

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Comment

No comment

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

Comment

State Party: China Heritage Category: Cultural Heritage No.: 812 Date of Inscription: 1997

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Comment

The updated data will be available on the retrospective inventory which is to be submitted before February 1st, 2012

1.4 - Map(s)

Comment

The retrospective inventory is under preparation and will be submitted before February 1st, 2012

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

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1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

Comment

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

Comment

<http://www.pingyao.gov.cn>

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

Comment

In 1986, Pingyao City was designated as "the National Famous Historical & Cultural City" by the State Council. In 1988, Pingyao Circumvallation, Shuanglin Temple, and Zhenguo Temple were conferred upon the title "State Priority Protected Site" by the State Council.

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

The retrospective statement of OUV has been submitted to the World Heritage Center for examination before February 1st, 2011.

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

Comment

Criterion (ii): The townscape of Ancient City of Ping Yao excellently reflects the consistent architectural styles of the Han cities and the development in urban planning, and demonstrates the city's status of social, economic, cultural, artistic, scientific, technological and industrial development. Criterion (iii): Ancient City of Ping Yao was a financial center in China from the 19th century to the early 20th century. The business shops and traditional dwellings in the city are historical witnesses to the economic prosperity of Ancient City of Ping Yao in this period. Criterion (iv): Ancient City of Ping Yao is a complete ancient building complex as well as an outstanding example of the Han Chinese city of the Ming and Qing Dynasties (14th-20th centuries) that has retained all its features to an exceptional degree.

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

1. the town layout . 2. cultural relics ,such as ancient walls, ancient streets and lanes, ancient stores, ancient dwellings and ancient temples. 3. architectural style, building materials, construction process and traditional technology. 4. painted sculptures.

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

No comment.

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

No comment.

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

None

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact	Origin			
3.1	Buildings and Development					
3.1.1 Housing						
3.1.2 Commercial development						
3.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure						
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities						
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.3 Non-renewable energy facilities						
3.3.4 Localised utilities						
3.3.5 Major linear utilities						
3.4	Pollution					
3.4.3 Surface water pollution						
3.4.4 Air pollution						
3.4.5 Solid waste						
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1 Wind						
3.7.2 Relative humidity						
3.7.3 Temperature						
3.7.4 Radiation/light						
3.7.5 Dust						
3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)						
3.7.7 Pests						
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						
3.8.4 Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system						
3.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community						
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation						
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1 Storms						
3.10.2 Flooding						
3.10.6 Temperature change						
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.2 Earthquake						
3.11.5 Erosion and siltation/ deposition						
3.11.6 Fire (wildfires)						
3.13	Management and institutional factors					
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	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	decreasing
3.1.2	Commercial development	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.3 Services Infrastructures						
3.3.3	Non-renewable energy facilities	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.3.4	Localised utilities	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.3.5	Major linear utilities	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	decreasing
3.4 Pollution						
3.4.3	Surface water pollution	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.4.4	Air pollution	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.4.5	Solid waste	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing
3.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.1	Wind	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.7.2	Relative humidity	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.7.3	Temperature	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.7.4	Radiation/light	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.7.5	Dust	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	localised	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.7.7	Pests	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.10 Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.1	Storms	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.10.6	Temperature change	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	static

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

3.17.1 - Comments

No comment.

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 the management authority but are **not known by local residents / communities/landowners**.

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

No comment.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

Comment

In light of the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Cultural Relics, the State Council, the Shanxi Province People's Government, Jinzhong City People's Government, and Pingyao County People's Government declared that cultural relics within the property area were designated as Priority Protected Cultural Heritage of State, Provincial, City and County Levels. Pursuant to the Regulations on the Protection of Famous Historical and Cultural Cities, Towns, and Village, the Pingyao City was titled

as "National Famous Historical and Cultural City" by the State Council.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No comment.

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Comment

The World Cultural Heritage Pingyao Ancient City Protection Management Committee and its subordinate office are responsible for protecting and managing cultural heritages, and it mainly abides by such laws, regulations, and plans as Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Cultural Relics, Law of the People's Republic of China on Urban and Rural Planning, Regulations on Protection of Pingyao Ancient City, and Specific Planning on Protection of Pingyao Ancient City, etc.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

Conservation Regulations of Shanxi Pingyao Ancient City; Detailed Plan for the Protection of Pingyao Ancient City

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 only **partially adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is **only partially** being implemented

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

No annual work / action plan exists

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

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

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?

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

No comment.

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

No comment.

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)	0.2%
Governmental (National / Federal)	0.5%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	11.9%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	12.4%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	20.4%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	54.6%

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

Comment

no International aid from the World Heritage Fund .

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

The available budget is **inadequate** for basic management needs and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to manage

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

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

There is **basic** maintenance of equipment and facilities

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

No comment.

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

Full-time	49%
Part-time	51%

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

Permanent	97%
Seasonal	3%

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

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

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

Human resources are **inadequate** for management needs

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

Research and monitoring	Fair
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Fair
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Fair
Tourism	Fair
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	Medium
Promotion	Medium
Community outreach	Medium
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Medium
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	Medium
Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	Medium
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**

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

No comment.

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 World Heritage property is **not 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 **small amount** of research, but it is not planned

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **not shared** at any level

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

Pingyao Ancient City, Dong Peiliang, 2006 A Brown Paper Book of Pingyao, Dong Peiliang, 2007 Cultural Pingyao, Li Dingwu, 2007 Introduction of Pingyao, Cao Changzhi, 2010

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

No comment.

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

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

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

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

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

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

There is a **limited and ad hoc** education and awareness programme

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

World Heritage status has been an **important influence** on education, information and awareness building activities

4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is 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	Poor
Site museum	Poor
Information booths	Poor
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Adequate
Other	Poor

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

No comment.

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	Decreasing
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

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

None.

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

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

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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 **some 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

No comment.

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?

There is **little or no information available** on the values of the World Heritage property to define key indicators

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

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

No comment.

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

No comment.

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	
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.1	Wind						
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	IV., the buildings appear to be weathered and corroded.	Clear out the drainage facilities around buildings, lower the water level and reduce erosion.	Specialized monitoring by environmental protection, urban construction and other professional departments. The situation is improving.	Long-term.	Protection and Management Committee Office for the World Cultural Heritage the Ancient City of Pingyao(Pingyao Cultural Heritage Bureau).	No comment
3.7.7	Pests						
3.7.8	Micro-organisms						
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.1	Storms	IV., IV., lighting stroke, strong wind and hail exert negative impact on the historic fabric; river flooding directly damage the surface remains	Install lightning shielding facilities; clear out and repair riverway, green land with trees and so on.	The professional monitoring by meteorological department and other professional departments.	Long-term	Protection and Management Committee Office for the World Cultural Heritage the Ancient City of Pingyao(Pingyao Cultural Heritage Bureau).	No comment
3.10.6	Temperature change						

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	
4.1.5	The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are not known by local residents / communities/landowners	The administration sector will publically notify heritage buffer area at suitable time, and broadcast to the related units, local community and land owners.	In the "National 12th Five-Year Plan " period	Protection and Management Committee Office for the World Cultural Heritage the Ancient City of Pingyao(Pingyao Cultural Heritage Bureau).	No comment	
4.3 Management System / Management Plan						
4.3.10	There is little or no contact with industry regarding management	Cooperates with industries of travel trade, traditional agriculture and artisan industry, forestry and other related industries on the basis of mutual benefits.	Long-term.	Protection and Management Committee Office for the World Cultural Heritage the Ancient City of Pingyao(Pingyao Cultural Heritage Bureau).	no comment	
4.4 Financial and Human Resources						
4.4.3	The budget is inadequate for management needs	The administrative sector puts forward fund demand for heritage management to budget departments at various levels, gradually increasing with that of fiscal revenue; and establishes such investment mechanism of "State-based, society-supplemented_.	Long-term.	Protection and Management Committee Office for the World Cultural Heritage the Ancient City of Pingyao(Pingyao Cultural Heritage Bureau).	no comment	
4.4.12	Human resources inadequate for management needs	gradually obtain more personnel from HR Department for administrative work.	Long-term.	Protection and Management Committee Office for the World Cultural Heritage the Ancient City of Pingyao(Pingyao Cultural Heritage Bureau).	no comment	
4.5 Scientific Studies and Research Projects						
4.5.1	Knowledge about the property is insufficient	Seek intellectual support from academic and research institutions, adopt effective measures and encourage all circles in society to the exploration of the knowledge related with heritage va	Long-term.	Seek intellectual support from academic and research institutions, adopt effective measures and encourage all circles in society to the exploration of(Pingyao Cultural Heritage Bureau).	no comment	

4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building					
4.6.3	There is a limited education and awareness programme	Administrative and educational sectors compile and print textbooks on the subject of heritage city and hometown-Pingyao, and implement advocating programs on the occasions of the Heritage Day, International Museum Day etc.	Long-term.	Seek intellectual support from academic and research institutions, adopt effective measures and encourage all circles in society to the exploration of(Pingyao Cultural Heritage Bureau).	no comment

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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

No comment.

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	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

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

No comment.

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

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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

No comment.

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

UNESCO	Good
State Party Representative	Very good
Advisory Body	Good

6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

Most of the required information was accessible

6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following

The World Heritage Convention
The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and / or Authenticity
The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting
Management effectiveness

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

UNESCO	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

• Name of World Heritage Property

Reason for update: No comment

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• **Geographic Information Table**

Reason for update: The updated data will be available on the retrospective inventory which is to be submitted before February 1st, 2012

• **Map(s)**

Reason for update: The retrospective inventory is under preparation and will be submitted before February 1st, 2012

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

No comment.