

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Bahá'í Holy Places in Haifa and the Western Galilee

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Israel

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

1220rev


Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

2008

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

| Name | Coordinates (latitude/longitude) | Property (ha) | Buffer zone (ha) | Total (ha) | Inscription year |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Bahá'í Holy Places in Haifa and the Western Galilee | 32.829 / 34.972 | 62.58 | 254.7 | 317.28 | 2008 |
| Total (ha) | | 62.58 | 254.7 | 317.28 | |

1.4 - Map(s)

| Title | Date | Link to source |
|---|------------|---|
| Bahá'í Holy Places in Haifa and the Western Galilee | 26/01/2006 |  |

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Guy Kav-Venaki
Israel Chair Monitoring, Follow-Up and Periodic Reporting Team
Chairman

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Albert Lincoln
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Comment

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

Comment

<http://www.ganbahai.org.il/>

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

Bahá'í Holy Places demonstrate Outstanding Universal Value for the Holy shrine of Bahá'u'lláh and the Holy shrine of the Báb, as the most holy places of the Bahá'í faith provide an exceptional testimony to the strong traditions of Bahá'í pilgrimage which have grown up over the last century and draw large numbers of followers from around the world. They also have a profound meaning and value for followers of the Bahá'í faith as sacred sites linked to the faith's two founders.

Criterion (iii): The Holy shrine of Bahá'u'lláh and the Holy shrine of the Báb, as the most holy places of the Bahá'í faith, and visited by thousands of pilgrims each year from around the world, provide an exceptional testimony to, and are powerful communicators of, the strong cultural tradition of Bahá'í pilgrimage.

Criterion (vi): The two holy Bahá'í shrines are tangible places of great meaning for one of the world's religions.

The property demonstrates integrity linked to the history and spiritual home of the Bahá'í faith and it demonstrates authenticity as tangible expression of the body of doctrine and system of values and beliefs that form the Bahá'í faith.

The legal protection of the nominated areas and their buffer zones will be improved once the TAMA 35 provisions come into force for Haifa. Conservation approaches are appropriate and the management system for the property provides high quality management.

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

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

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



















3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

| | Name | Impact | Origin |
|---------------|--|---|---|
| 3.1 | Buildings and Development | | |
| 3.1.1 | Housing |    | |
| 3.8 | Social/cultural uses of heritage | | |
| 3.8.1 | Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses |    | |
| 3.10 | Climate change and severe weather events | | |
| 3.10.3 | Drought |    | |
| 3.13 | Management and institutional factors | | |
| 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

No factor is both current and negative.

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

3.17.1 - Comments

no affecting factors were found.

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)

Legal protection of the sites is provided by legislation applicable to heritage sites in general, and through regulations protecting their character as holy places: the Antiquities Law (1978), the Palestine Order in Council (1922 and 1924), the Law for the Protection of Holy Places (1967), the International Agreement between the Bahá'í International Community and the Government of Israel (1987), and the Planning and Building Law (1965). At the national level, the Combined National Scheme for Building, Development and Conservation ("TAMA 35"), designates most of the Bahá'í sites as "urban complexes for preservation" and the Mansion of Mazra'ih as a "rural complex for preservation". This designation recognizes sites of historic or architectural value where integrity needs be protected. Bahjí, the North Slope of Mount Carmel, Ridván

Gardens, the Place of Revelation of the "Tablet of Carmel", Junayn Garden and the entire Old City of Acre are "urban complexes for preservation". This means that not all the sites are protected as properties of national importance through this legislation.

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?

An adequate legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists but there are **some deficiencies in implementation**

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?

An **adequate** legal framework exists for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone, but **there are some deficiencies in its implementation** which undermine the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the property

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

There were a few exceptions outside the site: land uses were not always built exactly according to the local planning schemes. These issues were resolved between the Haifa municipality and the Baha'i Garden management.

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

The whole World heritage Property, except for the Acre Prison located in the northwest tower of the citadel in the Old City of Acre, are owned by the Bahá'í World Centre and managed by the Universal House of Justice, the central authority of the worldwide Bahá'í community. It is a collegial body of nine members who reside in Haifa on a full-time basis during their five-year term of office.

A Management Plan has been prepared which sets out the management, maintenance and conservation approaches.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

The management document is located in the site's nomination file, pages 26-34, covering all of the management needs. Each year new goals are added to the plan.

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 **excellent coordination** between all bodies / levels involved in the management of the property

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 | Good |
| Local / Municipal authorities | Good |
| Indigenous peoples | Not applicable |
| Landowners | Not applicable |
| Visitors | Good |
| Researchers | Good |
| Tourism industry | Good |
| 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) | |
| International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc) | 100% |
| Governmental (National / Federal) | |
| Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State) | |
| Governmental (Local / Municipal) | |
| In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc) | |
| Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.) | |
| Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.) | |
| Other grants | |

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

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

The available budget is **sufficient** but further funding would enable more effective management to international best practice standard

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

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

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

There is **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 | 95% |
| Part-time | 5% |

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

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| Permanent | 90% |
| Seasonal | 10% |

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

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| Paid | 40% |
| Volunteer | 60% |

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 | Not applicable |
| Community outreach | Good |
| Interpretation | Good |
| Education | Good |
| Visitor management | Good |
| Conservation | Good |
| Administration | Good |
| Risk preparedness | Good |
| Tourism | Good |
| 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 | Not applicable |
| Community outreach | High |
| Interpretation | High |
| Education | High |
| Visitor management | High |
| Conservation | High |
| Administration | High |
| Risk preparedness | High |
| Tourism | High |
| Enforcement (custodians, police) | High |

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

A capacity development plan or programme is in place and **partially implemented**; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally **but most of the technical work is carried out by external staff**

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

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 **considerable** research but it is **not directed** towards 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

Jay D. Gatrell, Noga Collins-Kreiner "Negotiated space: Tourists, pilgrims, and the Bahá'í terraced gardens in Haifa" http://www.academia.edu/259759/Negotiated_Space_Tourists_Pilgrims_and_the_Baha_8217i_Terraced_Gardens_In_Haifa

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 | Average |
| Tourism industry | Excellent |
| Local businesses and industries | Average |

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

There is a planned education and awareness programme but it only **partly meets the needs** and could be improved

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

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

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

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 | Not needed |
| Guided tours | Excellent |
| Trails / routes | Excellent |
| Information materials | Excellent |
| Transportation facilities | Not needed |
| 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 | 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?

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|-----------------|
| Visitor surveys |
|-----------------|

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **effectively managed** and does not impact its Outstanding Universal Value

4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?

There is **excellent 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?

No fees are collected

4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property

4.7.6.1 no fees are collected, the site has a secured income and needs no other income.

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 | Not applicable |
| NGOs | Not applicable |
| Industry | Not applicable |
| Local indigenous peoples | Not applicable |

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

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

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

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

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

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

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

No factor is both current and negative.

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

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

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

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|--|
| Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff |
| Others |

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

yes

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

6.6 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire from the following entities

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| UNESCO | Very poor |
| State Party Representative | Very good |
| Advisory Body | |

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 concept of Outstanding Universal Value |
| The property's Outstanding Universal Value |
| Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value |

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

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

The monitoring team of the Israel National Commission for UNESCO was involved in the preparation of the report.