

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

West Norwegian Fjords – Geirangerfjord and Nærøfjord

### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

Norway Europe and North American Nature Marine & coastal 11952005

### 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Geirangerfjord Area , Boroughs of Norddal and Stranda , County of Møre & Romsdal , Norway	62.117 / 6.95	51802	?	51802	1995
Nærøfjord Area , Boroughs of Aurland, Vik & Lærdal , County of Sogn & Fjordane, County of Hordaland , Norway	60.917 / 7	70910	?	70910	1995
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>122712</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122712</b>	

#### Comment

Typos in the prefilled text: 1. Inscription year is 2005 - not 1995. 2. Correct name is: "Geirangerfjord Area, Boroughs of Norddal and Stranda, County of Møre & Romsdal, Norway 3. Correct name is: "Nærøfjord Area, Boroughs of Aurland, Vik, Voss and Lærdal. County of Sogn & Fjordane, County of Hordaland, Norway." 4. No buffer zone means 0 (ha) - not ? 5. Coordinates Geirangerfjord Area: 62.00 - 62.17 N and 06.55 - 07.24 E 6. Coordinates Nærøfjord Area: 60.45 - 61.09 N and 06.41 - 07.16 E

### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
West Norwegian Fjords - Geirangerfjord and Nærøfjord - inscribed property	15/07/2005	

#### Comment

Lacking digital and online maps from the property. Correct date of inscription is 14.07.2005.

### 1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Gaute SØNSTEBØ  
Directorate for Nature Management  
Senior Adviser  
Directorate for Management

#### Comment

Norwegian Environment Agency Gaute Sønstebo Senior Adviser PO Box 5672 Sluppen N-7485 Trondheim Norway Telephone: +47 988 55 734 Fax: +47 73 58 05 01 Email: gaute.sonstebo@miljodir.no

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

- Erling Oppheim  
Nærøfjorden World Heritage Park Foundation  
Managing Director

### Comment

The role and responsibility as a Property Manager switch every 2-year between the Nærøfjord-area and Geirangerfjord-area and back again. When Geirangerfjord is in charge the name of the Property Coordinator is: Geirangerfjorden World Heritage Foundation Katrin Blomvik Managing Director 6216 Geiranger Norway Telephone: +47 70 26 38 10 Fax: +47 70 26 51 22 Email: katrin@verdsarfjord.no

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

- [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
- [www.norway.org](http://www.norway.org)
- [www.fjordnorway.com](http://www.fjordnorway.com)
- [Natural site datasheet from WCMC](#)

#### Comment

Prefilled address nr 2 and 3 are not web addresses of the property and should be replaced with the following: www.verdensarv.com www.naroyfjorden.no www.verdsarfjord.no www.nasjonalparkstyre.no/naroyfjorden

### 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

We refer to Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, draft dated 02.01.2012.

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

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#### Comment

We refer to Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, draft dated 02.01.2012.

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

We refer to Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, draft dated 02.01.2012.

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

We refer to Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, draft dated 02.01.2012.

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

We refer to Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, draft dated 02.01.2012.

**3. Factors Affecting the Property**

**3.14. Other factor(s)**

**3.14.1 - Other factor(s)**

Non

### 3.15. Factors Summary Table

#### 3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact						Origin	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>								
3.1.3	Industrial areas								
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure								
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities								
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>								
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure								
3.2.2	Air transport infrastructure								
3.2.3	Marine transport infrastructure								
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure								
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>								
3.3.1	Water infrastructure								
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities								
3.3.4	Localised utilities								
3.3.5	Major linear utilities								
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>								
3.4.1	Pollution of marine waters								
3.4.2	Ground water pollution								
3.4.3	Surface water pollution								
3.4.4	Air pollution								
3.4.5	Solid waste								
3.4.6	Input of excess energy								
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Biological resource use/modification</b>								
3.5.1	Fishing/collecting aquatic resources								
3.5.2	Aquaculture								
3.5.3	Land conversion								
3.5.4	Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals								
3.5.5	Crop production								
3.5.7	Subsistence wild plant collection								
3.5.8	Commercial hunting								
3.5.9	Subsistence hunting								
3.5.10	Forestry /wood production								
<b>3.6</b>	<b>Physical resource extraction</b>								
3.6.1	Mining								
3.6.2	Quarrying								
3.6.4	Water (extraction)								
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>								
3.7.1	Wind								
3.7.2	Relative humidity								
3.7.3	Temperature								
3.7.5	Dust								
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)								
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>								

	Name	Impact						Origin	
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses								
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage								
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system								
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community								
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation								
<b>3.9</b>	<b>Other human activities</b>								
3.9.1	Illegal activities								
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage								
3.9.3	Military training								
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>								
3.10.1	Storms								
3.10.2	Flooding								
3.10.5	Changes to oceanic waters								
3.10.6	Temperature change								
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>								
3.11.2	Earthquake								
3.11.3	Tsunami/tidal wave								
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide								
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition								
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)								
<b>3.12</b>	<b>Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species</b>								
3.12.1	Translocated species								
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species								
3.12.4	Invasive / alien marine species								
<b>3.13</b>	<b>Management and institutional factors</b>								
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities								
3.13.2	High impact research / monitoring activities								
3.13.3	Management activities								
<b>Legend</b>	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside			

### 3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

#### 3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>					
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.2.2	Air transport infrastructure	restricted	one off or rare	minor	high capacity	increasing
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	localised	on-going	minor	medium capacity	increasing
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>					
3.3.1	Water infrastructure	localised	one off or rare	significant	high capacity	increasing
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities	restricted	one off or rare	minor	medium capacity	static
3.3.4	Localised utilities	restricted	one off or rare	minor	medium capacity	static
3.3.5	Major linear utilities	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	increasing
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>					
3.4.1	Pollution of marine waters	restricted	one off or rare	minor	medium capacity	static
3.4.4	Air pollution	localised	frequent	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.4.5	Solid waste	restricted	one off or rare	significant	medium capacity	static
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Biological resource use/modification</b>					

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.5.1	Fishing/collecting aquatic resources	restricted	one off or rare	minor	medium capacity	static
3.5.2	Aquaculture	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.5.3	Land conversion	extensive	on-going	minor	medium capacity	static
3.5.10	Forestry /wood production	restricted	one off or rare	minor	medium capacity	static
3.6	Physical resource extraction					
3.6.1	Mining	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system	extensive	on-going	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	localised	on-going	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	widespread	on-going	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.1	Illegal activities	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.9.3	Military training	restricted	one off or rare	significant	medium capacity	decreasing
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1	Storms	extensive	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.10.2	Flooding	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.3	Tsunami/tidal wave	extensive	one off or rare	minor	high capacity	increasing
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide	extensive	on-going	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition	localised	frequent	minor	high capacity	increasing
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)	localised	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species					
3.12.1	Translocated species	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.13	Management and institutional factors					
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities	extensive	on-going	insignificant	medium capacity	increasing

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

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

Ref.: 3.2.4: Waves from a large numbers of ferries and boats trafficking the Nærøysfjord contributes to destruction / wash out of manmade stonewalls and meadows close to the fjord. Ref. 3.10.5: Rise in sea level might damage/ destroy cultural heritage close to the fjords. Ref.: 3.12.2. Parasites/ micro organism ( Husbukk, Hylotrupes bajulus) is a threat to/ is destroying old lumber buildings in the Nærøysfjord area - loss of cultural heritage.

## 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

non

### 4.2. Protective Measures

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

The most recent designations occur through the National Nature Conservation Act in October, 2004. Private lands make up 85% of the site. Inhabited portions of the area are carefully

controlled under the Planning and Building Act as well as other mechanisms such as County, Municipal and Local Development Plans. In addition, the Ministry of the Environment coordinated the signing of a "Declaration of Intent" signed by the relevant national agencies as well as all the affected six Borough Councils and County Governors. This outlines the cooperative measures to be taken as well as "...guarantees that the values in the area will endure."

#### 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?

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**

#### 4.2.3 - 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?

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 **acceptable** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies remain

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

non

### 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 is in force, please submit 2 paper and electronic versions to WHC. The submission should be accompanied by a cover letter to DIR/WHC. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Government agencies with management authority:

##### National authorities (government agencies)

Directorate for Nature Management

Norwegian Nature Inspectorate

Directorate for Cultural Heritage

##### Regional authorities

Government agencies

County Governors of Møre & Romsdal, Sogn & Fjordane and Hordaland

County authorities  
Møre & Romsdal, Sogn & Fjordane and Hordaland County  
Councils



**Local authorities**

Norddal, Stranda, Aurland, Vik, Voss and Lærdal Borough  
Councils

**Comment**

New local authorities: - 2010. Establishment of Nærøyfjorden  
Protected Area Management Board and Geirangerfjorden  
Protected Area Management Board. Name change; former  
Directorate for Nature Management changed to Norwegian  
Environment Agency

**4.3.2 - Management Documents**

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Present Management Framework & Plans	N/A	Available	01/01/2004	
Management Plan of West Norwegian Fjords – Geirangerfjord and Nærøyfjord	N/A	Available	30/01/2004	

**Comment**

1. Management Plan of West Norwegian Fjords -  
Nærøyfjorden: Adopted 15.10.2007 by the Directorate of  
Nature Management. Link:  
[http://www.nasjonalparkstyre.no/Documents/N%c3%a6r%c3%b8yfjorden\\_dok/Planer%20og%20publikasjoner/Forvaltningsplan/1-2008\\_Forvaltningsplan\\_Vestnorsk\\_fjordlandskap,\\_delomr%c3%a5de\\_N%c3%a6r%c3%b8yfjorden.\\_1QWm7.pdf](http://www.nasjonalparkstyre.no/Documents/N%c3%a6r%c3%b8yfjorden_dok/Planer%20og%20publikasjoner/Forvaltningsplan/1-2008_Forvaltningsplan_Vestnorsk_fjordlandskap,_delomr%c3%a5de_N%c3%a6r%c3%b8yfjorden._1QWm7.pdf) 2.  
Management Plan of West Norwegian Fjords -  
Geirangerfjorden: Adopted 16.01.2008 by the Directorate of  
Nature Management.

**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 only **partially adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

**4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?**

The management system is **only partially** being implemented

**4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?**

An annual work / action plan exists and **many activities** are being implemented

**4.3.7 - Please rate the cooperation / relationship with World Heritage property managers / coordinators / staff of the following**

Local communities / residents	Fair
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
Visitors	Fair

Researchers	Fair
Tourism industry	Fair
Industry	Poor

**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 **participate** in all relevant decisions relating to management, i.e. co-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**

Ref. 4.3.10.3.: - Cooperation with agriculture: ++ - Cooperation with mining industry: -

**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**

1. 2010: The establishment of new local authorities for the Protected Areas -ref. comments under 4.3.1. 2. 2009: The adoption of the Nature Diversity Act. (replaces the former Nature Conservation Act)

**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)	60%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	20%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	10%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	7%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	3%
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)**

**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 some **ad hoc** maintenance of equipment and facilities

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

4.4.7 It is challenge that management of the World Heritage Property is a longterm task but most of the available funding/ resources are from short term programs/ budgets.

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

Full-time	80%
Part-time	20%

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

Permanent	80%
Seasonal	20%

**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	Good
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Poor
Conservation	Good
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Poor
Tourism	Good
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Fair

**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	High
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	Medium
Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	Low
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 **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**

There is a well functioning infrastructure (ferries etc.) serving a large number of visitors on the fjord, but an overall Visitor Management for the World heritage Site plan is lacking, but in progress. Project "Green Fjord 2020" will also strengthen the visitor management of the site towards the year 2020.

**4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects**

**4.5.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?**

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for most key areas **but there are gaps**

**4.5.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?**

There is **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**

(4.5.2 non on the World Heritage property specifically but several titles on relevant issues in general)

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

Non

**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	Average
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Average
Local businesses and industries	Poor

**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	Poor
Site museum	Not needed
Information booths	Adequate
Guided tours	Poor
Trails / routes	Adequate

Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Poor
Other	Not needed

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

Ref. 4.6.6.1: - The Geirangerfjord Area have a Visitor Center and the Nærøfjord Area are planning to build one.

**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

**4.7.3 - Visitor management documents**

**Comment**

A Visitor Management Plan for the West Norwegian Fjords are in process. ( According to the Management Plans.)

**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?**

The fee is collected, but it makes **no contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

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

non

**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 to define key indicators, **but this has not been done**

**4.8.3 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups**

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Average
Local / Municipal authorities	Poor
Local communities	Poor
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Non-existent
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 planned, but has **not yet begun**

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

New holistic national policy (white Paper) on implementation of the World Heritage Convention adopted by parliament June 2013. Improved implementation underway.

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

National authorities are by 2013 working on defining indicators for all WH properties incl West Norwegian fjords

**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

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	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>						
<b>3.2.4</b>	<b>Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure</b>	Criterion (vii): "The Nærøysfjord and Geirangerfjord areas are considered to be among the most scenically outstanding fjord areas on the planet. Their outstanding natural beauty .." (Emission/pollution from vehicles and ships (visible air pollution))	Reduce emission/visibel pollution from a large number of vehicles and cruisehips, encourage use of modern, low/ zero emission technology. Reduce the number of vehicles;more effective transportation. Reduce damage from waves on buildings/ farmland.	Ongoing.	Ongoing.	Geiranger World Heritage Foundation, Nærøysfjorden World Heritage Park, The Local Port Authorities, Local and Regional Authorities, Stakeholders, repr. from Tourism Industry.	This will be one of our main objectives through our work with a Tourism Management Plan and the ongoing " Grøn Fjord" (Green Fjord) - project in Geiranger which focus on environmentally friendly traffic/ transport.
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>						
<b>3.8.4</b>	<b>Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system</b>	Criterion (vii): "... Remnants of old and now mostly abandoned transhumant farms add a cultural aspect to the dramatic natural landscape that complements and adds human interest to the area." (Decline in number of inhabitants / farmers,)	Through our actionplan for maintaining the Cultural Landscape in WNF we are supporting (by extra funding) farmers within/ close to the World Heritage Site. Running several projects helping owners of old buildings to repair and put in new use.	Ongoing.	Ongoing.	Geiranger World Heritage Foundation, Nærøysfjorden World Heritage Park, Local, Regional and National Authorities, Stakeholders.	Decline in population/ farming / less activity and use are a threat to the cultural dimension of the World Heritage Site.
<b>3.8.5</b>	<b>Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community</b>	Both criteria (vii) and (viii). Decline in population in certain inhabited areas, migration and change in lifestyle and livelihood are a challenge concerning awarness/ "ownership" of the Site but it is also a opportunity to new development.	Trough several projects/ workshops/ courses we are cooperating with kindergardens/ schools/ local stakeholders to establish a long-term ownership to and awareness of the Site.	Ongoing.	Ongoing.	Geiranger World Heritage Foundation and Nærøysfjorden World Heritage Park, ( Site Coordinators), Local, Regional and National Authorities, Stakeholders.	No further comments.
<b>3.8.6</b>	<b>Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation</b>	Criterion (vii): "The Nærøysfjord and Geirangerfjord areas are considered to be among the most scenically outstanding fjord areas on the planet. Their outstanding natural beauty ....." (Emission/pollution from vehicles and ships)	Reduce emission/visibel pollution from a large number of vehicles and cruisehips, encourage use of modern, low/ zero emission technology. Reduce the number of vehicles;more effective transportation. Reduce damage from waves on buildings/ farmland.	Ongoing.	Ongoing.	Geiranger World Heritage Foundation, Nærøysfjorden World Heritage Park, The Local Port Authorities, Local ,Regional and National Authorities, Stakeholders, repr. from Tourism Industry.	Tourism pressures are intense in both fjords, but impacts are limited as most visitors are confined to cruise ships in a short visitor season. Adequate tourist management plans will be an important tool for the long-term conservation.
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>						
<b>3.11.4</b>	<b>Avalanche/ landslide</b>	Both criteria (vii) and (viii). This is a part of an ongoing geological process developing/ forming the Site but at same time it is a hazard/ threat to existing infrastructure and some of the people living in the inhabited areas.	Risk-preparedness assements/plans to prevent people/ infrastr. are integrated in the overall management plans. A management plan addresses management objectives and includes guidelinesfor activities to preserve the outstanding universal values.	Ongoing.	Ongoing.	The Local and Regional Authorities.	Geo-hazards are a concern for inhabited areas and existing infrastructure within the property. If more measures to protect people's lives are to be implemented, detailed environmental impact assessments will need to be performed.

## 5.2. Summary - Management Needs

### 5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

<b>4.7 Visitor Management</b>
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		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	Elaborate a Visitor Management Strategy and Plan for the West Norwegian Fjords	Adopted by the stakeholders ultimo 2015.	The World Heritage Council of West Norwegian Fjords.	No further comments.
4.7.5	Contact with the tourism industry is largely confined to administrative or regulatory matters	Invite and involve the tourist industry in the process of making a common Visitor Management Strategy/ Plan. (	Ongoing.	The World Heritage Council of West Norwegian Fjords. Nærøyfjorden World Heritage Park Foundation. Geirangerfjorden World Heritage Foundation.	No further comments.
4.7.6	Fees collected makes no contribution to the management of the property	Address the topic in ongoing process of making a Visitor Management Strategy/ Plan.	2015	The World Heritage Council of West Norwegian Fjords. Nærøyfjorden World Heritage Park Foundation. Geirangerfjorden World Heritage Foundation.	The tourism industry as a large "consumer" of the World heritage site have to contribute to the maintenance and management of the property.
<b>4.8 Monitoring</b>					
4.8.1	Some monitoring, but it is not planned	As a result of a new Visitor Management Plan: Work out of a Action Plan.	2016	The World Heritage Council of West Norwegian Fjords. Nærøyfjorden World Heritage Park Foundation. Geirangerfjorden World Heritage Foundation.	No further comments.
4.8.2	Key indicators have not been defined	Work to define key indicators are in process.	2016	Norwegian Environment Agency Nærøyfjorden Protected Area Board. Geirangerfjorden Protected Area Board	No further comments.
4.8.4	Implementation of Committee recommendations is planned, but has not yet begun	Work out of a Tourism Management Plan for the WNF.	2015.	Nærøyfjorden World Heritage Park and Geirangerfjorden World Heritage Foundation.	No further comments.

### 5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

#### 5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

Not applicable (for sites inscribed exclusively under criteria vii to x)

#### 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

non

### 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	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	No impact
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	Negative

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

Ref: 6.1.7: - It is important to improve cooperation and coordination between the the different national authorities in a way that ensures future lives of the inhabitants in the World Heritage Site. Ref.: 6.1.15.: - Answer is relating to mining and Hydro Power Plants.

#### 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

#### 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

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#### 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?

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
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting

#### 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

- **The criteria (2005 revised version) under which the property was inscribed**  
Reason for update: We refer to Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, draft dated 02.01.2012.
- **Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**  
Reason for update: We refer to Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, draft dated 02.01.2012.
- **Geographic Information Table**  
Reason for update: Typos in the prefilled text: 1. Inscription year is 2005 - not 1995. 2. Correct name is: "Geirangerfjord Area, Boroughs of Norddal and Stranda, County of Møre & Romsdal, Norway 3. Correct name is: "Nærøfjord Area, Boroughs of Aurland, Vik, Voss and Lærdal. County of Sogn & Fjordane, County of Hordaland, Norway." 4. No

buffer zone means 0 (ha) - not ? 5. Coordinates  
Geirangerfjord Area: 62.00 - 62.17 N and 06.55 -  
07.24 E 6. Coordinates Nærøyfjord Area: 60.45 -  
61.09 N and 06.41 - 07.16 E

- **Map(s)**  
Reason for update: Lacking digital and online maps  
from the property. Correct date of inscription is  
14.07.2005.

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

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