

1. World Heritage Property Data**1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property**

Droogmakerij de Beemster (Beemster Polder)

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details**State(s) Party(ies)**

- Netherlands

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

899

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1999

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Droogmakerij de Beemster (Beemster Polder)	52.549 / 4.911	0	0	0	1999
Total (ha)			0		

Comment

Property = 7208 ha coordinates:52° 32' N, 4° 55' E

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Droogmakerij de Beemster (Beemster Polder) - Inscribed Property	25/06/1998	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Rene Wokke
Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands
National Focal Point for Periodic Reporting

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Harry Roenhorst
Municipality of Beemster
Mr
World Heritage Departement

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

- Patrimonium-mundi.org : visit this site in [panophotographies - immersive and interactive spherical images](#)
- [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
- [The Beemster Polder](#)
- [Werelderfgoed in Nederland \(dutch only\)](#)
- [Stichting Platform Werelderfgoed Nederland](#)

Comment

www.beemster.net www.werelderfgoed.nl
www.beemsterinfo.nl

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 (RETROSPECTIVE) STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE will be decided on at the 37th WHC.

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




























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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)**

Management of canals, roads, waterquality and trees alongside the roads: this is done by the Water Board Hollands Noorderkwartier (co-siteholder). This leads to the preservation and conservation of the geometrical structure of the landscape, the main reason for appointing Beemster Polder a word heritage site.

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact	Origin
3.3	Services Infrastructures		
3.3.1	Water infrastructure	   	
3.4	Pollution		
3.4.3	Surface water pollution	   	
3.5	Biological resource use/modification		
3.5.4	Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals	  	
3.5.5	Crop production	  	
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events		
3.10.2	Flooding	  	
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

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

The delimitation of the property by a ring dyke makes that the Beemster Polder is a spatially well isolated site. The ring dyke surrounds the whole Beemster polder. Therefore a buffer zone is not needed.

4.2. Protective Measures

4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional) Note WHC (July 2012): Please carefully review and update the information provided below.

At State level, the 1988 Monuments Act defines as State Monuments "everything constructed over at least fifty years ago that is of public importance because of its beauty, its importance to science, or its cultural-historical value." The State Monument Register extends to townscapes, for which there must be zoning plans drawn up by local authorities under the provisions of the 1985 Rural Development Act. Currently 60 monuments in the Municipality of Beemster, which corresponds exactly with the polder, are protected

monuments, and a further list of seventeen has been submitted for consideration.

There is provision at regional, provincial, and municipal level for the preparation and implementation of comprehensive land-use and zoning plans, which are regularly updated. Cultural heritage protection forms an integral part of these plans. The Beemster Polder forms part of the National Central Landscape of Noord-Holland, as defined in the 1991 Waterland Regional Plan.

The 1996 Monument Decree of the Province of Noord-Holland covers monuments, buildings, and townscapes and is directly applied to the Beemster Polder. In 1991 the Municipality of Beemster adopted its own Monument Decree; this was updated in 1994.

Comment

The municipality of Beemster does not have an actual Monument's Decree, but is now preparing a Monument's list, followed by a Monument's Decree. This will not be finished before 2014/2015.

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

Note WHC (July 2012): Please carefully review and update the information provided below. If a more recent management plan / system is in force, we will very much appreciate it if you could provide its 2 paper and electronic copies to the WHC. The submission should be

accompanied by a cover letter to DIR/WHC. Thank you for your cooperation.

Management at different levels, in accordance with zoning and land-use plans, is shared by the Municipality of Beemster, the Provincial Administration of Noord-Holland, and the Waterschap De Waterlanden.

The last-named is a water board of a type that is unique to The Netherlands. It was created in 1981 following a merger of a number of water boards, and is in charge of water management in an area of c 35,000ha, including De Beemster. One of its special duties is to manage the planting of trees along the public roads of De Beemster.

State protected monuments are the concern of the Netherlands Department for Conservation (Rijksdienst voor de Monumentenzorg), an agency of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. The Association for the Conservation of Nature Monuments in The Netherlands (Vereniging tot Behoud van Natuurmonumenten in Nederland) manages the forts of the Stelling van Amsterdam.

All these bodies have programmes of regular and systematic monitoring of conservation and protection measures within their respective competences.

Comment

- The name of "Water board Waterlanden" has changed into "Water board Hollands Noorderkwartier". - The name of the "Netherlands Department for Conservation" has changed into "The Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands". - The Association for the Conservation of Nature Monuments in the Netherlands doesn't manage the forts (fortresses) of the Stelling van Amsterdam (the Defense Line of Amsterdam). It is done by the province of Noord-Holland.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

All relevant and actual information is given in the (retrospective) Statement of OUV. The Managementplan Worldheritage "Droogmakerij de Beemster", under authority of the Municipality made by Landkracht/NCAadvies, was decided by the Council in July 2012.

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	Fair
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Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
Visitors	Non-existent
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Fair
Industry	Fair

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 **directly contribute** to some decisions relating to 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 **regular contact** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone and **substantial co-operation** on management

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)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	10%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	85%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	5%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

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

Comment

none

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Full-time	0%
Part-time	100%

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	90%
Volunteer	10%

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

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

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

Research and monitoring	Fair
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Good
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Good
Administration	Fair

Risk preparedness	Good
Tourism	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not applicable

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	Medium
Promotion	Medium
Community outreach	Medium
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Medium
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	Medium
Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	Medium
Tourism	Medium
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not applicable

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 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

Two policy plans, development vision 'Des Beemster I' and development vision Des Beemsters II' (Ontwikkelingsvisie Des Beemsters I en II) have been published by the Beemster municipality.

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

Des Beemsters is the instrument to deal with recent and future urban development in the world heritage property of Beemster Polder. Des Beemsters is not just a label, it is a way of thinking and working and plays an important role by decision making about the qualities of the urban planning in the Beemster Polder.

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	Average
Local landowners	Excellent
Visitors	Poor
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 and effective** education and awareness programme that contributes to the protection of the World Heritage property

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

World Heritage status has been an **important influence** on education, information and 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	Excellent
Site museum	Adequate
Information booths	Not needed
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Adequate
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	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?

Accommodation establishments
Tourism industry
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

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

2012 The Beemster celebrated his 400th anniversary. Due to many special activities (like an agricultural fair and the publication of a new Beemster book) there was a minor increase of people visiting Beemster.

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

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	Excellent
Local communities	Non-existent
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Average
Industry	Non-existent
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

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

Implementation is **complete**

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

None.

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

Question 4.8.2: The 17th century copperplate engraving (Kopergravure) is the key indicator to measure changes in the OUV. There has not been any essential change in the intellectual and architectural concept underlying the planning structure of the Beemster Polder since it was constructed. The copperplate map engraving therefore corresponds almost perfectly to the pattern in the current situation

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs**4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 management needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)**

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

No factor is both current and negative.

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.7 Visitor Management					
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
4.7.4	Some management of visitor use of the property but this could be improved	As a siteolder we are momentarily planning actions/ agreements with relevant partners for improving the management of visitor use of the property.	.	.	.
4.7.5	Contact with the tourism industry is largely confined to administrative or regulatory matters	As a siteolder we are momentarily planning actions/ agreements with relevant partners for improving the touristic industry in the property.	.	.	.
4.8 Monitoring					
4.8.1	Some monitoring, but it is not planned	Occasionally we get some information from inhabitants/ relevant partners (mostly concerning urban planning) about managing/ OUV's, but we don't have any mayor surveys about monitoring.	Occasionally/ all the time.	Our (governmental) partners in the world heritage field, like the province of North-Holland.	.

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	Very positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Very positive
Infrastructure development	No impact
Funding for the property	No impact
International cooperation	Very positive
Political support for conservation	Very positive
Legal / Policy framework	Very positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	No impact
Security	No impact
Other (please specify)	No impact

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

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

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff

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

no

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

Accessibility: system did crash several times Some questions are multiple interpretabel: therefore it is guessing what the exact intention of the question is and what the required answer should be.

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

UNESCO	Good
State Party Representative	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

Monitoring and reporting
Management effectiveness

6.9 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

UNESCO	Not Applicable
State Party	Not Applicable
Site Managers	Not Applicable
Advisory Bodies	Not Applicable

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

- **Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**
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- **Geographic Information Table**
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6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise