

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Historic Centre of Oporto

Comment

Will be proposed to change the name to «Historic Centre of Oporto, Bridge D. Luiz I and Serra do Pilar Monastery». This designation effectively translates the nomination of the property.

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Portugal

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

755

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1996


1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Historic Centre of Oporto	41.142 / -8.617	0	0	0	1996
Total (ha)			0		

Comment

Latitude: 41° 8' 35.48" N Longitude: 8° 36' 46.78" W Property (ha) - 51 ha - (Oporto - 49 ha; Ponte Louis I - 0,5 ha; and Monastery of Serra de Pilar in the municipality of V. N. Gaia - 1,5 ha); Buffer zone - Oporto - 84 ha.

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Historic Centre of Oporto-Map of the inscribed property	25/03/1996	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

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Comment

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1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

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Comment

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
2. [Direcção Geral dos Edifícios e Monumentos Nacionais](#)
3. [PORTO, Cidade Mundial](#)
4. [Casa da Música \(Hous of Music\)](#)
5. [Câmara Municipal do Porto \(Oporto Municipality\)](#)
6. [Porto Vivo SRU \(Society for Urban Rehabilitation\)](#)
7. [IGESPAR \(Institute for the Management of Architectural and Archaeological Heritage\)](#)
8. [Plano de Gestão \(Management Plan\)](#)

Comment

Add: a). Turismo do Porto (Oporto's Tourism) - <http://www.portoturismo.pt/> b). Direcção-Geral do Património Cultural – Directorate-General for Cultural Heritage - <http://www.dgpc.pt> c). SIPA (Information System for Architectural Heritage) - <http://www.monumentos.pt> d). Comissão Nacional da UNESCO - <http://unescoportugal.mne.pt> Please remove 2, 3, 4 and 7 as they no longer exist.

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

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

The statement of Outstanding Universal Value is awaiting approval of the World Heritage Committee after advice from the Advisory Bodies.

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

(iv)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

The Committee decided to inscribe the nominated property on the basis of cultural criterion (iv) considering that the site is of outstanding universal value and the urban fabric and its many historic buildings bear remarkable testimony to the development over the past thousand years of a European city that looks outward to the west for its cultural and commercial links.

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

The Historic Center of Porto preserves in its urban fabric and in its many historic buildings remarkable testimony to the development over the past thousand years of a European city that looks outwards to the west for its cultural and commercial links.

3. Factors Affecting the Property


3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

No other factors have been identified

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

Name	Impact	Origin				
3.1 Buildings and Development						
3.1.2 Commercial development	    					
3.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	    					
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities	    					
3.2 Transportation Infrastructure						
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	    					
3.2.5 Underground transport infrastructure	   					
3.3 Services Infrastructures						
3.3.1 Water infrastructure	   					
3.3.2 Renewable energy facilities	  					
3.4 Pollution						
3.4.5 Solid waste	  					
3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage	    					
3.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	    					
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	    					
3.10 Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.2 Flooding	   					
3.11 Sudden ecological or geological events						
3.11.4 Avalanche/ landslide	  					
3.13 Management and institutional factors						
3.13.1 Low impact research / monitoring activities	  					
3.13.3 Management activities	   					
Legend	 Current	 Potential	 Negative	 Positive	 Inside	 Outside

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.4 Pollution					
3.4.5 Solid waste	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	decreasing
3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	localised	frequent	significant	medium capacity	decreasing
3.11 Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.4 Avalanche/ landslide	restricted	one off or rare	minor	low capacity	decreasing

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

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• **Question 6.02**

Through the City Council Master Plan recently reviewed and approved, which regulates the interventions in the historic areas; Regulation of Advertising and other uses of the public space; Regulation about Fences and Shipyards of workmanship's within the Historic Centre of Oporto.

Comment

NATIONAL LEGISLATION a. Policies and System for the Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Heritage (Law n. 107/2001 from September 8th). LOCAL LEGISLATION b. Regulation of Oporto Municipal Master Plan (RCM n. 19/2006 from January 26th) c. Regulatory Code of Oporto City Council (DR n.56, II series, from March 19th, 2008) LOCAL PLANS d. Master Plan – Urban and Social Rehabilitation of Oporto City Centre (<http://portovivosru.pt>) e. Management Plan (<http://portovivosru.pt>)

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?

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 **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

The Management Plan for the Historic Centre of Porto has a chapter on protection mechanisms, presenting the norms with greater influence on management, protection and enhancement of the Historic Centre – http://www.portovivosru.pt/plano_g_4.php. A project was developed and approved for defining the Urban Rehabilitation Area (ARU), implementation and management of which is the responsibility of Porto Vivo, SRU –

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

3.17.1 - Comments

Question 3.8.5. is further complicated by the fact that the Historic Centre of Porto, as well as the City of Porto and the country in general, have registered a decrease of the population in recent years due to migration factors, low birth rates and an aging population. However, measures within urban regeneration have been developed in order to maintain a resident population and attract new families and young people to the Historic Centre.

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 the management authority but **are not known by local residents / communities/landowners**.

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

The limits of the inscribed property and the Buffer Zone are located in two municipalities, Porto and Vila Nova de Gaia. The boundaries of the Buffer Zone have a big dimension, particularly in the municipality of Vila Nova de Gaia, however these limits are generally unknown by residents and users.

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

http://www.portovivosru.pt/pdfs/DEL_ARU_CHP_JUN_2012.pdf

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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



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- **Question 5.04** Plans in place to set up a "steering group:
There are no plans of setting up a steering group due to the fact that exists a Municipal Division of Conservation of the Historic Centre. Its function is to guarantee the rehabilitation and preservation of the Historic Centre in the architectonic, archaeological and circulation sources and to ensure other works in the rehabilitation of the buildings.
- **Question 5.05**
Overall management system of the site
 - Management by the State Party

Comment

The Historic Centre of Porto (HCP) WH has a management unit for the Urban Rehabilitation Area: 1. It functions within Porto Vivo SRU according to a protocol between Oporto City Council and SRU; 2. It has powers given directly by the Mayor; 3. The HCP WH is its focus; 5. It has a small team of its own; 6. It makes direct use of the technical and human resources provided by municipal services with intervention in the HCP. Also, the Municipality has a working group for management of this site.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Historic Centre of Oporto World Heritage Management Plan	In Force	Available	05/12/2008	
Historic Centre of Porto - Management Plan 2010	In Force	Not available	10/12/2010	

Comment

Historic Centre of Porto - Management Plan 2010 - in force - available links to sources:
http://www.portovivosru.pt/plano_g_4.php
<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/755/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 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 **fully 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	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 have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role in management

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

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

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

There is contact but only **some cooperation** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

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

Regarding question 4.3.7, in the Historic Centre of Oporto there is a specific focus on the development of creative industries. This strategic focus is part of the management plan for the site and includes several programmes and projects which are being carried out.

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

LOCAL LEGISLATION . Regulation of Oporto Municipal Master Plan (RCM n. 19/2006 from January 26th) . Regulatory Code of Oporto City Council (DR n.56, II series, from March 19th, 2008) LOCAL PLANS . Master Plan – Urban and Social Rehabilitation of Oporto City Centre, 2005 (<http://portovivosru.pt>) . Management Plan, 2008 (<http://portovivosru.pt>)

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%
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International donations (NGO´s, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	8%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	71%
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.)	0%
Other grants	21%

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

Comment

No international assistance was received from the World Heritage Fund

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

The available budget is **inadequate** for basic management needs and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to manage

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?

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

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

Each 1€ of public investment made in urban regeneration and public realm requalification, has generated a multiplying effect of 7€ of private investment.

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

Full-time	17%
Part-time	83%

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	99%
Volunteer	1%

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	Good
Community outreach	Poor
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Fair
Administration	Good
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	High
Promotion	Medium
Community outreach	Low
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Medium
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	Medium
Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	Low
Tourism	High
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Low

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

The Mayor proceeded with Order no. I/61602/12/CMP of 5th April 2012 establishing the rules governing collaboration between Porto Vivo, SRU and the various Municipal Directions and Subsidiaries from Porto City Council according to the Management Plan for the Historic Centre of Porto World Heritage (Porto City Hall and Porto Vivo, SRU, 2008, reedition 2010). Thus the Mayor ensured collaboration and the conditions required for developing the Action Plan.

4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

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

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

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

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

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **shared with local participants and some national agencies**

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

Porto Vivo, SRU: http://www.portovivosru.pt/plano_g_4.php;
http://www.portovivosru.pt/plano_g_3.php;
<http://www.portovivosru.pt/mouzinho/flores/index.php?m=47>;
http://www.portovivosru.pt/morro_se/fileManager/editor/pdfs/Guia_Termos_Referencia.pdf;
http://www.portovivosru.pt/1avenida/fileManager/pdf/Livro1_1Avenida_PT_Final.pdf,
<http://www.oern.pt/publicacoes.php?cat=1&cod=0D0B>

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

The historic centre of Porto went through major rehabilitation works in the past six years. This rehabilitation work is currently being studied in our universities.

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?

In **many locations and easily visible** to visitors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“My Porto is World Heritage” is a project that aims to raise awareness of Porto students in 5th and 6th grades and their teachers to the importance of preserving the historic centre of Porto WH, through a continuous approach and during four sessions. In 2014 there are 700 students participating in this project and more than 30 teachers.

4.7. Visitor Management

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

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

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

Entry tickets and registries
Accommodation establishments
Transportation services
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys
Other

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

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

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

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

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

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

No fees are collected

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

4.8. Monitoring

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

There is a **comprehensive, integrated programme** of monitoring, which is relevant to management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for defining and monitoring key indicators for measuring its state of conservation

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

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Average
Local / Municipal authorities	Excellent
Local communities	Poor
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 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

	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
3.4	Pollution						
3.4.5	Solid waste	It can affect the architectural and landscape ensemble of the Historic Centre of Oporto and the quality of life for residents and visitors	Information programs and environmental awareness addressed to the school community and general public with the objective of introducing environmental concerns and behavioral change in people's daily lives. Improvement of waste collection system.	The Plan of Action of the Management Plan is being monitored by a working group. The final report is available at http://www.portovivosru.pt/pdfs/RM2012.pdf on pages 133 and 175.	It is a continuous work with no end in sight.	Porto City Council - Departments of Environment, Culture and Education. Porto Vivo, Urban Rehabilitation Society. School teachers and students.	Modernisation of the waste collection equipment has greatly contributed to reducing this problem.
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	The Historic Centre of Oporto has been losing population, the same applying to the entire territory of the city of Oporto. This reality can affect the authenticity of the urban fabric.	A number of measures have been taken to attract new residents: promoting urban rehabilitation of buildings with the owners, promoters and investors; rehabilitating public spaces and creating new dynamics for social and economic development.	The Plan of Action of the Management Plan is being monitored by a working group. The final report is available at http://www.portovivosru.pt/pdfs/RM2012	It is a continuous work with no end in sight	Porto City Council - Porto Vivo, Urban Rehabilitation Society Local institutions	The increase in tourism in the historic center of Porto has contributed very positively to building rehabilitation for new residents and developing the local economy.
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events						
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide	The problem identified is located in the "Buffer Zone" in the slope of the "Fontainhas" which is geologically unstable. This problem could potentially affect the aesthetic and landscape value of the designated area.	Consolidation of the escarpment is underway. The contract aims to consolidate the escarpment through existing vegetation cleaning, removal of blocks of stone at risk of falling and repair of walls. Placement of a safety net through nailing	The Municipality of Oporto is to make an evaluation and monitoring of the geological escarpment and behavior of the landslides that occurred.	The first phase of consolidation of the escarpment is underway and the second phase is set to begin later this year. The work should be completed by the end of 2015.	Management Company of Public Works of the Municipality of Porto with assistance from the National Laboratory of Civil Engineering.	This problem should be fully resolved with the works in progress and the area is expected to have great building potential.

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

Answers provided have not outlined any serious management need.

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

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

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

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

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

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

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

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

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

5.4.1 - Comments

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

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

Conservation	Very positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Very positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Negative
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	Positive

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
Non Governmental Organization

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	Fair
State Party Representative	Fair
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 property's Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity

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

UNESCO	Satisfactory
State Party	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Satisfactory

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

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Reason for update: Will be proposed to change the name to «Historic Centre of Oporto, Bridge D. Luiz I and Serra do Pilar Monastery». This designation effectively translates the nomination of the property.
- **Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**
Reason for update: The statement of Outstanding Universal Value is awaiting approval of the World Heritage Committee after advice from the Advisory Bodies.
- **Geographic Information Table**
Reason for update: Latitude: 41° 8' 35.48" N Longitude: 8° 36' 46.78" W Property (ha) - 51 ha - (Oporto - 49 ha; Ponte Louis I - 0,5 ha; and Monastery of Serra de Pilar in the municipality of V. N. Gaia - 1,5 ha); Buffer zone - Oporto - 84 ha.

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