

Periodic Report - Second Cycle

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Historic Centre of San Gimignano

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Italy

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

550

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1990

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Historic Centre of San Gimignano	43.468 / 11.042	13.88	0	13.88	1990
Total (ha)		13.88	0	13.88	

Comment

After a technical check we confirm the dimension of the property "Historic Centre of San Gimignano", equal to 21,03 ha. The given size appears to be a simple material mistake, even if the boundaries are the same

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Historic Centre of San Gimignano, scale 1:4000	05/03/2008	

Comment

A more complete version of the map that do not imply any modification of boundaries or other data about the property is available

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Adele Cesi
Ministero per i Beni e le Attività Culturali
Funzionario
Ufficio Patrimonio Mondiale UNESCO, Segretariato Generale - Servizio 1

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Giacomo Bassi
Municipality of San Gimignano
Mayor

Comment

Fax: +39 0577 990381

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

Comment

www.comune.sangimignano.si.it

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

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

The Statement of Outstanding Universal Value has been revised in compliance with the new format, based on the Decision 34 COM 10B.3 of the World Heritage Committee in 2007. It is currently subject to the evaluation of Advisory Bodies

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

(i)(iii)(iv)

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

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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							
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities							
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure							
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure							
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure							
3.4	Pollution							
3.4.5	Solid waste							
3.5	Biological resource use/modification							
3.5.3	Land conversion							
3.5.5	Crop production							
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric							
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)							
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage							
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses							
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage							
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation							
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events							
3.11.2	Earthquake							
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide							
3.13	Management and institutional factors							
3.13.1	Low 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	
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	extensive	frequent	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	significant	high capacity	static

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

3.17.1 - Comments

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is no buffer zone, but there is a need for one

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

The study for the definition of the buffer zone is in progress and still must be approved by the Steering Committee.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

The City of San Gimignano is part of the Coordination Territorial Plan of the Province of Siena with measures of programming, safeguard and development on different scales. It is almost ready the new Town planning concerning the entire territory of the Municipality and the related building regulations and also a management plan for the historic centre with the possibility to enlarge the buffer zone. The historic centre is subjected to the protection national restraints to the senses of the L. 149/39 with D.M. 25.03.1965 G.U. n.97 of 17.04.1965. Furthermore the following regulations are operative:

Regulation of the limited traffic area (regulating the vehicular traffic in the historic centre)
Detailed Plan of the historic Centre

Regulation of the Urban Signs
Regulation of the inside and outside touristic, commercial signs
Regulation of the Urban Waste Materials
Regulation of the Tax on the occupation of public properties and public areas
Regulation of the Antenna installation
Plan of acoustic classification
Electro Magnetic Monitoring
Structural monitoring of the towers
The city is also part of the project Survey of the dirt roads register.

The ancient medieval monastery of San Domenico constructed on the ruins of the Bishop's Castle; in 1787 it terminated its function as a monastery and first became a hospice, a farm and then a prison. The building today is not utilized at all since in the list of the state properties to be sold by the Ministry of the Economy. The complex occupies a tenth of the urban extension inside the historical centre and it is a very important element for the conservation of its identity and authenticity. The attention of the Administration is focused to define politics capable to invert this trend and to encourage the return of the residential use in the historic centre.

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

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• Question 6.02

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Comment

Confirmed the above points, please note that the property is provided with additional regulations: General Urban, Video Surveillance, Street Artists and Advertising Equipment. The San Domenico Convent is now property of the Municipality of San Gimignano and the Tuscan Region, it is under cultural development, as well as the historical complex of Santa Fina Hospital.

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

As historic centre the role of steering group is carried on by the City Administration that fully takes the responsibilities of the management together, for what concerns the protection, with the Siena Soprintendenza. In this role it is coadiuvated by many cultural associations that are present in the territory and even by single citizens that with their requests help to monitorate the administration of the historic centre. The redaction of the management planning should also identify a specific body although being a historic urban centre the leading role will be reserved to the city Administration. At the end of the preparation of the guiding lines we might individuate if and what institution is more indicated to cooperate with the city Administration in those activities. However we hope that this body will be representative of all the components of management and protection as the public Administration, the Soprintendenza etc. Management is guaranteed by the traditional protective measures of the public Administration.

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•**Question 5.05**

Overall management system of the site

- Management under protective legislation
- Management under traditional protective measures or customary law

Management is guaranteed by the traditional protective measures of the public Administration.

Comment

In addition to the management tools already mentioned the property is equipped with a Management Plan (2010) and a Steering Committee (2013), which is composed by the territorial divisions of MIBACT and local authorities.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

A Management Plan has been drafted and sent to the World Heritage Centre

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?

No annual work / action plan exists

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	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Poor
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

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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

The Management Plan has been approved

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)	5%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	10%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	35%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	8%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	40%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	1%
Other grants	1%

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

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

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

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

There are **adequate** equipment and facilities

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

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

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

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

Full-time	65%
Part-time	35%

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

Permanent	70%
Seasonal	30%

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

Paid	95%
Volunteer	5%

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	Fair
Promotion	Good
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Good
Conservation	Fair
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Fair
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	Low
Promotion	High
Community outreach	Medium
Interpretation	Low
Education	High

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Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	High
Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	Medium
Tourism	Medium
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Medium

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

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

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

4.5. 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 with local participants and some national agencies**

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

Lisi Marco – Sulle tracce della vernaccia, 2013;Folgorè da San Gimignano - Sonetti dei mesi e Cenne Da La Chitarra, mesi cortesi e scortesi, 2012;Giomi Luciano, Un'avventura di mille anni fa: da Roma a Canterbury, il mito della francigena e la Valdelsa, 2012;Razzi Raffaello, Scritti sangimignanesi, 2012;Scienza Attilio e altri, Vernaccia di San Gimignano, 2012;Sonò alto un nitrito: il cavallo nel mito e nella letteratura, atti del convegno, 2011;Giovanni Antonio D'Osio, da San Gimignano architetto e scultore fiorentino tra Roma, Firenze e Napoli, 2011;Barsacchi Marco, La missione di Bartolomeo Scala a San Gimignano durante l'assedio di Colle, 2011;Cavalli e cavalieri: guerra, gioco finzione. Atti del convegno internazionale di studi, a cura di Franco Cardini e Luca Mantelli, 2011;Mennucci Antonello, Civic Museum of San Gimignano: the Palazzo Comunale, the Pinacoteca, the Torre Grossa, 2011;Riconoscimento toscano, a cura di Nicola Micieli, 2011;Niccolò Venerosi Pesciolini, La travagliosa e miserabile vita del Cavaliere Niccolò de Venerosi Pesciolini, 2011;Maria madre della Chiesa, atti del convegno marzo /maggio

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2010;Leonardo Antognoni, Dal Carnevale alla Festa dell'uva, 2010;Rist. Anastatica 2010: Orazio Bacci, Dante ambasciatore di Firenze al Comune di San Gimignano, discorso del 7 Maggio 1899;3Dipinti, a cura di Luca Beatrice, 2010;Braccagni Paola, Le nostre storie (Pancole), 2010;Capuano Luca, San Gimignano, 2010;Paolo Di Capua: il senso del tatto (a cura di Mario de Candia e Patrizia Ferri), 2010;Massari Marta, Caratterizzazione e studio del degrado dei materiali della spezieria di Santa Fina di San Gimignano, 2010;Mennucci Antonello, Museo Civico di San Gimignano: Palazzo Comunale, Pinacoteca, Torre Grossa, 2010;Il revival cavalleresco dal Don Chisciotte all'Ivanhoe (e oltre), convegno, 2009;San Gimignano, Fonti e documenti per la storia del Comune, Parte seconda: i verbali dei consigli del podestà 1232/1240, 2010;Duccio Nacci, Toscana: occhi nel Silenzio, 2010;Sieni Virgilio, Wunderkammern San Gimignano, 2010;Gli Archivi aggregati della Collegiata di San Gimignano, 2010;Metamorphosi 3, Yves Coussement, Ellen De Meuter, Nick Ervinck, Wesley Meuris, Els Opsomerr, 2010;La Collegiata di San Gimignano: l'architettura, i cicli pittorici murali e i loro restauri, 2009;Balestracci Duccio, Storia Illustrata di San Gimignano, 2009;Dialettica tra spazio espositivo e contenuto :il caso della Galleria Continua di San Gimignano, Bersotti Manuela, 2009;Cardinali Valentina,Costruire la continuità attraverso i curricoli verticali, 2009;Cavaliere e Città :atti del terzo convegno internazionale di studi: Volterra 2008, 2009;Dei Sara, Un contributo per la storia della cultura del Museo Civico, 2009;AA.VV., Aromatari, speziali e farmacisti, 2009;Giomi Luciano, I campi di Castelvecchio, 2009;Benedetto da Maiano a San Gimignano, a cura di Michele Maccherini, 2009;Vita Augustini" di Benozzo Gozzoli montaggio Massimiliano Nardi (video), 2009;San Gimignano e dintorni (video), 2009;Razzi Raffaello, Le chiese dei frati minori a San Gimignano, 2009;Santini Duccio, Palazzo Comunale, Pinacoteca, Torre Grossa, 2009;Acquisizioni: tra l'ottocento e il contemporaneo, 2008;Biscarini Claudio, Torri e cannoni, 2008;Alain Bonnefoit: l'anima a nudo, a cura di Maurizio Vanni, 2008;Coppini Gianna, Fattoria di Settefonti, 2008;Visioni d'Antan, a cura di Martina Gorini, 2008;Migliorini Tamara, Che sia riportato nell'antico suo lustro, 2008;San Gimignano: fonti e documenti per la storia del Comune, a cura di Oretta Muzzi, 2008;Nacci Duccio, Toscana dell'anima, 2008;

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	Average
Local businesses and industries	Average

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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**

4.6.5 - 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	Excellent
Site museum	Excellent
Information booths	Excellent
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Excellent
Information materials	Excellent
Transportation facilities	Poor
Other	Not needed

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

4.7. Visitor Management

4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years

Last year	Minor Increase
Two years ago	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Minor Increase

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

Entry tickets and registries
Accommodation establishments
Transportation services
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?

There is **some management** of the visitor use of the World Heritage property

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

There is **limited co-operation** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry to present the Outstanding Universal Value and increase appreciation

4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?

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 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	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Excellent
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Poor
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?

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

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

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

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

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

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	i, iii, iv	Tourist Destination Observatory, Committee for the Promotion of Tourism; Natural Shopping Centre; urban plan for the accommodation facilities planning.	Number of parking access and museums access, count of arrivals and stays in accommodation facilities	Continuous	Municipality, Province of Siena, Tourist Destination Observatory, Natural Shopping Centre	no comment
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events						
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide	i, iii, iv	Preliminary studies and stratigraphic surveys for the cliff consolidation. Punctual restoration and consolidation interventions of the slopes and of the architectures above	Square metres of masonry surface restored and strengthened; Square metres of consolidation works,	2011- 2016	Municipality, civil engineering department e Soprintendenze	no comment

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones							
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.1.1	There is a need for a buffer zone	The study for the definition of the buffer zone is in progress and still must be approved by the Steering Committee	2018	Municipality and Steering Committee of the World Heritage property	The site manager intend to finalise the buffer zone		
4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building							
4.6.3	There is a limited education and awareness programme	Every year guided tours are organised for the students living in the property, the tours focus on the awareness of the property's object of art and architectures. The Municipality organises local history courses and presentations of studies and books concerning the World Heritage property	Continuous	Municipality, Educational Institutions, citizens	The site manager intend to develop a specific educational programme on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property.		
4.7 Visitor Management							
4.7.4	Some management of visitor use of the property but this could be improved	Visitors mobility management through light displays; computerised parking system; city bus; monitored museum access; Automatized hygienic services; free Wi-Fi; Tourist information office	on going	Municipality	no comment		

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **preserved**

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is **intact**

5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.4.1 - Comments

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

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

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

For a more efficient safeguard of the property Outstanding Universal Value it would be necessary a larger economic support by the State, in order to support the conservation and valorisation of the property. In addition, the National and European legal framework (Stability and Growth Pact) related to the debt level control, prevent the site manager to use the resources available for the maintenance services

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
Local community
External experts

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	Good
State Party Representative	Very good
Advisory Body	Good

6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

Most of the 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	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Satisfactory

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 Statement of Outstanding Universal Value has been revised in compliance with the new format, based on the Decision 34 COM 10B.3 of the World Heritage Committee in 2007. It is currently subject to the evaluation of Advisory Bodies

• **Geographic Information Table**

Reason for update: After a technical check we confirm the dimension of the property "Historic Centre of San Gimignano", equal to 21,03 ha. The given size appears to be a simple material mistake, even if the boundaries are the same

• **Map(s)**

Reason for update: A more complete version of the map that do not imply any modification of boundaries or other data about the property is available

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