

Periodic Report - Second Cycle

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Gough and Inaccessible Islands

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Europe and North America natural Marine & coastal 740bis 1995, 2004

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
Gough Island Wildlife Reserve, St Helena Dependency, Tristan da Cunha Island group, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	-40.325 / -9.929	6500	0	6500	1995
Inaccessible Island, St Helena Dependency, Tristan da Cunha Island group, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	-37.3 / -12.683	1400	0	1400	2004
Total (ha)		7900	0	7900	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Gough and Inaccessible Islands	02/07/2003	
Inaccessible Island	23/01/2003	
Gough Island	12/10/1994	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Christopher Young
English Heritage
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Comment

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1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Dr Anthony WEIGHELL
Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)
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Tristan da Cunha and Pitcairn Overseas Territories
Department
Desk Officer

Comment

Joint nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) should be deleted. They have no management role.

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
2. [Gough Island, South Atlantic Ocean](#)
3. [Gough Island \(South Africa Dept of Environmental Affairs & Tourism\)](#)
4. [Natural site datasheet from WCMC](#)

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

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

A draft Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value has been submitted to the World Heritage Centre for review and we are waiting for it to be dealt with

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

(vii)(x)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

Awaiting agreement of World Heritage Committee to draft Statement of Outstanding Universal value

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

No Statement of Outstanding Universal value has yet been agreed for this property

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

Agreement of the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value by the World Heritage Committee is required

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
3.4	Pollution		
3.4.1	Pollution of marine waters		
3.5	Biological resource use/modification		
3.5.1	Fishing/collecting aquatic resources		
3.9	Other human activities		
3.9.1	Illegal activities		
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events		
3.10.5	Changes to oceanic waters		
3.10.7	Other climate change impacts		
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species		
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species		
3.12.4	Invasive / alien marine species		
3.13	Management and institutional factors		
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring 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
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species				
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	extensive	on-going	significant	medium capacity
					increasing

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

3.17.1 - Comments

Invasive rodents are affecting bird populations. Eradication programme in planning stage.

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

4.2. Protective Measures

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

The entire site is a legally-declared nature reserve, with IUCN strict category 1 status. The island part of the reserve is zoned, with most of the area set aside as a wilderness zone, with strict limits on allowable activities. Most human activities are confined to a small logistic zone with strict limits on allowable activities. Most human activities are confined to a small logistics zone surrounding the meteorological station. Strict Nature Reserve (no tourism allowed on the island, but vessels are allowed to visit the marine portion of the reserve).

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• Question 6.02

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For further details - see Section 5 of the Management Plan.

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

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Steering group formally set up on 01 / 01 / 1994 to advise Tristan's Natural Resources Department on conservation-related matters, and arrange an annual environmental inspection of the site and the operation of the South African meteorological Station.

No site manager but none needed. Management under contractual agreement between the State Party and a third party. Levels of public authority who are primarily involved with the management of the site: national; international (given the necessity for close liaison with South Africa).

Management plan is being implemented.

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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: 1994

Function: Advise Tristan's Natural Resources Department on conservation-related matters, and arrange an annual environmental inspection of the site and the operation of the South African meteorological Station.

Mandate: As above.

Constituted: formal

- **Question 5.05**

Overall management system of the site

- Management under contractual agreement between the State Party and a third party

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Management Plan for the Gough Island Wildlife Reserve	N/A	Available	01/01/1994	
Inaccessible Island Nature Reserve Management Plan	N/A	Available	01/01/2001	

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

4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have

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input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

Local communities **directly contribute** to some decisions relating to 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

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)	50%
Governmental (National / Federal)	50%
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)

Comment

No international Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)

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

The available budget is **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)?

The World Heritage property **does not deliver any economic benefits** to local communities

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 Properties are uninhabited and infrastructure required is minimal.

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

Full-time	0%
Part-time	100%

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

Permanent	0%
Seasonal	100%

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 **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	Not applicable
Community outreach	Not applicable
Interpretation	Not applicable
Education	Not applicable
Visitor management	Not applicable
Conservation	Fair
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Fair
Tourism	Not applicable
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	Not applicable
Community outreach	Not applicable
Interpretation	Not applicable
Education	Not applicable
Visitor management	Not applicable
Conservation	Low
Administration	Not applicable
Risk preparedness	Not available
Tourism	Not applicable
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not available

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

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

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

4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

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

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for most key areas **but there are gaps**

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

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

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **shared 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

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?

Not displayed at all

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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	Not applicable
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Not applicable
Visitors	Not applicable
Tourism industry	Not applicable
Local businesses and industries	Not applicable

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

There is **no need** for an 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 **not influenced** education, information or 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 presented or 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 needed
Site museum	Not needed
Information booths	Not needed
Guided tours	Not needed
Trails / routes	Not needed
Information materials	Not needed
Transportation facilities	Not needed
Other	Not needed

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

4.7. Visitor Management

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

Last year	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?

Other

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4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

No visitors other than in relation to functioning of weather station and scientific surveys.

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

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

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

There is contact between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry but this is largely **confined to administrative or regulatory matters**

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

No fees are collected

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

4.8. Monitoring

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

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

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

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is sufficient and key indicators have been defined but **monitoring the status of indicators could be improved**

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	Not applicable
Local communities	Not applicable
Researchers	Average
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

Assessment of rodent eradication strategy being implemented.

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

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

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

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species					
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	Criteria X. Endemic seabirds affected.	Feasibility studies of mouse eradication in progress.	NA	NA	FCO/RSPB None

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.3 Management System / Management Plan						
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
4.3.10	There is little or no contact with industry regarding management	No action needed				
4.4 Financial and Human Resources						
4.4.5	The World Heritage property does not deliver any economic benefits to local communities	No action needed				
4.4.15	No capacity development plan or programme is in place	No action needed				
4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building						
4.6.1	World Heritage emblem not displayed	No action needed				
4.6.4	World Heritage status has not influenced education, information or awareness building activities	No action needed				
4.6.5	The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is not presented or interpreted	No action needed				

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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 has been **compromised** by factors described in this report

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

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **impacted** by factors described in this report, but this situation is being **addressed through effective management actions**.

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

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

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

5.4.1 - Comments

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

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

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

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

6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report

External experts

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

yes

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

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

UNESCO	Very good
State Party Representative	Very 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 property's Outstanding Universal Value
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value

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

UNESCO	Satisfactory
State Party	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Satisfactory

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

- Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Reason for update: A draft Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value has been submitted to the World Heritage Centre for review and we are waiting for it to be dealt with

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