

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Church Village of Gammelstad, Luleå

#### Comment

Letter about the change of English name sent to Swedish focal point.

### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

#### State(s) Party(ies)

- Sweden

#### Type of Property

cultural

#### Identification Number

762

#### Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1996


### 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

| Name                                | Coordinates (longitude / latitude) | Property (ha) | Buffer zone (ha) | Total (ha) | Inscription year |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Church Village of Gammelstad, Luleå | 65.646 / 22.029                    | 0             | 0                | 0          | 1996             |
| <b>Total (ha)</b>                   |                                    |               | <b>0</b>         |            |                  |

#### Comment

Property (ha) 16 Buffer zone (ha) 243 Total (ha) 259

### 1.4 - Map(s)

| Title                                                           | Date       | Link to source                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Church Village of Gammelstad, Luleå - map of inscribed property | 28/09/1995 |  |

#### Comment

New map produced 2013 will be sent in by the Focal Point at Swedish National Heritage Board.

### 1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Maria Wikman  
Swedish National Heritage Board  
Senior Adviser

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

- Anna Lundgren  
The municipality of Luleå  
Coordinator

#### Comment

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

- [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
- [Welcome to Luleå](#)
- [Gammelstads kyrkstad i Luleå](#)
- [National Heritage Board of Sweden](#)

### Comment

1. Photos of our place will be sent in by the Focal Point at Swedish National Heritage Board 2. Incorrect URL "Welcome to Luleå". Korrekt URL: <http://www.lulea.se> 3. Incorrect URL "Gammelstads kyrkstad i Luleå". Correct URL: <http://www.raa.se/upplev-kulturarvet/varldsarv/gammelstads-kyrkstad>

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

#### Comment

Of national interest for heritage management and covered by the Environment Code, chapter 3, section 6. European Landscape Convention.

## 2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

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

#### Comment

The OUV of world heritage Gammelstad Church Village has been submitted, but not yet adopted by the World heritage Committee.

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

(ii)(iv)(v)

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

ii. Traditional church town, shaped by religious and social needs. Way of life and unchanged style of buildings. iv. Medieval structure and 17th-century plan. Cottages and other buildings. v. Meeting place for merchants, farmers and Sami, at the time the kingdom was established and boundary with Russia drawn. Size of medieval church testifies to the importance of the district at the time. The site where the town of Luleå was founded. Land uplift, moving of the town and change of name (Old Town).

### 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)

Selection of flowers, trees and bushes. Local plants, flowers and trees/bushes should grow in the area.

### 3.15. Factors Summary Table

#### 3.15.1 - Factors summary table

|               | Name                                                      | Impact    |          |          |        |         |  | Origin |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------|---------|--|--------|
| <b>3.1</b>    | <b>Buildings and Development</b>                          |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.1.4         | Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.1.5         | Interpretative and visitation facilities                  |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| <b>3.2</b>    | <b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>                      |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.2.1         | Ground transport infrastructure                           |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.2.4         | Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| <b>3.3</b>    | <b>Services Infrastructures</b>                           |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.3.4         | Localised utilities                                       |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| <b>3.5</b>    | <b>Biological resource use/modification</b>               |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.5.4         | Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals       |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.5.5         | Crop production                                           |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.5.10        | Forestry /wood production                                 |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| <b>3.7</b>    | <b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>         |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.7.8         | Micro-organisms                                           |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| <b>3.8</b>    | <b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>                   |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.8.1         | Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses       |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.8.2         | Society's valuing of heritage                             |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.8.4         | Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system  |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.8.6         | Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation                 |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| <b>3.9</b>    | <b>Other human activities</b>                             |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.9.2         | Deliberate destruction of heritage                        |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| <b>3.10</b>   | <b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>           |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.10.6        | Temperature change                                        |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| <b>3.11</b>   | <b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>             |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.11.6        | Fire (wildfires)                                          |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| <b>3.13</b>   | <b>Management and institutional factors</b>               |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.13.1        | Low impact research / monitoring activities               |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| 3.13.3        | Management activities                                     |           |          |          |        |         |  |        |
| <b>Legend</b> | Current                                                   | Potential | Negative | Positive | Inside | Outside |  |        |

### 3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

#### 3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

|              | Spatial scale                                                    | Temporal scale | Impact                   | Management response | Trend           |            |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------|
| <b>3.2</b>   | <b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>                             |                |                          |                     |                 |            |
| <b>3.2.1</b> | <b>Ground transport infrastructure</b>                           | restricted     | intermittent or sporadic | insignificant       | medium capacity | static     |
| <b>3.2.4</b> | <b>Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure</b> | restricted     | one off or rare          | insignificant       | medium capacity | static     |
| <b>3.3</b>   | <b>Services Infrastructures</b>                                  |                |                          |                     |                 |            |
| <b>3.3.4</b> | <b>Localised utilities</b>                                       | localised      | intermittent or sporadic | minor               | low capacity    | static     |
| <b>3.7</b>   | <b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>                |                |                          |                     |                 |            |
| <b>3.7.8</b> | <b>Micro-organisms</b>                                           | localised      | frequent                 | significant         | medium capacity | static     |
| <b>3.8</b>   | <b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>                          |                |                          |                     |                 |            |
| <b>3.8.2</b> | <b>Society's valuing of heritage</b>                             | localised      | on-going                 | significant         | medium capacity | increasing |
| <b>3.8.4</b> | <b>Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system</b>  | localised      | on-going                 | significant         | medium capacity | increasing |
| <b>3.8.6</b> | <b>Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation</b>                 | restricted     | intermittent or sporadic | minor               | medium capacity | static     |

|        |                                           | Spatial scale | Temporal scale  | Impact | Management response | Trend      |
|--------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------|---------------------|------------|
| 3.9    | Other human activities                    |               |                 |        |                     |            |
| 3.9.2  | <b>Deliberate destruction of heritage</b> | restricted    | one off or rare | minor  | high capacity       | decreasing |
| 3.10   | Climate change and severe weather events  |               |                 |        |                     |            |
| 3.10.6 | <b>Temperature change</b>                 | widespread    | on-going        | minor  | low capacity        | increasing |

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

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

The factors that are deemed to exert the negative effect are those listed under 3.8.2 and 3.8.4. Active measures, in the local management plan, to tackle problems such as conflicting interests and lack of interest, allow the possibility to deal with neglected maintenance and insensitive interventions in the site. Increased interest and value attached to the site contribute to successful handling of e.g. fire risk, micro-organisms, rising temperature etc.

### 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 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

In the last Periodic Report it was judged that the boundary of the World Heritage site and the buffer zone was known to everyone concerned. It is necessary, however, to make people constantly aware through information and active work in the management of the World Heritage site.

#### 4.2. Protective Measures

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

**Note WHC (July 2012):**

Please carefully review and update the information provided below.

#### Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

Submitted on Friday, October 28, 2005

- **Question 6.02**

The Royal Highness command in 1817, concerning the Church Villages (The command was required to secure a Christian living and to save the woods) -New church cottages shall not be built or bought without permission from the County Governor. -Nobody that lives within 10 kilometers is allowed to own a church cottage. -No commerce outside the market. -The church cottages shall be locked and empty between the church festivals. (See attachment: Kungligt brev 1817 renskrivet.pdf) (The earlier command made the farmers complain: - Our children have nowhere to live when they go to school -It is possible to own or use a Church cottage even if you live near the church, if the area authority authorized it.) Answer from the Royal Highness in 1849 -Citizens in the municipality of Luleå are allowed to own a church cottages if they don't live in Gammelstad -You are not allowed to owned more than one church cottage -The new owner must sign a Contract Form for Preservation and use (See attachment: Kungligt brev 1849 renskrivet.pdf) Permission to acquire a Church Cottage is prepared by the Parish of Nederluleå and decided by the County Administrative Board of Norrbotten. (See attachment: Kyrkordet 19900806.pdf) Contract Form for Preservation and use of Church Cottages in the Church Village of Gammelstad signed by the church cottage owner and the Parish of Nederluleå. Contract granting the use of land for church cottage

no:..... Nederluleå parish grants the undersigned church cottage owner the right to utilize for free the land. Nederluleå parish land (kyrkovall 1:1), upon witch the church cottage is located. This contract is valid until further notice. The contract covers only the land upon which the cottage stands, not the surrounding land. In order to be granted the right to use the land, I pledge to obey the following regulations regarding the use of the church cottage. -The church cottage is to be kept in good repair and cared for in an appropriate way. I pledge to follow any recommendations regarding repairs and preservation that may be made in connection with the regularly recurring inspections. -The church cottage may only be used during weekends and church holidays. Only this studying for confirmation, together with relatives, are allowed to live in the cottage on weekdays during the instruction period. -Telephones may not be installed in the church cottage and television antennas may not be put up on the cottage. -It is not permitted to plant gardens or put up permanent table and benches etc. around the church cottage. -Because of the risk of fire, open fires are prohibited within the church town. The lighting of fires is prohibited, in accordance with regulations now in effect, in fireplaces that have not been swept or inspected during a three-year period. It is the responsibility of the church cottage owner to see to it that chimneys are swept by municipal chimney sweeps. -A building permit may be required for rebuilding and repairs. Information regarding which measures require a permit can be obtained from the municipal building committee. Because of the church town's historical value, the requirements for building permit are more strict than usual. -When selling a church cottage, the seller is required to inform the buyer about the regulations above. Upon sale, the buyer and the parish must sign a new contract granting the use of land

for the church cottage. In addition, a permit is required to acquire the cottage. The application for such a permit is to be submitted to the Church Council and is approved by the County Administrative Board. -If the above regulations are not followed, this contract may be terminated. Upon such a termination, the cottage must be sold no later than three months after termination. In other cases, the parties may agree to terminate the contract. This contract has been drawn up in two identical copies, one held by the parish of Nederluleå and the other by owner of the church cottage. (See attachment: markupplåtelseavtal.pdf) The aesthetic program The manual outlines the shaping principals for public spaces in the area, for example squares, streets, flowerpots and signs. The municipality of Luleå has decided to work after these intentions. The Rescue Service has recently produced a new fire-preservation plan (See attachment: fire-preservation plan.pdf) ACT Concerning Ancient Monuments and Finds, The Swedish Statute Book SFS 1988:950 -The medieval church is protected under the Act Concerning Ancient Monuments and Finds, The Swedish Statute Book SFS 1988:950, chapter 4. -The archeological heritage is protected under the Act Concerning Ancient Monuments and Finds, The Swedish Statute Book SFS 1988:950, chapter 2. (See the whole law, under attachment: kulturmiljölagen\_eng.pdf) The Planning and Building Act SFS 1987:10 -The Municipality of Luleå in 1993-04-26§92 has approved a Comprehensive Plan under the Swedish Planning and Building Act. A summary of the town planning regulations and the legal protection of the church cottages, with advice and guidelines. Plan for the care of the agriculture areas in the buffer zone around the Church Village of Gammelstad. County administrative board of Norrbotten, 2003-01-21, 435-8506-02.

**Comment**

3 spelling errors: see attachment sent to Swedish focal point. Fireplaces must be swept or inspected every year. Fire preservation plan from 2004. New revised Planning and Building Act SFS 2010:900. The World Heritage is of national importance for heritage management and is covered by the Environment Code, chapter 3, section 6. None of the documents are new; they have been in force since the last report.

**4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?**

An adequate legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists but there are **some deficiencies in implementation**

**4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?**

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property **is inadequate**

**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 challenge is in applying the existing laws in a consistent and relevant manner. In some cases there is a lack of resources. We prefer to seek consensus solutions rather than judicial measures such as fines.

**4.3. Management System / Management Plan**

**4.3.1 - Management System**

**Note WHC (July 2012): During the First Cycle of the PR it was mentioned that a new management plan will be completed in December 2005. If this management plan has been elaborated and is currently in force, it would be very much appreciated if you could 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: [Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 \(2001-2006\)](#)

Submitted on Friday, October 28, 2005

- **Question 5.02**  
Stering group or similar management committee has been set up to guide the management of the site

- **Question 5.03**

**Set up date:** 2000

**Function:** In the Church Village management committee all management parties (Association for the Church Cottages Owners, Nederluleå Association for Local Heritage, Association for the Interest of the Church Village, Nederluleå Parish, County Administrative Board of Norrbotten, Municipality of Luleå) are gathered to discuss central issues and to exchange information in relation to the World Heritage Area. Each member takes decisions and other actions in there own organisation.

**Mandate:** Each member of the management committee has a mandate to represent his/her organisation in the discussions. This mandate does however not include decisions and actions that are defined by law or in other ways of greater importance.

**Constituted:** formal

- **Question 5.05**  
Overall management system of the site
  - Management by the State Party
  - Management under protective legislation

- o Management under traditional protective measures or customary law

**Comment**

The text above is correct. Following text is an addition: A management plan has existed since 2008. Annual follow-up. The land lease contract dictates how the church cottages and the surrounding area should be tended and used in accordance with the tradition of the church town. A detailed plan exists to protect the buildings and the land in accordance with the Planning and Building Act. The Heritage Conservation Act regulates protection of the church and historic monuments.

**4.3.2 - Management Documents**

**Comment**

Management plan, Aesthetic programme, Land lease contract will be sent in by the Focal Point at Swedish National Heritage Board.

**4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional / provincial / state; local / municipal etc.) coordinate in the management of the World Heritage Property ?**

There is coordination between the range of administrative bodies / levels involved in the management of the property **but it could be improved**

**4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value ?**

The management system/plan is only **partially adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

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

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

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

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

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

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

The aim is that the management plan for the next six-year period will have goals that are clearly measurable, with a clear distribution of responsibility and with links to the finance possibilities for the respective management organization. The annual follow-up of the management plan will be done partly on the basis of key figures but also using other indicators. Indigenous peoples are not defined as a group in the context of Gammelstad (point 4.3.8.1).

**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**

Management plan for Gammelstad Church Town was established in 2008. Management plan sent to Swedish focal point.

**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)                                     | 0%  |
| Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)                          | 15% |
| Governmental (Local / Municipal)                                      | 70% |
| In country donations (NGO´s, foundations, etc)                        | 0%  |
| Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)  | 7%  |
| Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.) | 0%  |
| Other grants                                                          | 8%  |

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

**Comment**

Gammelstad Church Town receives no international contributions from the World Heritage Fund.

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

The available budget is **sufficient** but further funding would enable more effective management to international best practice standard

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Point 4.4.1.9 refers to the Parish of Nederluleå, major landowner in the area.

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

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Full-time | 3%  |
| Part-time | 97% |

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

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Permanent | 17% |
| Seasonal  | 83% |

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

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Paid      | 22% |
| Volunteer | 78% |

### 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          | Poor           |
| Promotion                        | Poor           |
| Community outreach               | Poor           |
| Interpretation                   | Fair           |
| Education                        | Good           |
| Visitor management               | Good           |
| Conservation                     | Good           |
| Administration                   | Fair           |
| Risk preparedness                | Fair           |
| Tourism                          | Fair           |
| Enforcement (custodians, police) | Not applicable |

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

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

A capacity development plan or programme is in place and **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

The challenge lies in the structure, organization and processes rather than in resources, availability of money and staff.

## 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 a **small amount** of research, but it is not planned

### 4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **shared with local partners** but there is no active outreach to national or international 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

“My church cottage – our World Heritage: An ethnological study of church-town customs in Gammelstad in the 2010s”, A Lundgren and A-L Lång, Luleå Municipality 2011. “Surveying damage to the church cottages’ panelling and frames”, F Innerstedt, Norrbottens Museum 2007 (both in Swedish) will be sent in by the Focal Point at Swedish National Heritage Board

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

No planned research programme exists for Gammelstad. Studies and simple investigations are carried out to some extent.

**4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building**

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

In many locations and easily visible to visitors

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

|                                                                  |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Local communities / residents                                    | Average        |
| Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property | Average        |
| Local Indigenous peoples                                         | Not applicable |
| Local landowners                                                 | Excellent      |
| Visitors                                                         | Average        |
| Tourism industry                                                 | Poor           |
| 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               | Excellent               |
| Information booths        | Not needed              |
| Guided tours              | Excellent               |
| Trails / routes           | Not provided but needed |
| Information materials     | Adequate                |
| Transportation facilities | Adequate                |
| Other                     | Poor                    |

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

We are self-critical in our assessments because of the importance we attach to the work of raising awareness. Point 4.6.6.8 refers to the Tourism industry.

**4.7. Visitor Management**

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

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Last year       | Minor Increase |
| Two years ago   | Static         |
| Three years ago | Static         |
| Four years ago  | Minor Increase |
| Five years ago  | Static         |

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

|                              |
|------------------------------|
| Entry tickets and registries |
| Tourism industry             |
| Visitor surveys              |

**4.7.3 - Visitor management documents**

**Comment**

Management plan for Gammelstad Church Town. Sent to Swedish national focal point.

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

There is some management of the visitor use of the World Heritage property

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

There is 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, but it makes no contribution to the management of the World Heritage property

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

**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 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                    | Average        |
| Local communities                                | Average        |
| Researchers                                      | Not applicable |
| NGOs                                             | Not applicable |
| Industry                                         | Non-existent   |
| 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

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

There is a need for national guidelines and standpoints.

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

There is a system for following up management but it needs to be improved.

**4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs**

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

Please refer to question 5.2

## 5. Summary and Conclusions

### 5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

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|               | World Heritage criteria and attributes affected                 | Actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Monitoring                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Timeframe                                          | Lead agency (and others involved)                                                                                                                                | More info / comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>3.3</b>    | <b>Services Infrastructures</b>                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>3.3.4</b>  | <b>Localised utilities</b>                                      | iv. A communication mast in the buffer zone, viewed from the north, sticks up behind the roof of the church and affects the experience of the heritage site iv. A major leak in the sewage system would require unplanned digging at a historic monument | Review and improve routines for additions to the area and the buffer zone. Raise the question at municipal level about the need to overhaul the sewage system in the area.                                                             | Work into, and follow up via, the management plan. | To be worked into the plan for the next six-year period.                                                                                                         | Luleå Municipality<br><br>The communication mast is necessary for the work of the rescue services. Fire is a very serious threat.                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>3.7</b>    | <b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>3.7.8</b>  | <b>Micro-organisms</b>                                          | ii, iv. Protected wooden buildings are attacked by rot and fungus.                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1. Work for continuous maintenance, via advice, courses, etc. 2. Investigate the possibility of better drainage of the south-western parts of the area. 3. Transport snow away from the area before the period when it begins to melt. | Work into, and follow up via, the management plan. | 1 and 3. In progress and prioritized in the management plan for the next six-year period. 2. To be worked into the management plan for the next six-year period. | Coordinated by Luleå Municipality<br><br>.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>3.8</b>    | <b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>3.8.2</b>  | <b>Society's valuing of heritage</b>                            | ii, iv                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Work to spread knowledge of the value of the World Heritage site.                                                                                                                                                                      | Via the management plan.                           | In progress and prioritized in the management plan for the next six-year period.                                                                                 | Those responsible are specified in the management plan.<br><br>.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>3.8.4</b>  | <b>Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system</b> | ii, iv                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Work to keep the custom of the church town alive through a range of activities that appeal to owners of church cottages and the local population. Work to spread knowledge.                                                            | Via the management plan.                           | In progress and prioritized in the management plan for the next six-year period.                                                                                 | Those responsible are specified in the management plan.<br><br>Active work with this is judged to contribute to the increased use of church cottages and hence also increased motivation among the owners to maintain their cottages continuously using sensitive methods. |
| <b>3.8.6</b>  | <b>Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation</b>                | ii - Traditional churchcottages. iv - Buildings and cultural environment v - Storytelling and the history of Gammelstad                                                                                                                                  | The tourist industry participates in work with the management plan and the management council via the local trade organization. Spreading knowledge to visitors and actors in the tourist industry. Training of guides.                | Work into, and follow up via, the management plan. | To be worked into the plan for the next six-year period.                                                                                                         | Coordinated by Luleå Municipality<br><br>.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>3.10</b>   | <b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>3.10.6</b> | <b>Temperature change</b>                                       | ii, iv. Protected wooden buildings are attacked by rot and fungus.                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1. Work for continuous maintenance, via advice, courses, etc. 2. Investigate the possibility of better drainage of the south-western parts of the area. 3. Transport snow away from the area before the period when it begins to melt. | Work into, and follow up via, the management plan. | 1 and 3. In progress and prioritized in the management plan for the next six-year period. 2. To be worked into the management plan for the next six-year period. | Coordinated by Luleå Municipality<br><br>Fakta om og prognoser for klimaendringer som påvirker kulturarven i Norden ("Facts and forecasts of climate changes that affect the Nordic cultural heritage"), Hans Olav Hygen, Norwegian Meteorological Institute (2010).       |

## 5.2. Summary - Management Needs

## 5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

| 4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones   |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                          |                                                                  |                     |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                   |                                                                                                           | Actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Timeframe                                                | Lead agency (and others involved)                                | More info / comment |
| 4.1.4                             | The boundaries of the World Heritage property are not known by local residents / communities / landowners | Work to spread knowledge to owners of church cottages and the local population.                                                                                                                                                                   | To be worked into the plan for the next six-year period. | Coordinated by Luleå Municipality.                               | .                   |
| 4.2 Protective Measures           |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                          |                                                                  |                     |
| 4.2.3                             | The legal framework in the buffer zone is inadequate                                                      | Investigate a suitable form of protection.                                                                                                                                                                                                        | To be worked into the plan for the next six-year period. | Luleå Municipality Planning Department and Site Coordinator.     | .                   |
| 4.4 Financial and Human Resources |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                          |                                                                  |                     |
| 4.4.13                            | Promotion                                                                                                 | Establish clearer links between measures in the management plan and possible ways of financing the different activities. Review representation and working methods in the Church Town Council. Improve the process of planning, follow-up and PR. | To be worked into the plan for the next six-year period. | Luleå Municipality and Church Town Council (Management Council). | .                   |
| 4.7 Visitor Management            |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                          |                                                                  |                     |
| 4.7.4                             | Some management of visitor use of the property but this could be improved                                 | Clarify the distribution of responsibility between Luleå Municipality and the tourist organization Visit Luleå. Incorporate questions about tourist attractions in the management plan.                                                           | To be worked into the plan for the next six-year period. | Luleå Municipality and Visit Luleå.                              | .                   |
| 4.8 Monitoring                    |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                          |                                                                  |                     |
| 4.8.2                             | Key indicators have not been defined                                                                      | Relevant key figures defined in the work with the management plan for the coming period.                                                                                                                                                          | To be worked into the plan for the next six-year period. | Coordinated by Luleå Municipality.                               | .                   |

### 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

Work on improving the process for the management plan and follow-up is carried on deliberately to meet the needs for improvement that exist. Special attention is paid to measures that can lead to improved maintenance of wooden buildings and consistent and relevant application of existing legal protection. Address single moderate changes which could threaten the authenticity in the long run.

### 6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

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

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

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

Point 6.1.14 refers to the action plan for fire, prohibition on lighting fires and the demand for more frequent chimney sweeping within the World Heritage site.

#### 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?

no

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

To understand the whole from the beginning, the form should display all of its content directly. Enable changes during the work, as it is difficult to go back and edit. Improve the print layout of the form, since not everything gets included.

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

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| UNESCO                     | Very good |
| State Party Representative | Fair      |
| Advisory Body              | Very poor |

#### 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 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          | Satisfactory |
| State Party     | None         |
| Site Managers   | Satisfactory |
| Advisory Bodies | None         |

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

- Name of World Heritage Property**  
 Reason for update: Letter about the change of English name sent to Swedish focal point.
- Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**  
 Reason for update: The OUV of world heritage Gammelstad Church Village has been submitted, but not yet adopted by the World heritage Committee.
- Geographic Information Table**  
 Reason for update: Property (ha) 16 Buffer zone (ha) 243 Total (ha) 259
- Map(s)**  
 Reason for update: New map produced 2013 will be sent in by the Focal Point at Swedish National Heritage Board.

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

The Periodic Report process is important for our own organization, it gives good support for the work on the local management plan and shows which parameters should be followed up in the future. The PR shows that the follow-up process requires the participation of actors in the area.