

Periodic Report - Second Cycle

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Purnululu National Park

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Australia

Type of Property

natural

Identification Number

1094

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

2003

Comment

"naturel" should be natural


1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Purnululu National Park	-17.5 / 128.5	239723	79602	319325	2003
Total (ha)		239723	79602	319325	

Comment

There are two areas of land adjacent to Purnululu National Park World Heritage Area that are managed, amongst other things, to complement the protection and conservation of the Park's World Heritage values. To the north west of the Park is the Purnululu Conservation Reserve (79,602 hectares), which will have pastoral lease excisions added to increase its size to 142,060 hectares. To the east of the Park is the Ord River Regeneration Reserve (567,949 hectares).

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Purnululu National Park	25/01/2002	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

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1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

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"Parks and Visitor Services"

Department of Environment & Conservation

Comment

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [The Official Site for Australian Travel and Tourism Australia](#)

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2. [Natural site datasheet from WCMC](#)
3. [Purnululu National Park \(Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts\)](#)

Comment

1. <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/purnululu/index.html> 2. Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation website: http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/component/option,com_hotproperty/task,view/id,39/itemid,1584/ 3. <http://www.australia.com/index.aspx>

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 Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value was submitted to the World Heritage Centre on 1 February 2011, and is now awaiting World Heritage Committee approval in June 2012.

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 Purnululu National Park's outstanding universal values go to: <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/purnululu/values.html>

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						
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure						
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.1 Water infrastructure						
3.3.2 Renewable energy facilities						
3.5	Biological resource use/modification					
3.5.9 Subsistence hunting						
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.7 Pests						
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.1 Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses						
3.8.4 Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system						
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation						
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
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						
3.13.3 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
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure				
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	restricted	on-going	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric				
3.7.7 Pests	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage				
3.8.4 Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system	extensive	on-going	minor	low capacity	static
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events				
3.11.6 Fire (wildfires)	extensive	frequent	significant	medium capacity	static
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species				
3.12.2 Invasive/alien terrestrial species	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	static

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

3.17.1 - Comments

3.8.6 Tourism: Visitor numbers are increasing although still low (around 27,000 visits recorded in 2009-10). Tourism is well-managed through facilities and services. 3.11.6 Fire: Large bushfires at the end of the dry season have potential to damage World Heritage values by scorching the massif, causing exfoliation. All other impacts are not considered to have a direct impact on the World Heritage values that Purnululu National Park was listed for, but are considerations for management.

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is a buffer zone

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

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

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

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

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

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **known** by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

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

The key World Heritage values of Purnululu National Park, that is the limestone massif and visual amenity, are well inside the boundaries of the national park. Purnululu Conservation Park and the Ord River Regeneration Reserve located adjacent to the Park allow for controlled burning to be undertaken to mitigate bushfires, which are a key threatening process to the massif.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

Purnululu National Park is a class "A" reserve (number 39897) for the purpose of "National Park". It was vested in the then National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority (now the Conservation Commission) of Western Australia. The original vesting was gazetted on the 6th March 1987 and the status was upgraded to "A" class on the 13th September 1988.

Comment

All World Heritage properties in Australia are "matters of national environmental significance" protected and managed under national legislation, the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. By law, any action that has, will have or is likely to have a significant impact on the World Heritage values of a World Heritage property must be referred to the responsible Minister for consideration. This includes impacts originating from outside the property.

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 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

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

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

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

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

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

Purnululu National Park World Heritage Area is located in a remote region of northern Western Australia. The nearest major town, Kununurra, is the main base for management, but

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is around a five hour drive from Purnululu, depending on road conditions. While management capacity is good, the remoteness of the site is a constraint, however there is a small staff presence during the main tourism season.

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Joint management is undertaken by virtue of a Deed of Agreement (the Deed) between the Western Australian Minister for the Environment and Heritage and the Purnululu Aboriginal Corporation (PAC), signed on 31 December 2002. The Deed provides for the Park to be managed through a newly established Park Council (the Council), comprising traditional owners and members appointed by the Western Australian Minister for the Environment and Heritage. The Council's functions are to:

- provide advice to the Minister in all matters relating to Aboriginal involvement in the Park,
- to prepare and advice upon proposals for management plans for the Park, and
- to participate in the implementation of the management plan as approved, including the development of policy on matters of Aboriginal interest in relation to the Park.

Comment

The Deed of Agreement dated 31 December 2002 has expired. In its place, there is to be a new World Heritage advisory committee. The new committee will comprise Indigenous and broader community interests. Its functions are to: - provide advice to Western Australian and Commonwealth ministers; and - participate in the implementation of the management plan. The area is managed under the Purnululu National Park Management Plan (which also encompasses the conservation park).

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

The Purnululu National Park Management Plan is currently being updated, and will be forwarded to the World Heritage Centre once completed and approved.

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

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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	Fair
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 **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?

Indigenous peoples directly contribute to **some decisions** relating to management but their involvement could be improved

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

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)	
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	
Governmental (National / Federal)	36%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	41%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	7%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	16%

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

Comment

No assistance is received from the World Heritage Centre.

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

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

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

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

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

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

Purnululu National Park is funded mainly by the Western Australian Government for overall park operations. The Australian Government funds a World Heritage officer and provides grants for works related to protection of World Heritage values.

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

Full-time	25%
Part-time	75%

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

Permanent	75%
Seasonal	25%

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

Paid	90%
Volunteer	10%

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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	Fair
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Fair
Administration	Fair
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	Not applicable
Promotion	Not applicable
Community outreach	Not applicable
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Medium
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	Medium
Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	High
Tourism	Medium
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 **partially implemented**; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally **but most of the technical work is carried out by external staff**

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

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

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needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

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

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **shared with local 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

Levitus, Robert. 2008. Cultural Connections Report: Purnululu National Park World Heritage Area. October 2008. Pinkus, E., Moore, S.A. and Taplin, R. 2010. Purnululu National Park Visitor Survey 2010. Report prepared for the Department of Environment and Conservation, Kensington, WA.

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

Research in the following areas is suggested: 1. Carrying capacity of the Park in terms of World Heritage and other values, including the experience of aesthetic values. 2. Potential impacts of stray stock and other feral animals on the Park. 3. The potential impacts of fire on the Park's World Heritage and other values to inform adaptive management strategies.

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**, but not easily visible to visitors

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

Local communities / residents	Poor
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Poor
Local Indigenous peoples	Poor
Local landowners	Poor
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Average
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 education and awareness programme but it only **partly meets the needs** and could be improved

4.6.4 - What role, if any, has designation as a World Heritage property played with respect to education, information and awareness building activities?

World Heritage status has influenced education, information and awareness building activities, **but it could be improved**

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

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

Education, information and interpretive facilities provided by the Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) are adequate but would benefit from an upgrade. Commercial tour operators, licensed by DEC, provide excellent guided tour services.

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
Accommodation establishments
Transportation services
Visitor surveys

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

Purnululu National Park and Purnululu Conservation Park are managed under a management plan. There is also a draft Visitor Services Plan for Protected Area Management in the Kimberley Region which encompasses Purnululu National Park and Purnululu Conservation Park.

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**

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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

Fees collected go back into park management.

4.8. Monitoring

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

There is a **small amount** of monitoring, but it is not planned

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

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

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

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

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

The World Heritage Committee, at its 27th (2003), 29th (2005) and 32nd (2008) sessions has asked Australia to report on particular matters relating to natural World Heritage values and possible cultural World Heritage values. Australia reported on these matters on 9/3/05, 1/2/08 and 1/2/2011.

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

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

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

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure						
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure						
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.7	Pests						
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system	World Heritage criteria are not directly impacted by changes in the traditional ways of life and knowledge system. However, input from traditional owners benefits management of the area.	Within Purnululu there are overlapping native title claims meaning there are regular disputes over who can speak for country. Determining native title is critical to retaining traditional ways.	Grants are being sought to encourage both groups to record some of the traditional knowledge that can contribute to park management.	Traditional ways of life and the indigenous peoples knowledge system becomes harder to recover the longer the time period.	Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation	The Australian Government through the Australian High Court determine native title as cases are put before them.
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events						
3.11.6	Fire (wildfires)	The management of fire is a major issue over the entire Kimberley region. Fire has the potential to scorch the massif causing exfoliation.	The Department of Environment and Conservation undertakes planned burns early in the dry season to mitigate risk of fire affecting the massif.	The Department of Environment and Conservation monitors fire over the entire Kimberley region and prepares fire history maps as a basis of each years fire plans.	Ongoing	Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation.	Despite the planned burning activities, deliberate illegal lightings and lightning strikes can lead to large, hot, and usually uncontrollable, fires late in the dry season.
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species						
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species						

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.5 Scientific Studies and Research Projects						
	Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
4.5.2	Research in the property is not planned	The Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation coordinates a comprehensive research program across Western Australia including for biodiversity conservation and social science.	Research specific to Purnululu is considered in the broader science program for Western Australia, and is dependent on funding.	Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation	Research is undertaken on an as needs basis.	
4.8 Monitoring						
4.8.1	Some monitoring, but it is not planned	The Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation coordinates a monitoring program across Western Australia in partnership with internal and external groups.	Monitoring is dependent on funding.	Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation	Monitoring for key result areas such as fire, visitor numbers and visitor satisfaction is ongoing.	

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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	No impact
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	No impact
Recognition	Positive
Education	No impact
Infrastructure development	No impact
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Not applicable
Political support for conservation	No impact
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	No impact
Institutional coordination	Positive
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

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

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

The questionnaire was easy to use, however some questions could be clarified, particularly as to the applicability of the question to World Heritage values specifically, or management as a whole.

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 World Heritage Convention

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

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