

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Great Mosque and Hospital of Divriği

### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

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

- Turkey

#### Type of Property

cultural

#### Identification Number

358

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

1985


### 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (latitude/longitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Great Mosque and Hospital of Divriği	39.374 / 38.124	2016	0	2016	1985
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>2016</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2016</b>	

#### Comment

Property: 2,016 ha Total: 2,016 ha (Factual Error)

### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Divriği – Ulucami	27/01/2009	

### 1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

#### Comment

Directorate General for Foundations Ministry of Culture and Tourism Governorship of Sivas Municipality of Divriği

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

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#### Comment

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

1. [Turkey on the World Heritage List](http://www.tccb.gov.tr/greatmosque)

#### Comment

<http://www.tccb.gov.tr/greatmosque>  
<http://www.goturkey.com/en/pages/content/644/great-mosque-and-hospital-of-divriği>

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

## 2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

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

#### Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

##### Brief synthesis

Located on the slopes below the castle of Divriği, Sivas Province in central eastern Turkey, the Great Mosque and Hospital of Divriği is a remarkable building combining a monumental hypostyle mosque with a two storey hospital, which includes a tomb. Founded by the Mengücekide emir Ahmed Shah following the victory of the Seljuk Turks over the Byzantine army at the battle of Malazgirt in 1071, the mosque is dominated externally by the hexagonal, pointed roofed dome over its mihrab (prayer niche), a cupola over the ablutions basin in the centre of the prayer hall and elaborately carved monumental stone portals on the north and west. Internally, four rows of four piers create five naves roofed by a variety of intricately carved stone vaults. The adjoining hospital, the Darush-shifa, was founded by Ahmet Shah's wife Turan Melek and designed by the architect Hurrem Shah, in 1228-1229. It is entered via a monumental, elaborately carved stone portal on the west, leading into a double height atrium formed by four massive piers supporting a dome with an oculus over a central pool, around which are located the hospital rooms.

The highly sophisticated technique of vault construction and a creative, exuberant type of decorative sculpture – particularly on the three doorways, in contrast to the unadorned walls of the interior – are the unique features of this masterpiece of Islamic architecture. The variety of the carved decoration indicates that it was carried out by different groups of craftsmen. The main characteristic of the designs featured in the portals is their uniqueness: each is distinct from other decorations. As well as portals, all bases, shafts and capitals of the columns, and the inner surface of the dome and the vaults, were decorated in a distinct and unique style. There are no other examples of the three-dimensional and intricate geometric styles and flowing figures of plants. The vaulting of the hospital room is comparable in scientific achievement to that of the prayer hall of the Mosque, and shares the splendid unity of the Great Mosque.

**Criterion (i):** A unique artistic achievement, this cultural property in itself represents one of Islamic architecture's most beautiful built spaces.

**Criterion (iv):** The Divriği Mosque is an outstanding example of a Seljuk mosque in Anatolia, as it neither has a courtyard, colonnades nor an uncovered ablutions basin, but rather organizes all religious functions in an enclosed area, owing perhaps to the harshness of the climate. A charitable foundation, the contiguous hospital makes an already exceptional ensemble even more interesting, thanks to a princely command.

##### Integrity

The Great Mosque and Hospital of Divriği remain intact retaining the key attributes carrying Outstanding Universal Value. The stone ornamentations are vulnerable to the effects of atmosphere, humidity and salt, and the building is vulnerable to drainage problems. Also the setting of the complex is vulnerable to the impact of surrounding development.

Within the framework of the ongoing expropriation processes of private properties in the close vicinity of the Divriği Great

Mosque and Hospital, launched in 2009 by the Governor of Sivas, a number of buildings were demolished in order to minimize the impact of surrounding development on the historic setting. In addition, a landscaping project to design walking paths and visitor facilities will begin after the completion of the second phase of expropriation program.

**Authenticity**

The Divriği Great Mosque and Hospital complex has been restored several times. According to inscriptions, intensive restoration was carried out between the 15th and 19th centuries. In the 20th century work was done to prevent material deterioration and mitigate static problems. But the property retains its authenticity in terms of form, substance, design and materials.

**Protection and management requirements**

The Great Mosque and Hospital of Divriği is legally protected under the law of "Conservation of Cultural and Natural properties" No. 2863. Within this legislation, it was registered as a "monumental building" by the Conservation Council of Kayseri in 1989. Furthermore, a conservation zone around the property was established to control the potential development nearby. Through the provisions of the law No. 2863, the "Committee of Monumental Building, Great Mosque and Hospital of Divriği" was formed to assist and guide the conservation works.

The property has a management system dealing with the protection and preservation of the attributes which addresses the threats and vulnerabilities of the property. The property has undergone a program of building and structural surveying which is an in-depth investigation and assessment of the construction and condition of the building. The resulting report of analysis has provided extensive information including possible structural problems, load capacities and soil analysis, and identified items in need of attention or repair. The data obtained here will be used for the preparation of the reinforcement and restoration project of the building and for its maintenance on a regular basis.

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

(i)(iv)

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

**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)**

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact						Origin	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>								
3.1.1	Housing								
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								
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>								
3.4.4	Air pollution								
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>								
3.7.1	Wind								
3.7.2	Relative humidity								
3.7.3	Temperature								
3.7.5	Dust								
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)								
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>								
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses								
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage								
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system								
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community								
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation								
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>								
3.10.2	Flooding								
3.10.3	Drought								
3.10.6	Temperature change								
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>								
3.11.2	Earthquake								
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide								
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition								
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>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>					
<b>3.1.5</b>	<b>Interpretative and visitation facilities</b>	widespread	on-going	catastrophic	low capacity	static
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>					
<b>3.2.1</b>	<b>Ground transport infrastructure</b>	widespread	on-going	significant	medium capacity	decreasing
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>					
<b>3.4.4</b>	<b>Air pollution</b>	widespread	on-going	significant	medium capacity	static
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>					

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.7.1	Wind	widespread	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	static
3.7.2	Relative humidity	widespread	on-going	catastrophic	low capacity	static
3.7.3	Temperature	widespread	on-going	significant	low capacity	static
3.7.5	Dust	widespread	on-going	minor	low capacity	static
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	widespread	on-going	catastrophic	low capacity	static
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.6	Temperature change	widespread	on-going	significant	low capacity	static
3.13	Management and institutional factors					
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities	widespread	on-going	minor	low capacity	static

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

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

The concrete platform constructed at the east side of the property does not prevent the water leaking into the building. On the contrary it leads more water to leak into the building because the drainage system inside it does not work. There are no visitor interpretive facilities (visitor centre, WC, etc). There is no guide to inform the visitors. The property should be promoted and the tourism infrastructure such as accommodation facilities and restaurants should be established in the town.

### 4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

#### 4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

##### 4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is no buffer zone, but there is a need for one

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

**Inadequacies** in the boundaries make it difficult to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

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

The property had **no buffer zone** at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

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

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by 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 property had **no buffer zone** at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

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

There is a need to enlarge the boundaries of the World Heritage property and also there is a need for a buffer zone.

#### 4.2. Protective Measures

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

Since the property is designated a "cultural property to be conserved", it is subject to the conservation legislation by a special preservation law.

The site is under the ownership and protection of the General Directorate of Foundation (Vakıflar), as per the Law of

Foundations, Article I (#2762, 1935). The Mosque is attached to the Department of Religious Affairs. The Hospital was allocated to the Cumhuriyet University for 5 years, 1982-87. Protection arrangements are considered sufficiently effective.

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

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

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##### • Question 6.02

Since the property is designated as a "cultural property to be conserved", it is subject to the conservation legislation.

#### Comment

The property is protected by the National Conservation Law (No:2863) as a 'monumental building'. It's also under the ownership and protection of the Directorate General of Foundations, as per the Law of Foundations (No:5737). A conservation zone has been established. A protocol was signed between the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Directorate General of Foundations and Governorship of Sivas in 2009 to carry out the conservation works. A Committee was formed in 2008 to guide the conservation works

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

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

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

The property had **no buffer zone** at the time of inscription on the World Heritage List

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

An **adequate** legal framework exists for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone, but **there are some deficiencies in its implementation** which undermine the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the property

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

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

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

'Urgent Measures Project' was prepared and implemented in 2007, the 'Slope Excavation of the Eastern Front Backside' was carried out in 2010 and 'Monitoring of the Structural Movement by Computerized System and Structural Assessment Work' was conducted between 2010 and 2012. The changes in the temperature and humidity of the building were monitored and the groundwater movements were

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determined through this monitoring study. The conservation zone designated around the property is not adequate.

### 4.3. Management System / Management Plan

#### 4.3.1 - Management System

A Steering Group was set up in 2004. There is no full-time site manager/coordinator, although one would be needed.

In 2006, it was proposed that a protocol be signed between the bodies related to the preparation of management plan and conservation project. The WHC has yet to receive a management plan.

The current management system is not considered sufficiently effective.

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

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

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##### • Question 5.02

Steering group or similar management committee has been set up to guide the management of the site

##### • Question 5.03

**Set up date:** 2004

**Function:** to coordinate and organize the preparation of management plan, conservation projects and their implementations.

**Mandate:** A protocol signed between Ministry of Culture and Tourism, General Directorate of Pious Foundations and the Governorship of Sivas.

**Constituted:** formal

##### • Question 5.05

Overall management system of the site

- Management by the State Party
- Management under protective legislation
- Management under traditional protective measures or customary law
- Consensual management

#### Comment

There is no full-time site manager although needed. The conservation works of the 'Great Mosque and Hospital of Divriği' are carried out according to a protocol signed between the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Directorate General of Foundations and Governorship of Sivas, which was revised in 2009 for a five-year period. 'Committee of Monumental Building, Great Mosque and Hospital of Divriği' was formed in 2008 to assist and guide the conservation works. There is no management plan yet.

#### 4.3.2 - Management Documents

##### Comment

No management plan is currently in place but it is planned to prepare a conservation plan for Divriği by Ministry of Culture and Tourism. The boundaries of the plan which include the property have been determined as well. After the approval of the boundaries by the Regional Conservation Council, the tender documents will be prepared.

#### 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**

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

**No management system / plan is currently in place** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

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

**No management system** is currently in place

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

No annual work / action plan exists **despite an identified need**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'Urgent Measures Project', 'Slope Excavation of the Eastern Front Backside' and monitoring of the property have been conducted. Building survey analyses, restitution, restoration and environmental design projects have been prepared. The tender documents for the implementation of these projects are



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being prepared. Most of the houses around the complex which were threatening the integrity of the property have been expropriated and demolished. It is planned to prepare a conservation plan for Divriği.

### 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)	100%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

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

Title	Year	Amount	Link to source
Provision of one consultant to examine the Great Mosque and Hospital of Divriği and discuss with the authorities the work to be undertaken	1986	2937.00	
<b>Total</b>		2937	

#### 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

#### 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)?

**Potential** economic benefits are recognised and plans to realise these are being developed

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

There are **some** equipment and facilities but overall these are **inadequate**

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

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

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

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

Full-time	100%
Part-time	0%

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

Permanent	100%
Seasonal	0%

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

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

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

Human resources are **inadequate** for management needs

#### 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	Poor
Community outreach	Non-existent
Interpretation	Poor
Education	Non-existent
Visitor management	Poor
Conservation	Poor
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Non-existent
Tourism	Non-existent
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

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

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

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

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

There is a need to educate/ train the staff of local authorities regarding the conservation and management of the World Heritage property.

## 4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gates of Paradise, The Sculpture of Hürremşah at Divriği Ulucami and Şifahane, Doğan KUBAN, August 2010, YEM Yayın, İstanbul-Divriği Mucizesi, Doğan KUBAN, 2010, Yapı Kredi Yayınları-Second to None, Miracle in Divriği: The Heavenly Portal, SkyLife, July 2013, Turkish Airlines-The Miracle of Divriği in İstanbul, Yapı Journal, Issue 331, June 2009-The Great Mosque of Divriği, Cornucopia, Issue 43, 2010

### 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 one location, but **not easily visible** to visitors

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

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

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### 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 **limited and ad hoc** education and awareness programme

### 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 **partially influenced** education, information and awareness building activities

### 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 **not adequately** presented and interpreted

### 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	Not provided but needed
Information booths	Poor
Guided tours	Poor
Trails / routes	Not provided but needed
Information materials	Poor
Transportation facilities	Poor
Other	Not needed

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

Education programmes could be provided for the local people and the students to inform them about the value of the World Heritage property. Besides, a symposium could be organized by the local authorities and information materials such as brochures could be prepared which appeal to people of different ages.

## 4.7. Visitor Management

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

Last year	N/A
Two years ago	N/A
Three years ago	N/A
Four years ago	N/A
Five years ago	N/A

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

Accommodation establishments
Tourism industry
Other



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### 4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

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

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **not being actively managed** despite an identified need

#### 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?

**No fees are collected**

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

Since there is no official registry of entrances to the property, it is not possible to define the trend in annual visitation for the last five years. However, it is accepted that there has been a significant increase in the number of tourists visiting the property over the past few years. Tourism reaches its peak in March and April. However, most of the tourists prefer to take a one-day trip to the site. There is a need to establish a Tourism Office and to improve interpretation of the 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** for defining and monitoring key indicators for measuring its state of conservation

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

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

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

### 4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

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

Please refer to question 5.2

## 5. Summary and Conclusions

### 5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

#### 5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>						
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities	(i), (iv)	Visitor interpretive facilities will be provided at the site.	-	-	Ministry of Culture and Tourism Directorate General of Foundations	There are no visitor interpretive facilities (visitor centre, WC, etc) at the site. This issue will be dealt with in the near future.
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>						
3.4.4	Air pollution	(i), (iv)	-	-	-	-	This issue will be dealt with in the near future.
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>						
3.7.2	Relative humidity	(i), (iv)	The concrete platform constructed at the east side of the property is planned to be removed within the scope of the restoration work.	-	-	Directorate General of Foundations Ministry of Culture and Tourism	The concrete platform constructed at the east side of the property does not prevent the water leaking into the building. On the contrary, it leads more water to leak into the building because the drainage system inside it does not work.
3.7.3	Temperature	(i), (iv)	-	-	-	-	This issue will be dealt with in the near future.
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	(i), (iv)	The concrete platform constructed at the east side of the property is planned to be removed within the scope of the restoration work.	-	-	Directorate General of Foundations Ministry of Culture and Tourism	The concrete platform constructed at the east side of the property does not prevent the water leaking into the building. On the contrary, it leads more water to leak into the building because the drainage system inside it does not work.
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>						
3.10.6	Temperature change	(i), (iv)	-	-	-	-	This issue will be dealt with in the near future.

### 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		
4.1.1	There is a need for a buffer zone	The boundaries of the buffer zone will be designated.	-	Ministry of Culture and Tourism (lead agency)	There is a need to enlarge the boundaries of the World Heritage property and also there is a need for a buffer zone.		
4.3 Management System / Management Plan							
4.3.4	No management system / plan is currently in place	-	-	-	This issue will be dealt with in the near future.		
4.4 Financial and Human Resources							
4.4.12	Human resources inadequate for management needs	-	-	-	This issue will be dealt with in the near future.		
4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building							

4.6.3	There is a limited education and awareness programme	-	-	-	This issue will be dealt with in the near future.
4.6.5	The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is not adequately presented and interpreted	-	-	-	This issue will be dealt with in the near future.
<b>4.7 Visitor Management</b>					
4.7.5	Contact with the tourism industry is largely confined to administrative or regulatory matters	-	-	-	This issue will be dealt with in the near future.

### 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	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	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
Non Governmental Organization
External experts
Advisory bodies
Others

#### 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

Two types of questionnaires could be prepared for the monuments and sites.

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

UNESCO	Very good
State Party Representative	Very good
Advisory Body	Very good

#### 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	Excellent
State Party	Excellent
Site Managers	Not Applicable
Advisory Bodies	Excellent

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

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