

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Sceilg Mhichíl

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Ireland

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

757

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1996

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Sceilg Mhichíl	51.772 / -10.539	21.9	0	21.9	1996
Total (ha)		21.9	0	21.9	

Comment

Rounded up to nearest hectare; 22

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
UNESCO Designated World Heritage Site, Skellig Michael, Ireland	21/11/2007	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Terry Allen
National Monuments Service
Principle Officer
Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Grellan D. Rourke
The Office of Public Works
Senior Conservation Architect

Comment

The address and phone number has changed; Office of Public Works, 52 St. Stephens Green Dublin 2 Telephone: 35316476000

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

- [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
- [The Skellig Experience](#)
- [Skellig Michael \(Diocese of Kerry\)](#)

Comment

Please remove sites 2. The Skellig Experience and 3. Skellig Michael (Diocese of Kerry) To be added;
<http://www.worldheritageireland.ie/>
<http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/> <http://www.archaeology.ie>

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

Comment

National Monument, National Monuments Acts (1930-2004)
European Cultural Convention 1954 Granada Convention 1985 Valetta 1992 (Malta Convention 1992) (Florence Convention 2000) Nature Reserve: Establishment Order under Section 15 of the Wildlife Act 1976, as amended by the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000. Great Skellig was designated a Statutory Nature Reserve in 1988 (S.I. No. 235/1988).

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

The Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value is currently being prepared for submission in early 2014.

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

(iii)(iv)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

Criterion (iii): Skellig Michael illustrates, as no other property can, the extremes of a Christian monasticism characterising much of North Africa, the Near East and Europe. Criterion (iv): Skellig Michael is an outstanding and in many respects a unique example of an early religious settlement deliberately sited on a pyramidal rock in the ocean, preserved because of a remarkable environment

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

The Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value is currently being prepared for submission in early 2014.

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

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact	Origin			
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.3	Marine transport infrastructure					
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities					
3.4	Pollution					
3.4.1	Pollution of marine waters					
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1	Wind					
3.7.2	Relative humidity					
3.7.3	Temperature					
3.7.4	Radiation/light					
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation					
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.1	Illegal activities					
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage					
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1	Storms					
3.10.3	Drought					
3.10.5	Changes to oceanic waters					
3.10.6	Temperature change					
3.10.7	Other climate change impacts					
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.2	Earthquake					
3.11.3	Tsunami/tidal wave					
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide					
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition					
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species					
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species					
3.13	Management and institutional factors					
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities					
3.13.2	High impact research / monitoring activities					
3.13.3	Management activities					
Legend	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend	
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.3	Marine transport infrastructure	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing
3.4	Pollution					
3.4.1	Pollution of marine waters	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1	Wind	widespread	frequent	significant	high capacity	increasing

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.7.2	Relative humidity	extensive	frequent	significant	high capacity	increasing
3.7.3	Temperature	extensive	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	static
3.7.4	Radiation/light	localised	on-going	minor	high capacity	static
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	static
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1	Storms	extensive	intermittent or sporadic	significant	high capacity	increasing
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	high capacity	static
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	high capacity	increasing
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species					
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	extensive	frequent	minor	medium capacity	static

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

3.17.1 - Comments

It would have been useful if seasonal was an option in the temporal scale.

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is no buffer zone, and it is not needed

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 property had no buffer zone at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

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 property had **no buffer zone** at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

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

There is no requirement for a buffer zone as the boundary of the site is the Island which it is located on.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

Skellig Michael World Heritage Site is owned by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government on behalf of the Irish people, with the exception of the lighthouse area referred to in Section 1.1. The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government is the State body responsible under the World Heritage Convention for policy relating to the built and natural heritage of the site. The Office of Public Works is responsible for the management of the site.

The protection and conservation of Skellig Michael is controlled by a range of national legislation, local mechanisms, international guidelines, statutory and non-statutory guidance. These legislative provisions include, amongst others, the

National Monuments Acts 1930–2004, the Wildlife Act 1976 and 2000, Planning and Development Acts, various EU Directives and international charters.

Skellig Michael is a National Monument, as defined in the National Monuments Act 1930 (as amended). The National Monuments legislative code makes provision for the protection and preservation of National Monuments and for the preservation of archaeological objects in the State. As such, it provides statutory protection for archaeological elements of the nation's built heritage. Skellig Michael is afforded the highest level of statutory protection. It is a National Monument in State ownership, the preservation of which is a matter of national importance by reason of its historical, architectural, traditional, artistic or archaeological interest.

Great Skellig is covered by two nature conservation designations:

1. Nature Reserve: Nature reserves on lands owned by the Minister or by the State are designated by Establishment Order under Section 15 of the Wildlife Act 1976, as amended by the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000. Great Skellig was designated a Statutory Nature Reserve in 1988 (S.I. No. 235/1988).

2. Natural Heritage Area (Proposed): Great Skellig is a proposed Natural Heritage Area (NHA) (Site Code 1954). NHAs are the basic designation for the protection of wildlife in Ireland.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

Submitted on Wednesday, November 30, 2005

- **Question 6.02**

The site is protected under the Ireland's National Monuments legislation.

Comment

Due to a move by the heritage section to a new government department the site is now owned by the Minister for Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht.

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 property had **no buffer zone at the time of inscription** on the World Heritage List

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

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

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Responsibility for the management of operational matters and works on Skellig Michael rests with the Office of Public Works. The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government has been assigned responsibility for the legislative and policy framework for the built and natural heritage. The two organisations liaise to provide an integrated approach to the management of the site. Both organisations meet on a regular basis to ensure that cross cutting issues are addressed in an effective and co-ordinated manner.

The Management Plan strives to achieve a balance between conservation of the built and natural heritage, visitor management and increased public awareness.

The management of the cultural heritage on the island of Great Skellig is in the remit of the Office of Public Works.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

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• **Question 5.02**

Steering group or similar management committee has been set up to guide the management of the site

• **Question 5.03**

Set up date: 1995

Function: It was set up in 1995 prior to application for World Heritage Status. It is an informal steering group to guide the management of the site. It's function is to effectively manage the site.

Constituted:

• **Question 5.05**


Overall management system of the site

- Management by the State Party
- Management under protective legislation
- Consensual management

Comment

The heritage section of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government has now been moved to the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht. The management team was formalised in 2010. Following a recommendation from UNESCO a site manager formally designated.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Skellig Michael World Heritage Site. Management Plan 2008-2018	In Force	Available	23/09/2008	

Comment

There is an error when linking to source

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	Not applicable
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
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?

No local communities are resident in or living near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

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

There is no industry within 30km, there is light industry around the town of Cahirciveen. The site is 11km offshore in the atlantic.

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

Birds and Habitats Regulations Statutory Instrument 477 of 2011 Statutory Instrument 454 of 2011 Planning and Development (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2011

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)	
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	
Governmental (National / Federal)	100%
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)

Comment

No financial assistance has been received from the World Heritage Fund.

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 **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 **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

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

Full-time	100%
Part-time	0%

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

Permanent	100%
Seasonal	0%

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

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

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

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

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

Research and monitoring	Good
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Good
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Good
Conservation	Good
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Good
Tourism	Not applicable
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

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

Research and monitoring	High
Promotion	Medium
Community outreach	Low
Interpretation	High
Education	Medium
Visitor management	High
Conservation	High
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	High
Tourism	Not available
Enforcement (custodians, police)	High

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

All work on conservation is carried out by craftsmen from the locality trained by the State.

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

'Archaeological Strategy Report Excavations, 1986-2010', E. Bourke ,A.R. Hayden, A.Lynch. Our website <http://www.worldheritageireland.ie> has many publications containg bibliographies of principal works related to the site.

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 **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	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Not applicable
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 **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 **not influenced** education, information or awareness building activities

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

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

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

Visitor centre	Not needed
Site museum	Not needed
Information booths	Not needed
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Not needed
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	Static
Two years ago	Static
Three years ago	Static
Four years ago	Static
Five years ago	Static

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

Transportation services
Visitor surveys

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

A carrying Capacity Study has been carried out which informs management decisions

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?

No fees are collected

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	Not applicable
Local communities	Not applicable
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Poor
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

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

Implementation of the World Heritage Committee is almost complete.

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

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.1	Wind	iv	Continuous monitoring and where necessary repair and conservation.	Carried out every season	Annual, continuous.	Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (DAHG) / Office of Public Works (OPW)	While there is no method available to minimise wind impact any negative effects are dealt with by way of conservation.
3.7.2	Relative humidity	Impacts on criteria iv.	Monitoring	Annual, continuous	Ongoing	DAHG / OPW	While there is no method available to minimise relative humidity any negative effects are dealt with by way of conservation
3.7.4	Radiation/light	Criteria IV	monitoring	annual / continuous	Continuous	DAHG / OPW	While there is no method available to minimise radiation/light any negative effects are dealt with by way of conservation
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.1	Storms	Criteria iv	Monitoring and where necessary repairs and conservation.	annual / continuous	ongoing	DAHG / OPW	While there is no method available to minimise wind impact any storms are dealt with by way of conservation
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events						
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/deposition	Criteria iv	Monitoring and where necessary repair and conservation	Annual / continuous	Ongoing	DAHG / OPW	While there is no method available to minimise erosion any negative effects are dealt with by way of conservation
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species						
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	Criteria iv	Monitoring	Annual / continuous	Ongoing	DAHG / OPW	Invasive specie ragwort, monitoring only, no actions taken so far.

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.3 Management System / Management Plan							
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.3.10	There is little or no contact with industry regarding management	No action is proposed as there is no industry within 30km of the site.	Not relevant	DAHG / OPW	No action is proposed		
4.4 Financial and Human Resources							
4.4.15	No capacity development plan or programme is in place	No action is proposed	Not relevant	DAHG / OPW	see 4.4 16		
4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building							
4.6.3	There is a limited education and awareness programme	An ongoing project is increasing the quantity and quality of material on the website. There are a number of proposed publications in train.	Ongoing	Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltact. The Office of Public Works.	Web development ongoing		

4.6.4	World Heritage status has not influenced education, information or awareness building activities	An increased presence on our website and social media is increasing public awareness of our heritage. Proposed publications will also inform education providers.	ongoing	Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Office of Public Works	Sceilg Mhichíl was always a most important national monument and had a high profile prior to inscription.
4.7 Visitor Management					
4.7.5	Contact with the tourism industry is largely confined to administrative or regulatory matters	Continued liaison with main tourism agencies, Fáilte Ireland, Tourism Ireland and other stakeholders including the Skelligs Experience.	ongoing	Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Office of Public Works	It is an objective of the management plan to increase contacts with the tourism industry.

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

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

6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff
Staff from other World Heritage properties

6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?

no

6.5 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire

The database at 4.9 picked 4 items as priorities for management. Two in relation to education and visitor management, the point appeared to be valid. A third financial/human resources identified capacity building as a problem. We have a fully professional trained team and systems for training, dealt with in the comments box. A fourth In relation to management systems, identified because we were not engaging with industry. This is a rural area with no industry within 30km, and no land within 11

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	Satisfactory
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 Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value is currently being prepared for submission in early 2014.
- **Geographic Information Table**
Reason for update: Rounded up to nearest hectare; 22

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