## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property Birka and Hovgården

## 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

- State(s) Party(ies)
- Sweden

Type of Property

cultural

## Identification Number

555

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List 1993

## 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
	0/0	?	?	?	
	0/0	?	?	?	
Birka , Sweden	59.335 / 17.543	?	?	0	1993
Hovgĥrden , Sweden	59.36 / 17.53	23.071	?	23.071	1993
Total (ha)	•	23.071	0	23.071	

## Comment

Birka and Hovgården (in total): N59.2052 E17.3307. 213 ha. Buffer zone: 2272 ha. Birka: Coordinates N59.1958 E17.3323. 183 ha. Hovgården; Coordinates N59.2138 E17.3211. 30 ha. The data in the geographic information table has been updated and changed due to developed method of measurement (GIS). Birka and Hovgården is presently compiling a request to be submitted the Swedish National Heritage Board (State Party) about a minor modification to the boundaries of the property and its buffer zon

## 1.4 - Map(s)

Title		Link to source
Birka and Hovgården - map of the inscribed property	25/10/1989	B

#### 1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

 Maria Wikman Swedish National Heritage Board Senior Adviser

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

Lena Johansson
Swedish National Heritage Board,
World Heritage Coordinator
Department for Properties and Public Visitor Sites

### Comment

Please update phone number to reach World Heritage Coordinator. +46 8 519 180 00, +46 8 519 183 55

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

1. <u>View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage</u> <u>collection</u>

- 2. Birka och Hovgården
- 3. National Heritage Board of Sweden

## Comment

Link nr 1 (above) provides no information about the WHS Birka and Hovgården. Upgrade or Remove? Link nr 2 (above) leads to a non-existing web site. Please upgrade to: http://www.raa.se/upplev-kulturarvet/varldsarv/birka-ochhovgarden/ Link nr 3 (above) provides general information about the Swedish National Heritage Board. Please remove.

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

### Comment

The European Landscape Convention promotes the protection, management and planning of landscapes and organises co-operation on landscape issues. The legal protection of Birka and Hovgården (incl. buffer zone) is controlled principally with support from regulations in the Swedish Environmental Code, the Planning and Construction Act, and the Swedish Cultural Heritage Act.

## 2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

### 2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

### Comment

A Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value has been submitted but not yet approved by the World Heritage Committee.

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

(iii)(iv)

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

Criterion iii is expressed by: -an exclusively rich/large ensemble of archeological cultural layers on land/waters unique artifacts indicates intercultural communication over long distances -multi functionality as an administrative, economical, juridical and social centre which still today is visual and archeological intact Criterion iv is expressed by: -its location on small islands, preserved from modern planning and exploitation -well motivated excavations and use of nondisturbing methods

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

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

## 3. Factors Affecting the Property

- 3.14. Other factor(s)
- 3.14.1 Other factor(s)

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## 3.15. Factors Summary Table

### 3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name			Impact			Origin	
3.1	Buildings and Development							
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities	$\odot$		9			G	
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure							
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	$\odot$			9		G	
3.2.3	Marine transport infrastructure	$\odot$		9		۲	G	
3.4	Pollution			-				
3.4.2	Ground water pollution				9		G	
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage							
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage	$\odot$		9			G	
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation			9	9	۲	G	
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events							
3.10.7	Other climate change impacts				9		G	
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events							
3.11.6	Fire (widlfires)				9	۲	G	
3.13	Management and institutional factors							
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities	$\odot$		9	9	۲	G	
3.13.2	High impact research / monitoring activities					۲		
3.13.3	Management activities	0		ģ	9	۲	G	
Legend	Current Potential ONegative OPositive Inside	1	Č	Outs	ide			

## 3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

## 3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Management response	Trend
3.13	Management and institutional factors				
	High impact research / monitoring activities				

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

3.17.1 - Comments

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

## 4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is 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 **do not limit** the ability to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value but they could be improved

## 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 **do not limit the** ability to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value **but they could be improved** 

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

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by the management authority but **are not known by 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

## 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: <u>Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006)</u> Submitted on Friday, October 28, 2005

Question 6.02 The cultural areas of national interest in the County of Stockholm: An Area of National Interest to Heritage Preservation is, according to the 3d Ch of the Environment Act, one that is judged to embody such great cultural values as to be of importance to the entire nation. The planning of these is to have precedence to corresponding interests, provided that they are not of national interest too Motivation for Birka and Hovgården as a national interest: Site of ancient monuments with the

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royal demesne and Alsnö House on Adelsö, and on Björkö the site of the first township of Sweden (Birka). The site points to the central role played by the eastern part of the valley of Mälaren for the country of Sweden in the Iron Age and the Early Middle Ages, the political and economic power and the international extent of the trade in the region. The General Plan of the Municipality Following Swedish law, the Plan and Building Code (PBL), every municipality must have a current general plan comprising the entire municipality. The general plan shall reflect a vision of the future development of the municipality. The plan shall in general terms reveal the intentions of the municipality of the desirable and suitable future use of and care for ground- and water areas. It shall provide guidance for decisions concerning how building as well as natural and cultural environments shall be preserved and developed. The general interests referred to in the 2d Chapter of PBL shall be taken into consideration. The plan shall show how the municipality intends to provide for the registered national interests and meet possible environmental and risk factors as well as environmental quality norms. In the consulting document for a new general plan of Ekerö Municipality, current until 2015 and aiming for 2030, the following is said about Birka and Hovgården. General recommendations "New buildings diverging from the existing is improper. Special respect shall be shown the cultural historical environment, the scenery and the building environment. In connection with planning before measures to be taken, what is characteristic and valuable in the landscape ought to be brought to notice. A high antiguarian concern is motivated when supplementing existing buildings and by other changes in the landscape." Recommendations for Birka and Hovgården "Actions that may damage the cultural values are not to be taken. The World Heritage area and Hovgården will be delimited. In order to protect Björkö a cultural reservation ought to be considered. Within the Hovgåtrden area and on Björkö the tourist trade may develop in consultation with the municipality, landowners, the National Heritage Board and local interested parties. Area regulations shall be produced for the protection of the area around the church."

## Comment

The legal protection of Birka and Hovgården, incl. the buffer zone, is controlled principally with support from regulations in the Swedish Environmental Code, the Planning and Construction Act, and the Swedish Cultural Heritage Act. The outline plan adopted by Ekerö Municipality converts national positions and legislation into municipal practice. Its targets for municipal development and guidelines for soil and water use are therefore highly significant for preservation/development of the WHS.

## 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

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## 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** 

# 4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity

## 4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?

There is **excellent** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property

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

## 4.3. Management System / Management Plan

### 4.3.1 - Management System

Note WHC (July 2012) :

In the First Cycle of the PR it was mentioned that a management plan/ system will be completed in December 2005. If this management plan has been elaborated and is currently in force, please provide its 2 paper and electronic copies to the WHC. If a more recent management plan is in force, please submit 2 paper and electronic copies to WHC. In either of the above cases, the submission should be accompanied by a cover letter to DIR/WHC. Thank you for your cooperation. Please carefully review and update the information provided below.

## Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2 Source: <u>Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006)</u>

Submitted on Friday, October 28, 2005

- Question 5.04 Plans in place to set up a "steering group: Today, there is a so-called "Administrative Board", not formally constituted, which occasionally meet in order to compare notes and discuss issues of common interest regarding the Birka and Hovgården complex. The group is composed of representatives of different organisations, the National Heritage Board, Ekerö Municipality and the County Administrative Board of Stockholm. The issues discussed do not concern the activity as a whole but mainly centre on some aspects of care, protection and legislation. In the future a formal "steering group" will be required or an administrative board, which can have a supervising function for the World Heritage as a whole.
- Question 5.05
  - Overall management system of the site
  - o Management by the State Party
  - o Management under protective legislation
  - Management under contractual agreement between the State Party and a third party

### Comment

To meet the goals of the World Heritage Convention the management system of Birka and Hovgården has been following a management plan since 2007. This was developed in collaboration between Ekerö Municipality, the Stockholm County Administration, and the Swedish National Heritage Board. The parties also form the Management Council which is responsible for carrying out, following up on, and reviewing the plan. The council has the authority to take measures if the Word Heritage Site is threatened.

### 4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Management Plan	N/A	Available	01/01/1993	a

## Comment

The link above is not available. A summary of the Management Plan for Birka and Hovgården (valid for the period 2013-2018) will be send to the Swedish National Heritage Board as soon as it's translated into English. The Management Plan will then also be available at the Internet.

#### 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 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	Good
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

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

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

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

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

## 4.3.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or

recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report

## 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)	66%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	8%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	10%
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.)	16%
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 mediumterm and planning is underway to secure funding in the longterm

#### 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

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## 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

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

Full-time	5%
Part-time	95%

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

Permanent	5%
Seasonal	95%

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

Enforcement (custodians, police)

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

Not applicable

**No capacity** development plan or programme is in place; management is implemented by external staff and skills are not transferred

## 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** 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

AmbrosianiB(2013)The Stratigraphy and Birka 1680-2013, a Long-Term Research Project BäckM, GrenlerH, HinterleitnerA, NordströmA, RamströmA, TrinksI, ÖstlundS(2010)Mellan byn och staden–Birkas och Björkös bebyggelse ur nya synvinklar Hedenstierna-JonsonC(2006)The Birka Warrior. The material culture of a martial society and (Ed.) (2012)Birka Nu. Pågående forskning om världsarvet Birka och Hovgårde

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

## 4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property? In many locations and easily visible to visitors

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

Local communities / residents	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Average

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Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Average
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	Not provided but needed
Site museum	Excellent
Information booths	Adequate
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Not provided but needed
Transportation facilities	Adequate
Other	Not needed

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

## 4.7. Visitor Management

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

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

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

Tourism industry

## 4.7.3 - Visitor management documents Comment

A strategy for Visitors management is a part of the World Heritage Sites overall Management Plan for the period 2013-2018.

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#### 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 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, and makes **some 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 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	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Excellent
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Average
Industry	Average
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

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

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

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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

No factor is both current and negative.

## 5.2. Summary - Management Needs

## 5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

Please select your top management needs in question 4.9 before filling in the summary table.

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

### 5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been preserved

#### 5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is intact

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

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

### 5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

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

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

#### 5.4.1 - Comments

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

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

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

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

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### 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	Very good
Advisory Body	Fair

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

#### 6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following

The World Heritage Convention
The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and / or Authenticity
The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting
Management effectiveness

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

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

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

- Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / **Statement of Significance** Reason for update: A Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value has been submitted but not yet approved by the World Heritage Committee.
- **Geographic Information Table** Reason for update: Birka and Hovgården (in total): N59.2052 E17.3307. 213 ha. Buffer zone: 2272 ha. Birka: Coordinates N59.1958 E17.3323. 183 ha. Hovgården; Coordinates N59.2138 E17.3211. 30 ha. The data in the geographic information table has been updated and changed due to developed method of measurement (GIS). Birka and Hovgården is presently compiling a request to be submitted the Swedish National Heritage Board (State Party) about a minor modification to the boundaries of the property and its buffer zon

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