

Periodic Report - Second Cycle

Section II-Convent of Christ in Tomar

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Convent of Christ in Tomar

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Portugal

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

265

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1983


1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Convent of Christ in Tomar	39.605 / -8.417	0	0	0	1983
Total (ha)			0		

Comment

Property: 1,436ha; Buffer zone: 20890ha; Total 20891,436ha

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Convent of Christ in Tomar-Map of the inscribed property	20/12/1982	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Luís Pinho Lopes
Direção-Geral do Património Cultural
Architecte

Comment

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1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Ana Carvalho Dias
General Directorate for Cultural Heritage
Director
Convent of Christ

Comment

rectify Directorate General for Cultural Heritage Convent of Christ Andreia Maria Bianchi Aires de Carvalho Galvão Director Convento de Cristo (...)

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)

2. [Cidade de Tomar \(Direcção Geral dos Edifícios e Monumentos Nacionais\)](#)
3. [Castelo de Tomar \(Direcção Geral dos Edifícios e Monumentos Nacionais\)](#)
4. [Direcção Geral dos Edifícios e Monumentos Nacionais](#)
5. [Tomar, Cidade dos Templários \(only in Portuguese\)](#)

Comment

a) Direção-Geral do Património Cultural - www.patrimoniocultural.pt b) Convento de Cristo - www.conventocristo.pt c) Comissão Nacional da UNESCO - www.unescoportugal.mne.pt d) Serviço de Informação do Património Arquitetónico - www.monumentos.pt Please remove 2, 3, and 4 and substitute by the above since 2, 3, and 4 no longer exist.

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

Comment

European Cultural Convention (1976); Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (1991); Council of Europe Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society (2000)

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

The Statement of Outstanding Universal Value is waiting for Committee approval, after the Advisory Bodies advice.

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

(i)(vi)

Comment

Under appreciation

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

Under appreciation

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

Under appreciation

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

Under appreciation








































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		
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	 	
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure		
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	 	
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric		
3.7.2	Relative humidity	 	 
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	 	 
3.9	Other human activities		
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage	 	
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events		
3.10.1	Storms	 	 
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events		
3.11.2	Earthquake	 	 
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition	 	 
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)	 	 
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	
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.2	Relative humidity	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	low capacity	static
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	extensive	frequent	significant	low capacity	static
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	low capacity	static

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

3.17.1 - Comments

Stone erosion and microorganisms justify permanent monitoring of the building by the services responsible for conservation so as to prevent serious damages.

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is a buffer zone

4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **known** by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

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

The current buffer zone is to be extended as the monumental aqueduct that used to supply water to the monument (Pegões Aqueduct) is not entirely included within its boundaries.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

Submitted on Monday, December 5, 2005

• Question 6.02

«Regulamento do Plano Director Municipal» (Règlement du Plan Directeur Municipal): l'on y trouve des chapitres spécifiquement concernant le centre historique de la ville de Tomar aussi bien que le patrimoine classé, règlement publié

par la «Resolução do Conselho de Ministros n.º 100/94, de 8 de Outubro» (Résolution du Conseil de Ministres n.º 100/94, du 8 octobre); - «Lei de Base do Património Cultural» (Loi des Bases du Patrimoine Culturel): elle contrôle notamment les altérations introduites dans les bâtiments classés, aussi bien que les fouilles archéologiques quand elles sont nécessaires, etc. « Lei n.º 107/2001, de 8 de Setembro » (Loi n.º 107/2001, du 8 septembre); - Zonas de protecção do património architectural «DG 265, 2.ª, de 14 de Novembro de 1946» (J.O. 265, du 14 novembre 1946)

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 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

4.2.4 - 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

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

Submitted on Monday, December 5, 2005

• Question 5.05

Overall management system of the site

○ Management by the State Party

Comment

Site management is made on an annual basis, depending on the Government budget.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

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?

No management system is currently in place

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

An annual work / action plan exists and **most or all activities** are being implemented and monitored

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

Local communities / residents	Good
Local / Municipal authorities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Poor
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Industry	Not applicable

4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

Local communities have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role in management

4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

No indigenous peoples are resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?

There is **little or no contact** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

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

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

Decree-Law no. 309/2009, of 23 October - Establishes the procedure for listing cultural interest immovable heritage, as well as the rules governing protection areas and the detail safeguarding plan; it provides for space planning and sustainable development measures.

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)	90%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	10%
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 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**

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

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

Full-time	100%
Part-time	0%

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

Permanent	70%
Seasonal	30%

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

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

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

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	Good
Promotion	Poor
Community outreach	Poor
Interpretation	Not applicable
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Poor
Administration	Good
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	High
Promotion	Low
Community outreach	Low
Interpretation	Medium
Education	High
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	High
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	High
Tourism	High
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 **partially implemented**; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally **but most of the technical work is carried out by external staff**

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

4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

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

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient**

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

There is **considerable** research but it is **not directed** towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **shared widely** with the local, national and international audiences

4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report

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, but **not easily visible** to visitors

4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups

Local communities / residents	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Poor
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Excellent

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

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

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

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

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is adequately presented and interpreted **but improvements could be made**

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

Visitor centre	Adequate
Site museum	Adequate
Information booths	Not needed
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Excellent
Transportation facilities	Poor
Other	Poor

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	Decreasing
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Decreasing
Five years ago	Static

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

Entry tickets and registries

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

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

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is managed but **improvements could be made**

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?

The fee is collected and makes a **substantial 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

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

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

Implementation is **underway**

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

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

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

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

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.2	Relative humidity	There is no direct relation between humidity conditions affecting certain areas of the building and the values underlying OUV criteria.	Combating humidity is a daily routine requiring dehumidifiers and air conditioners when the values are excessive.	Monitoring humidity and temperature values are daily routines requiring measuring instruments.	This will take around six years.	The building's own services with assistance from the Department of Projects and Works of the Directorate General for Cultural Heritage	Humidity is particularly serious next to the cloisters, as other areas like the rotunda and novitiate hall are not so highly affected.
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	(i) With micro-organisms covering the stonework, it is difficult to have a proper look at the latter.	Successive cleaning operations have been made to eliminate biological agents.	Ongoing.	Six years.	Department of Projects and Works of the Directorate General for Cultural Heritage	No comments
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events						
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/deposition	(i) e (vi) Significant problems caused by stone pulverization could threaten the state of conservation of the building if no preventive measures were taken	Continuous conservation and restoration actions. Replacement of stone elements in extreme cases.	Continuous.	Six years	Department of Works and Projects of the Directorate General for Cultural Heritage	Restoration and conservation works planned for this complex enabled cultural values to be preserved. Restoration of the rotunda was completed this year enabling this complex to regain its former splendour.

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.3 Management System / Management Plan						
	Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.3.5	No management system in place	Plans are made on an yearly basis as they depend on the Government Annual Budget.	annual	Directorate General for Cultural Heritage	Management of this complex is ensured by direct State administration.	
4.3.10	There is little or no contact with industry regarding management	not applicable	No timeframe	Serviços do Convento de Cristo	Not applicable	

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

Considering the size of this site, its state of conservation is satisfactory. Conservation of certain areas has been programmed on a medium term basis.

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

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

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

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

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	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 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	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: Under appreciation
- **Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**
Reason for update: The Statement of Outstanding Universal Value is waiting for Committee approval, after the Advisory Bodies advice.
- **Geographic Information Table**
Reason for update: Property: 1,436ha; Buffer zone: 20890ha; Total 20891,436ha

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

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