997, as revised by No 135/1997 and No. 58/1999) establishes a comprehensive land-use planning system. Protection of the property and its buffer zone is included in the Regional Plan for the Central Highlands, as well as the plans of the Municipalities of Bláskógabyggð and Grimsnes & Grafningur. Historic buildings are covered by the National Architectural Heritage Act (No. 104/2001) and are administered by the National Architectural Heritage Board. Thingvellir Church is the only building within the National Park protected under this law.

Nature conservation is covered by the Nature Conservation Act (No. 44/1999 and amendments).

All of these statutes contain provisions for prosecutions and penalties for transgressions that adversely impact archaeological sites and ruins, historic buildings, specific landscape types, etc and for unauthorized development projects or changes of use.

##### Comment

The property is protected by a revised act on the Thingvellir National Park no 47/2004 with later amendments. A new act on cultural heritage entered into force 1. January 2013, no 80/2012 which aims to safeguard archeological remains and cultural heritage in Iceland. The municipality of Blaskogabyggd ratified a comprehensive master plan in 2004 for the Thingvellir area which is the western most part of the municipality. The master plan is set for the period 2004-2016.

##### 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**

Regarding law and regulations. Act 107/ 2001 and act 104/2001 are no longer in force.

**4.3. Management System / Management Plan**

**4.3.1 - Management System**

**Note WHC (July 2012)**

The information below should be carefully reviewed and updated. If a management plan is in force, please submit 2 paper and electronic versions to WHC. The submission should be accompanied by a cover letter to DIR/WHC.


Thank you for your cooperation.

Overall management of the existing Park is the responsibility of the three-man Thingvellir National Park Commission. Traditionally, its members are selected from the three main political parties; the current chairman is a former Minister of Education, Culture, and Science and now Minister of Justice. There is a full-time staff of three, headed by the Director, who has considerable experience in the field of national park management. During the tourist season (1 May to 1 September) between ten and twelve temporary wardens are employed.

**Comment**

With the new act on the national park in 2004 the Thingvellir National Park Commission has 7 members. Currently there 6 fulltime staff at Thingvellir.

**4.3.2 - Management Documents**

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Management Plan of Pingvellir National Park	N/A	Available	29/01/2003	

**Comment**

In June 2004 the Pingvellir Commission published its management plan 2004-2024. In the management plan the factors emphasised are broadly similar to those of the prior management plan of 1988. As before, the most important objective is to safeguard the nature, historical area and heritage sites of the National Park for the future, while also making preparations for visitors, whose numbers may be expected to rise steadily. The management plan is based upon a vision for the period until 2024

**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 but **few of the 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	Not applicable
Local / Municipal authorities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Good
Visitors	Not applicable
Researchers	Fair
Tourism industry	Not applicable
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 **little or no contact** 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**

No comments

**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**

Legal status is strong and was made stronger by the new act on the national park and regulation which followed.

**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)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	70%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%

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Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO´s, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	30%
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)

Comment

Thingvellir National Park has not sought International Assistance.

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 **some flow** of economic benefits to local communities

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

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

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

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

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

No comment

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

Full-time	33%
Part-time	67%

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

Permanent	33%
Seasonal	67%

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

Paid	99%
Volunteer	1%

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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	Not applicable
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Not applicable
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Not applicable
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Not applicable
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Not applicable
Tourism	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	11 - array
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	2 3
	3 [empty string]
	4 3
	5 [empty string]
	6 3
	7 [empty string]
	8 3
	9 [empty string]
	10 3
	array
	1 Rating on a 4 point scale
	2 Not applicable
	3 Non-existent
	4 Poor
	5 Fair
	6 Good

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

Research and monitoring	Not applicable
Promotion	Low
Community outreach	Not applicable
Interpretation	Low
Education	Not applicable
Visitor management	Low
Conservation	Not applicable
Administration	Low
Risk preparedness	Not applicable
Tourism	Low

Enforcement (custodians, police)	11 -
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	4 2
	5 [empty string]
	6 2
	7 [empty string]
	8 2
	9 [empty string]
10 2	
array	
1 Rating on a 4 point scale	
2 Not applicable	
3 Not available	
4 Low	
5 Medium	
6 High	

**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**

This is the first periodic report on Thingvellir.

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

No comment

**4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building**

**4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?**

In **one location 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	Not applicable
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Average
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Not applicable
Tourism industry	Average
Local businesses and industries	7 -
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2 3	
3 [empty string]	
4 3	
5 [empty string]	
6 3	
	array
1 Rating on a 4 point scale	
2 Not applicable	
3 Non-existent	
4 Poor	
5 Average	
6 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 **limited and ad hoc** education and awareness programme

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

World Heritage status has influenced education, information and awareness building activities, **but it could be improved**

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

**No capacity** development plan or programme is in place; management is implemented by external staff and skills are not transferred

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

No comment

**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** for most key areas **but there are gaps**

**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 **small amount** of research, but it is not planned

**4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?**

Research results are **shared with local participants and some national agencies**



**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	Not needed
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Not needed
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Not needed
Other	Adequate

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

No comment

**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?**

Tourism industry
Visitor surveys
Other

**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 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**

No comment

**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 considerable monitoring but it is **not directed towards 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	Not applicable
Local / Municipal authorities	Non-existent
Local communities	Not applicable
Researchers	Poor
NGOs	Not applicable
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	7 - array 1 [empty string] 2 1 3 [empty string] 4 2 5 [empty string] 6 0 array 1 Rating on a 4 point scale 2 Not applicable 3 Non-existent 4 Poor 5 Average 6 Excellent

**4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?**

Implementation is **underway**

**4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee**

Recommendations for the WH committee have been dealt with ad-hoc. Main issues: Some summerhouses have been bought in the park and leases have been shortened. Non-native trees in the assembly have been cut. Parking has been dealt with ad-hoc.

**4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring**

Monitoring is carried out ad hoc on site by staff. There is ongoing monitoring on the water quality of the Lake Thingvallavatn. Surveying of archeological remains has commenced.

**4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs**

**4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 management 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>3.2 Transportation Infrastructure</b>							
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	Increased traffic with pollution and noise. 50 km/hour speed limits still in effect.	Cooperated with The Icelandic Road Administration on counter actions.	Ad-hoc speed surveys and reactions.	On-going	The Icelandic Road Administration and Thingvellir Committee	No comment
<b>3.4 Pollution</b>							
3.4.2	Ground water pollution	Not directly affecting criteria and attributes	Ad-hoc	Quality of groundwater is monitored	Ad-hoc	by Environmental Agency of the South	No comment
<b>3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>							
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	Not directly affecting criteria and attributes	Actions in accordance with management plan and also ad-hoc	Ad-hoc	ongoing	Thingvellir Nat Park	No comments
<b>3.11 Sudden ecological or geological events</b>							
3.11.2	Earthquake	can affect criteria	Actions not possible in advance. Safety plans in place.	Ad-hoc	When necessary	Thingvellir National Park on site. Nordic Volcanological Center carries monitoring on tectonic movements in Iceland.	No comment

#### 5.2. Summary - Management Needs

##### 5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

<b>4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones</b>						
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
4.1.5	The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are not known by local residents / communities/landowners	Awareness rising.	Ongoing	The Pingvellir National Park	In the mind of the local residents/communities/landowners there is no great distinction between the WH site and the buffer zone, which is good for the property.	
<b>4.3 Management System / Management Plan</b>						
4.3.6	Few of the work plan activities implemented	Improve action plan	Being planned	Thingvellir National Park	No comments	
4.3.10	There is little or no contact with industry regarding management	Not relevant	Not relevant	Not relevant	No comments	
<b>4.4 Financial and Human Resources</b>						
4.4.15	No capacity development plan or programme is in place	Ad - hoc site visits to other WH properties. Formal and informal relation improve capacity.	Ad-hac and ongoing	Thingvellir National Park	No comment	
<b>4.5 Scientific Studies and Research Projects</b>						
4.5.2	Research in the property is not planned	The management plan addresses these issues.	on going	Thingvellir National Park, Natural History Museum of Kópavogur, The Cultural Heritage Agency of Iceland	No comments	
<b>4.7 Visitor Management</b>						
4.7.5	Contact with the tourism industry is largely confined to administrative or regulatory matters	There is informal and formal contact with stakeholders and users.	on-going and ad-hoc	Thingvellir National Park	No comments	

**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**

No comment

**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	Very positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	No impact
International cooperation	Very positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	No impact
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

**6.2 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to World Heritage status**

No comment

**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**

No comment

**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	Very poor

**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
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**

- Name of World Heritage Property**  
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- Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**  
Reason for update: Retrospectiv Statement of OUV has been prepared by state party and delivered to the WH centre and accepted by ICOMOS.

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

No comment