

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic Site in Puerto Rico

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- United States of America

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

266

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1983

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
San Cristóbal, El Morro and La Fortaleza , Puerto Rico	18.467 / -66.125	?	?	0	
Fort El Cañuelo, Isla de Cabras , Puerto Rico	18.464 / -66.137	?	?	0	
Total (ha)			0		

Comment

San Cristóbal, El Morro and La Fortaleza , Puerto Rico Property: 31.05 ha Fort El Cañuelo, Isla de Cabras , Puerto Rico: 1.38 ha Total for World Heritage Site: 32.43 Ha No change is being proposed to the current inscription. This is a clarification of existent boundaries.

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic Site in Puerto Rico - Inscribed property	07/11/1983	

Comment

The boundary for the site is not accurate. A new map is being prepared to correct the errors and will be sent soon.

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Jonathan Putnam
US National Park Service Office of International Affairs
World Heritage Program Officer

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Walter Chavez
National Park Service
Superintendent
San Juan National Historic Site

Comment

The title of the Property Manager for San Juan National Historic Site is: Superintendent. For La Fortaleza the property

manager is: Harold González, Administrator Calle Fortaleza #63 PO Box 9020082 San Juan PR 00902-0082

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

- [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
- [San Juan National Historic Site \(U.S. World Heritage\)](#)
- [San Juan National Historic Site \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)
- [World Heritage in the United States](#)

Comment

Link #1 does not have information about the World Heritage Site. Link #2 is not available anymore.

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

Comment

Designated a National Historic Site in 1949. La Fortaleza is a National Historic Landmark since 1960. La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic Site were included in 2013 in the National Historic Landmark designation of the Old San Juan Historic District.

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Statement of Significance

The main elements of the massive fortification of San Juan are La Fortaleza, the three forts of San Felipe del Morro, San Cristóbal and San Juan de la Cruz (El Cañuelo), and a large portion of the City Wall, built between the 16th and 19th centuries to protect the city and the Bay of San Juan. They are characteristic examples of the historic methods of construction used in military architecture over this period, which adapted European designs and techniques to the special conditions of the Caribbean port cities. La Fortaleza (founded in the early 16th century and considerably remodelled in later centuries) reflects developments in military architecture during its service over the centuries as a fortress, an arsenal, a prison, and residence of the Governor-General and today the Governor of Puerto Rico. Criterion (vi) La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic Site outstandingly illustrate the adaptation to the Caribbean context of European developments in military architecture from the 16th to 20th centuries. They represent the continuity of more than four centuries of architectural, engineering, military, and political history.

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

(vi)

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	
3.1	Buildings and Development								
3.1.1	Housing								
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure								
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities								
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure								
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure								
3.2.3	Marine transport infrastructure								
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure								
3.3	Services Infrastructures								
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities								
3.3.5	Major linear utilities								
3.4	Pollution								
3.4.1	Pollution of marine waters								
3.4.5	Solid waste								
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric								
3.7.1	Wind								
3.7.5	Dust								
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)								
3.7.8	Micro-organisms								
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage								
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses								
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage								
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation								
3.9	Other human activities								
3.9.1	Illegal activities								
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage								
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events								
3.10.1	Storms								
3.10.7	Other climate change impacts								
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events								
3.11.2	Earthquake								
3.11.3	Tsunami/tidal wave								
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide								
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition								
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)								
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species								
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species								
3.13	Management and institutional factors								
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities								
3.13.2	High 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
3.1 Buildings and Development					
3.1.1 Housing	localised	on-going	minor	high capacity	static
3.2 Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	widespread	on-going	significant	high capacity	increasing
3.3 Services Infrastructures					
3.3.5 Major linear utilities	localised	on-going	minor	medium capacity	static
3.4 Pollution					
3.4.1 Pollution of marine waters	extensive	frequent	minor	low capacity	static
3.4.5 Solid waste	localised	on-going	minor	high capacity	increasing
3.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1 Wind	extensive	on-going	significant	high capacity	increasing
3.7.5 Dust	restricted	frequent	minor	low capacity	decreasing
3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)	extensive	on-going	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.7.8 Micro-organisms	extensive	frequent	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing
3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.1 Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	extensive	frequent	minor	high capacity	increasing
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	widespread	on-going	significant	high capacity	increasing
3.9 Other human activities					
3.9.1 Illegal activities	localised	frequent	minor	high capacity	static
3.9.2 Deliberate destruction of heritage	localised	frequent	significant	high capacity	static
3.10 Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1 Storms	widespread	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	increasing
3.11 Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.5 Erosion and siltation/ deposition	localised	on-going	significant	high capacity	increasing
3.12 Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species					
3.12.2 Invasive/alien terrestrial species	extensive	on-going	significant	high capacity	increasing

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

3.17.1 - Comments

This section was completed taking into consideration facts affecting San Juan National Historic Site which comprises the majority of the site.

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

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

The 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

Sections of the city wall are not considered part of the World Heritage Site. The National Park Service and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are considering a minor boundary modification.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

The legal status of La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic Site arises essentially from their forms of ownership. In addition, La Fortaleza has been designated a National Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States. The San Juan National Historic Site was established in 1949 by Executive Order from the Secretary of the Interior (F.R. Doc 49-1402) under the authority of the

Historic Sites Act of 1935. This order was repealed in 1976 when a new Executive Order from the Secretary of Interior (No. 2994) was adopted; the site was designated the San Juan National Historic Site, now incorporating the changes of a Cooperative Agreement Between the Commonwealth and the National Park Service.

Both components of the property are subject to preservation legislation by the Federal Government. La Fortaleza also is subjected to the regulations of the Puerto Rico Legislative Assembly, as well as to the protective purview of the Commission of the Historic Zone of San Juan, an independent commission of the Capital of Puerto Rico. The Institute of Puerto Rican Culture has established standards of conservation and restoration in the historic zone.

La Fortaleza is owned in fee by the Government of Puerto Rico and is the residence and office of the highest elected executive official of Puerto Rico, the Governor. Especially significant in matters related to the historic character of La Fortaleza, is a special committee established to assist in its preservation: Consultant Committee for the Restoration, Conservation, and Improvement of La Fortaleza.

San Juan National Historic Site was established as a unit of the National Park System by order of the Secretary of the Interior, as approved by the President of the United States in 1949. This order directed cooperative management by the National Park Service and the Department of the Army, both agencies of the Federal Government of the United States.

This agreement was repealed in 1976 when a new Cooperative Agreement was signed with the Commonwealth clarifying boundaries at the Grounds of San Felipe del Morro Fort and confirming the cession of the area around the Ballajá Quarters Building (inclusive).

Over the period 1955-1973, all land presently constituting the National Historic Site, including portions formerly held by the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, as well as the U.S. Army, has been acquired by the National Park Service, which holds fee title to the entire National Historic Site.

Cultural areas under the direct administration of the United States Government possess the highest level of protection available to such properties under U.S. law. Their management and administration are subject to exhaustive sets of codified standards. Internal mechanisms exist to report on dangers to their integrity; such examinations and findings are a matter of public record. Furthermore, such properties are immune to intervention from external private interests, except under license or contract. Finally, all matters affecting the cultural qualities of such property are also subject to review by the State Historic Conservation Office, and in case of a disagreement between the two agencies, by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; the administrative regulations governing such review provide for the participation of the public in the decision-making process.

In addition to the substantive protections specified by the laws of Puerto Rico, La Fortaleza was designated a National Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior in 1960.

This designation recognizes La Fortaleza's historic significance at the highest national level of importance. While this designation does not limit the authorities of the owner of property, it does mandate the inspection and reporting to the Congress of the United States of any threats to the historic integrity of the property. In addition, no federal funds may be expended on or federal licenses extended to projects that will affect any National Historic Landmark without review of the project by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. San Juan National Historic Site was established by an Executive Order in 1949 by the Secretary of the Interior. This executive order was replaced in 1976 by Order # 2994 of the

Secretary of the Interior, which established the San Juan National Historic Site, per boundaries negotiated as part of the Cooperative Agreement of the same year. The park is administered within the National Park System. This system is governed by a series of laws and regulations that are applied at the historic site.

These regulations are:

Acts of the United States Government
Antiquities Act of 1906
Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979
Government Performance and Results Act of 1993
Historic Sites, Buildings and Antiquities Act
Museum Act
National Environmental Preservation Act of 1969
National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
National Park Service Organic Act
Executive Orders
E.O. No. 13006 Locating Federal Facilities on Historic Properties
E.O. No. 13287 Preserve America
Policy Related Regulations
36 CFR Chapter 1 All National Park Service Regulations
36 CFR Part 2 Resource Protection, Public Use and Recreation
36 CFR Part 60 National Register of Historic Places
36 CFR Part 65 National Historic Landmarks
36 CFR Part 68 Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties
36 CFR Part 79 Curation of Archeological Collections
40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 N.E.P.A. Regulations
43 CFR Part 7 Archeological Resources Protection

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

La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic Site World Heritage Site have two managers. La Fortaleza is administered by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and thereby is a state site; San Juan National Historic Site is administered by the National Park Service as a federal national historic site.

San Juan National Historic Site is a unit of the National Park System, administered by the National Park Service. San Juan, by virtue of the internal organization of the agency, is part of the Southeast Region (SERO). The Park Service is a bureau of the Department of the Interior of the United States Federal Government. Hence, the Superintendent oversees management on a day-to-day basis, and reports to the Regional Director who in turn, reports to the National Park Service Director. The park's organizational chart was approved in 2003 and on it the park was reorganized in 6 divisions or offices: Office of the Superintendent, Administration, Maintenance, Protection, Cultural Resources Management, and Interpretation.

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico administers La Fortaleza. By virtue of Commonwealth law # 182 of July 23, 1979, the Office of the Governor created a Governor's Advisory Committee for the Restoration, Conservation and Betterment of La Fortaleza. This Advisory Council, previous consultation with the Institute of Puerto-Rican Culture, had responsibility to established public policy with respect to preservation at La Fortaleza. The Office of the Governor has in place a program for maintaining the fort called "Executive Mansion." This program is in charge of maintaining and preserving the buildings and grounds, as well as the organization of the activities held at the fortification. Lastly, the State Historic Preservation Office is in charge of the restoration projects for La Fortaleza, directing and funding them previous consultation with the Institute of Puerto-Rican Culture.

In 1976, the National Park Service and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico entered into a cooperative agreement in which responsibilities, boundaries and ownership of lands were settled. This agreement clarified boundary issues on the grounds of San Felipe del Morro Castle and established the responsibilities of both the National Park Service and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in managing this area, and confirmed transference of the former Army Hospital at Ballajá Quarters to the Commonwealth. The agreement confirmed NPS ownership of Parcel "A" (that area of the grounds of the fortification that goes from the North Wall to West Wall, not including a tract of land in front of the Plastic Arts School). This agreement is still in effect.

The San Juan National Historic Site has a General Management Plan. The plan, however, dates from 1985 and will be updated.

The San Juan National Historic Site has used its General Management Plan to prioritize and develop strategies to accomplish its mandated mission. Although it needs to be updated, the plan also provides with general directions as to some of the most common problems faced at the park: rehabilitation of the historic structures (especially San Juan de la Cruz (El Cañuelo) and the San Cristóbal Outworks), transportation to and from the site, jurisdiction and boundary issues with the Commonwealth, etc. As a result, a whole

series of studies specifically designed for programs currently operating at the Historic Site have been developed. The current plan at San Juan National Historic Site was approved in 1985. It calls for the preservation and maintenance of cultural resources and for the expansion of the interpretive program, while allowing passive recreational activities in appropriate areas. The plan proposes the following actions:

1. Preserve the historic structures and grounds in their existing form.
 2. Prohibit any arbitrary alteration, restoration, or removal of historic fabric (defined as the materials dating from the historic period, 1539-1961, that make up the historic structures and grounds).
 3. Develop comprehensive preservation/maintenance guides specific to the needs of the historic site.
 4. Initiate the necessary research to provide for the proper management, interpretation, and protection of cultural resources.
 5. Improve the interpretive program, giving particular emphasis to providing visitors with an overview of almost 500 years of history represented.
 6. Develop a pre-visit information system to enhance the visitors' understanding of the resources represented and to inform them of available opportunities.
 7. Establish the detached El Cañuelo unit as a primary visitor experience; institute a ferry shuttle from San Juan Harbor across the bay to El Cañuelo; provide interpretation at El Cañuelo; encourage the Bacardi Company to develop a regular land-based shuttle between El Cañuelo and the Bacardi plant.
 8. Remove all vehicles from the El Morro Esplanade and prohibit any new parking development within the historic site; develop through cooperative efforts a park-and-ride transit system that will connect the major parking lots, garages, and harbor area of Old San Juan with the San Cristóbal outworks, San Cristóbal, the Esplanade, and El Morro.
 9. Improve the law enforcement program to ensure adequate visitor protection.
 10. Retain the operating El Morro Lighthouse in its present location; rehabilitate it to ensure preservation and visitor safety.
 11. Encourage and work closely with the Civil Defense Agency to assist in relocating that operation outside the historic boundary within the life of this plan.
 12. Encourage the commonwealth to assist where appropriate in the planning, implementation, and funding of this general management plan effort, according to the 1976 cooperative agreement.
- The National Park Service has complied with most of the proposals in the plan and is working towards accomplishing the most difficult ones (namely those concerning El Cañuelo and encouraging the Commonwealth to assist the park in undertakings associated with the historic site). This plan, as written elsewhere in this report, needs to be updated. The park is planning to start working on the update of the GMP in FY 2005.

Comment

Second paragraph last sentence at the beginning: Please change date from 2003 to 2013. Second paragraph last sentence at the end: Please add the word "Visitor" before "Protection", and the phrase "and Visitor Services" after "Interpretation" The last two sentences should be replaced with: "In 2012 the park initiated a planning effort called the Foundation Document. Once approved it will serve as the long range planning document for San Juan National historic Site".

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

The following documents are used in the management of San Juan National Historic Site: General Management Plan (1985) Foundation Document (2013) Long Range Interpretive Plan (2006) Collection Management Plan (2006) Park Asset Management Plan (2007)

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

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

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

The management system / plan is **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	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Not applicable
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 answer of question 4.3.10 was based on the relations to the tourism industry which is the only significant industry in the Old San Juan area that affects the park directly. There are no large industrial areas in the immediate vicinity of Old San Juan and the El Cañuelo area.

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

4.4. Financial and Human Resources

4.4.1 - Costs related to conservation, based on the average of last five years (relative percentage of the funding sources)

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	46%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	22%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	1%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	26%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	1%
Other grants	4%

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

Comment

The site has never received international assistance.

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

The available budget is **acceptable** but could be further improved to fully meet the management needs

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

The existing sources of funding **are secure** in the 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

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	55%
Seasonal	45%

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?

A range of human resources exist, but these are **below optimum** to manage the World Heritage Property.

4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines

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

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)	High

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

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 with local participants and some national agencies**

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

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

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

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

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

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

Local communities / residents	Poor
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Poor
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Poor
Visitors	Poor

Tourism industry	Poor
Local businesses and industries	Poor

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?

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is adequately presented and interpreted **but improvements could be made**

4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property

Visitor centre	Adequate
Site museum	Not provided but needed
Information booths	Adequate
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Excellent
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	Minor Increase
Two years ago	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Decreasing
Five years ago	Static

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

Entry tickets and registries
Other

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

Long Range Interpretive Plan (2006) is a comprehensive document whose purpose is the development of a cost effective, tightly focused, high quality park interpretive program which covers areas such as educational and

interpretive programs, visitor accessibility, transportation needs, etc. This plan applies to San Juan National Historic Site.

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 managed but **improvements could be made**

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

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

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

The fee is collected 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

The fee collection program at San Juan National Historic Site was authorized by the Congress of the United States and only applies to this park. La Fortaleza, is owned by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and, although they offer tours, there's no charge for these services.

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	Average
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Excellent
NGOs	Average
Industry	Average
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

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

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

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

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

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

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

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

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	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure						
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	The use of public transportation has increased visitation while minimizing the impact of the weight of vehicles in the city walls which have been affected by the increasing number of vehicles that caused the collapse of a section of the wall in 2005	San Juan NHS has instituted an agreement with the City of San Juan to operate park owned trams to encourage visitors to travel between the forts and throughout Old San Juan. There is also a park film that encourages pedestrian access from the piers	The park has instituted a Park Asset Management Plan (2008) which calls for regular inspections (at least once every five years) of the roads and the fortifications to ensure that any problem can be corrected at the earliest time possible.	Projects for the maintenance of the roads in park property as well as the fortifications or historic buildings affected by it are entered and approved in a five year cycle.	For San Juan National Historic Site: the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, US Government. For La Fortaleza: Department of Transportation and Public Works, Institute of Puerto-Rican Culture, and the State Historic Preservation Office	Transportation within the old city is one of the main issues affecting visitation as well as proper preservation not only of the World Heritage Site but also of the colonial city in itself.
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	Heavy visitation creates wear and tear on the historic fortifications and affect the landscape with solid waste. Conversely, it creates opportunities for resource stewardship and revenue increase which can be used for the preservation of the site.	Park has a 5 year resource preservation program, as well as educational programs to minimize visitor impacts affecting resource stewardship. The park has established a recycling program to diminish solid waste generated by visitors.	Visitation statistics are collected and compiled in monthly basis and the impacts generated by visitors are monitored almost daily.	The park will create a visitor management plan for the next budget cycle (2014-2019) in order to implement the recommendations within the same cycle.	For San Juan National Historic Site: the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, US Government. For La Fortaleza: Tourism Company, Department of Economic Development, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico	Heavy visitation has unintended consequences such as heavy traffic which difficult communication and transportation between the fortifications as well as within Old San Juan.
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species						
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species	Pests are affecting the structural integrity of the site affecting landscapes and structures. The park is being affected specifically by a population of feral cats and by the proliferation of iguanas (scientific name: iguana iguana).	The park is working with a non-profit organization to control the population of feral cats. The park will be requesting a study on iguana population with the goal of total eradication of the species from park lands.	A census of feral cat population is conducted every month. Iguana population and their effects on park resources is monitored daily.	Park will seek to eliminate invasive iguana and feral cat populations in a period of five years from 2014-2019.	For San Juan National Historic Site: the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, US Government. For La Fortaleza: Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.	The effects of the pests in the park have been detrimental for the historic structures, the historic landscapes, local flora and fauna and for public health.

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		
4.1.2	Boundaries could be improved	Sections of the city wall are not considered part of the World Heritage Site. The National Park Service and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are considering a minor boundary modification.	Park expects to begin negotiations with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in 2014.	For San Juan National Historic Site: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.	The designation of Old San Juan as a National Historic Landmark has improved the chances of modifying the World Heritage Site boundary by recognizing the South Wall as being "nationally significant" a major oversight in the original nomination.	

4.1.4	The boundaries of the World Heritage property are not known by local residents / communities / landowners	The park is working in to enforce the boundaries of San Juan National Historic Site as well as to educate the residents, communities and landowners of what areas of the city are part of the World Heritage Site.	The park will use the next budget cycle (2014-2019) to create the necessary educational/promotional material to educate the public about the World Heritage Site boundaries.	For San Juan National Historic Site: National Park Service, Department of the Interior For La Fortaleza: State Historic Preservation Office, Office of the Governor, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico	There is a confusion with respect to what the World Heritage Site consists of. Generally, the public thinks that all of Old San Juan is the World Heritage Site when in reality is just the majority of the fortification system.
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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	No impact
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	No impact
Funding for the property	No impact
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	No impact
Lobbying	No impact
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	No impact
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

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	Fair
State Party Representative	Very good
Advisory Body	Fair

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

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

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

- Geographic Information Table**
 Reason for update: San Cristóbal, El Morro and La Fortaleza , Puerto Rico Property: 31.05 ha Fort El Cañuelo, Isla de Cabras , Puerto Rico: 1.38 ha Total for World Heritage Site: 32.43 Ha No change is being proposed to the current inscription. This is a clarification of existent boundaries.
- Map(s)**
 Reason for update: The boundary for the site is not accurate. A new map is being prepared to correct the errors and will be sent soon.

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