

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Type of Property

natural

Identification Number

369


Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1986

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast	55.25 / -6.485	70	0	70	1986
Total (ha)		70	0	70	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Site boundary. Approx. scale of original: 1:20,800	16/08/2005	

Comment

Following inscription, a more detailed map was prepared for the Management Plan; this did not change the boundary of the property (the terrestrial area remains at 70 hectares (see Q1.3), however, the new map more clearly delineates the marine area considered part of the property. A more detailed map was submitted to a.borchi@unesco.org on 21st January 2013.

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Christopher Young
English Heritage
Head of World International Advice
- Paul Blaker
Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Head of World Heritage

Comment

Replace Christopher Young with Sandi Howie, Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Klondyke Building, Cromac Avenue, Gasworks Business Road, Lower Ormeau Road, Malone Lower, Belfast, BT7 2JA , tel +44 (0) 2890 569581, email sandi.howie@doeni.gov.uk The DCMS contact is now Francesca Conlon, e-mail Francesca.conlon@culture.gsi.gov.uk, phone +44 (0) 20 7211 6117, address 4th Floor, 100 Parliament St, London, SW1A 2BQ

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Susanna Allen
Northern Ireland Environment Agency
- Sarah Irwin
Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust

Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site Officer

- Carol Kelly
Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust

Comment

Address of Northern Ireland Environment Agency: add 'Malone Lower' after 'Lower Ormeau Road'. Change Northern Ireland Environment Agency contact from 'Suzanna Allen' to 'Sandi Howie' For Co-ordinator Change 'Sarah Irwin' to 'Andrew Bratton' and email from 'sarah@ccght.org' to 'Andrew@ccght.org' Max Bryant, General Manager, North Coast, The National Trust, Innisfree Farm, 60 Causeway Road, Bushmills, BT57 8SU; email max.bryant@nationaltrust.org; tel +44 (0) 28 207 31582

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
2. [Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site \(Environment and Heritage Service\)](#)
3. [Natural site datasheet from WCMC](#)
4. [www.discovernorthernireland.com](#)

Comment

Include Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust Website <http://www.ccght.org/>

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

Comment

"Skerries and Causeway" - Marine Special Area of Conservation (mSAC) 'North Antrim Coast' - Special Area of Conservation (SAC) "Giant's Causeway" - National Nature Reserve (NNR) "Giant's Causeway and Dunseverick" - Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) "Causeway Coast" - Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

Draft SOUV was submitted in January 2010 and revised in April 2013 on receipt of comments from IUCN. The Statement was agreed by the 38th Session of the World Heritage Committee in June, 2013

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

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2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

For both criteria: The Cliff Exposures - lava flows, interbasaltic beds, regular columnar jointing of theolitic basalts The Causeway Stones - lava flows, interbasaltic beds, regular columnar jointing of theolitic basalts

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
3.1	Buildings and Development							
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure							
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities							
3.4	Pollution							
3.4.1	Pollution of marine waters							
3.5	Biological resource use/modification							
3.5.4	Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals							
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage							
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation							
3.9	Other human activities							
3.9.1	Illegal activities							
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events							
3.10.1	Storms							
3.10.2	Flooding							
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events							
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide							
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition							
3.13	Management and institutional factors							
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities							
3.13.3	Management activities							
Legend	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside		

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend	
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	localised	on-going	insignificant	high capacity	increasing
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.1	Illegal activities	restricted	one off or rare	significant	low capacity	static
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1	Storms	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	static
3.10.2	Flooding	extensive	one off or rare	significant	low capacity	static
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide	extensive	on-going	minor	medium capacity	increasing

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

3.17.1 - Comments

Redevelopment of visitor facilities on the Site has provided an opportunity to address some of the issues for visitor management. Illegal activities refers to removing small cores from basalt by unknown research organisations. The 2013 Management Plan highlights actions to address the issue. Storms/flooding are current and potential +ve and -ve factors. To date there has been no significant impact on OUV or Integrity. Landslides occur frequently within the WHS but have minor impact on OUV

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**, and it is not needed

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 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 both the management authority and 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

The draft Northern Area Plan provides three categories of 'landscape setting' for the WHS. These are 'distinctive', 'supportive' and 'connective' (see 2013 Management Plan and Action Plan). A number of organisations have mistaken these landscape settings as an official WHS Buffer Zone. In relation to development control, these function as a Buffer Zone to the Property'

4.2. Protective Measures

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

Legislation relating with the NNR, SAC and ASSI designations applies

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

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- **Question 6.02**

Planning Policies for the area are presented in the Local Area Plan. Legislation relating with the NNR, SAC and ASSI designations also applies.

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

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

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

The 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?

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

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

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

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

The seascape setting of the WHS now benefits from the newly designated Skerries and Causeway Marine Special Area of Conservation (mSAC).

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

There is a management plan in place.

The agencies involved in management and conservation are the National Trust, Moyle District Council (owners of the visitor centre built in 1982, the car park and the land where they are located), and the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland (responsible for the provision of warden services) between whom there is a high level of cooperation.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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



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- **Question 5.02**
Sterling 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 prepare a management plan for the WHS
Mandate: To coordinate the work of key landowners and stake holders to deliver management actions.
Constituted: formal
- **Question 5.05**
Overall management system of the site
 - Management under protective legislation
 - Consensual management

Comment

Since 2006 the National Trust have assumed sole responsibility for property management. The Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust is now involved in site management and provides a secretariat service for the World Heritage Site Steering Group. They are responsible for production of the World Heritage Site Management Plan and completion of the Periodic Reporting Exercise. A current Management Plan (2013-19) is in place for this Property

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site Management Plan	N/A	Available	01/01/2005	
Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site Management Plan	In Force	Available	01/02/2005	

Comment

New "Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site Management and Action Plan" has now been published and covers the period 2013 - 2019. A copy of the Plan has been submitted to the World Heritage Centre

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

There is **excellent coordination** between all bodies / levels involved in the management of the property

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

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

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is being **fully** implemented and monitored

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There is **regular contact** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone and **substantial co-operation** on management

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

The World Heritage Steering Group has representation from the following organisations/individuals: Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust, National Trust, Moyle District Council, Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Geological Survey of Northern Ireland, Crown Estate, Council for Nature Conservation and Countryside, Queen's University Belfast, Planning Service, Northern Ireland Tourist Board, Causeway Coast and Glens Tourism Partnership and a private landowner.

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

Since 2006 the National Trust has assumed sole responsibility for property management. National Trust now manage land formally owned by Moyle District Council and as such this land is held inalienably 'for ever for everyone'. In addition to land within the WHS, National Trust have purchased a considerable amount of farmland adjacent to the WHS at Runkerry Head.

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)	5%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	90%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	5%
Other grants	0%

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

Comment
Not Applicable

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)?

There is a **major flow** of economic benefits to local communities from activities in and around the World Heritage property

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

There are **adequate** equipment and facilities

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

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

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

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency now provides the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust with core funding for a WHS staff and projects

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

Full-time	37%
Part-time	63%

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

Permanent	43%
Seasonal	57%

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

Paid	79%
Volunteer	21%

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

Human resources are **adequate** 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	Good
Promotion	Good
Community outreach	Good
Interpretation	Good
Education	Good
Visitor management	Good
Conservation	Good
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Good
Tourism	Good
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Fair

4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	High
Promotion	High
Community outreach	High
Interpretation	High
Education	High
Visitor management	High
Conservation	High
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	High
Tourism	High
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Medium

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

A capacity development plan or programme is **in place and fully implemented**; all technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, who are assuming leadership in management

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

None

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 a **comprehensive, integrated programme of research**, which is relevant to 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

Orford et al (2007) Future coastal scenarios for Northern Ireland. Report for the National Trust (NI); Smith (2005) Management challenges at a complex geosite: the Giant's Causeway World Heritage Site; Ondicol et al (2009a) Managing natural World heritage Sites and Geoparks in a dynamic world; Smith et al (2009b) Management challenges of a dynamic geomorphosite: the Giant's Causeway

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

On-going program of funded research within and around the WHS

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

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

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

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

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

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

There is a **planned and effective** education and awareness programme that contributes to the protection of the World Heritage property

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?

There is **excellent presentation and interpretation** of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property

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	Excellent
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Excellent
Information materials	Excellent
Transportation facilities	Adequate
Other	Not needed

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

See 2013-2019 Management Plan and Action Plan

4.7. Visitor Management

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

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

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

Entry tickets and registries
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

National Trust North Coast (Northern Ireland) Business Plan - 2011

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

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

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

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

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

The fee is collected and makes a **substantial contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

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

See 2013 - 2019 Management Plan

4.8. Monitoring

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

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

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

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

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

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Excellent
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Excellent
NGOs	Average
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

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

Implementation is **underway**

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

2005-2012 and 2013-2019 Management Plan and Action Plan Draft Northern Area Plan provides planning policy context and policies for the Property and its setting

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

None

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

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

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	vii and viii	2013-2019 Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site Management Plan and Action Plan	tri-annual World Heritage Steering Group Meetings, frequent written updates to Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust as secretariat and annual review of action plan with partners.	Annual action plan review, action plan renewal every three years, implementation targets for all actions outlined in 2013 -2019 plan.	National Trust, Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust, Moyle District Council, NITB, Causeway Coast and Glens Tourism Partnership, Geological Survey of Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Environment Agency and Crown Estate.	All partner agencies have identified and agreed a range of actions to address impacts of tourism/visitor/recreation throughout the time frame of the 2013-2019 WHS Management Plan and Action Plan
3.9	Other human activities						
3.9.1	Illegal activities	vii and viii	2013-2019 Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site Management Plan and Action Plan	Position statement presented to Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust for circulation and increased public awareness tri-annual World Heritage Steering Group Meetings, frequent written updates to Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust as secretariat and annual review of action plan with partners.	Position statement to be produced by May 2013	Geological Survey Northern Ireland, National Trust and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency	Geological Survey Northern Ireland, National Trust and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency have agreed to produce a position statement on geo-magnetic coring. This will increase awareness of this illegal activity and highlight consequences.
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.1	Storms	vii and viii	2013-2019 Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site Management Plan and Action Plan	tri-annual World Heritage Steering Group Meetings, frequent written updates and reports to Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust as secretariat and annual review of action plan with partners.	Annual action plan review, action plan renewal every three years, implementation targets for all actions outlined in 2013 -2019 plan.	National Trust, Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust, Moyle District Council, NITB, Causeway Coast and Glens Tourism Partnership, Geological Survey of Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Planning NI and Crown Estate.	All partner agencies have identified and agreed a range of actions to address impacts of severe weather events (including storms) throughout the time frame of the 2013-2019 WHS Management Plan and Action Plan
3.10.2	Flooding	vii and viii	2013-2019 Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site Management Plan and Action Plan	tri-annual World Heritage Steering Group Meetings, frequent written updates and reports to Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust as secretariat and annual review of action plan with partners.	Annual action plan review, action plan renewal every three years, implementation targets for all actions outlined in 2013 -2019 plan.	National Trust, Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust, Moyle District Council, NITB, Causeway Coast and Glens Tourism Partnership, Geological Survey of Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Planning NI and Crown Estate.	All partner agencies have identified and agreed a range of actions to address impacts of severe weather events (including flooding) throughout the time frame of the 2013-2019 WHS Management Plan and Action Plan
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events						

		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide	vii and viii	2013-2019 Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site Management Plan and Action Plan	tri-annual World Heritage Steering Group Meetings, frequent written updates and reports to Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust as secretariat and annual review of action plan with partners.	Annual action plan review, action plan renewal every three years, implementation targets for all actions outlined in 2013 -2019 plan.	National Trust, Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust, Moyle District Council, NITB, Causeway Coast and Glens Tourism Partnership, Geological Survey of Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Planning NI and Crown Estate.	The National Trust and partner agencies have identified and agreed a range of actions to monitor and address impacts of slope failures throughout the time frame of the 2013-2019 WHS Management Plan and Action Plan.

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

Answers provided have not outlined any serious management need.

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

Not applicable (for sites inscribed exclusively under criteria vii to x)

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

None

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	Very positive
Management effectiveness	Very positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Very positive
Infrastructure development	No impact
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	No impact
Legal / Policy framework	No impact
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Very positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	No impact

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

None

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
Staff from other World Heritage properties
Non Governmental Organization
Local community

External experts

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

yes

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

Guidance in many cases was a re-wording of the question and therefore unhelpful. Definitions in many cases were inadequate or completely absent. In certain cases there was conflict between current positive factors and potential negative factors. This needs to be addressed in future periodic reporting exercises.

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

UNESCO	Very poor
State Party Representative	Good
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 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
Management effectiveness

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

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

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

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- Map(s)**
Reason for update: Following inscription, a more detailed map was prepared for the Management Plan; this did not change the boundary of the property (the terrestrial area remains at 70 hectares (see Q1.3), however, the new map more clearly delineates the marine area considered part of the property. A more detailed map was submitted to a.borchi@unesco.org on 21st January 2013.

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

None