1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Ancient Villages in Southern Anhui - Xidi and Hongcun

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

China

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

1002

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

2000

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)		Inscription year
Xidi, Xidi , Anhui , China	29.904 / 117.988	24	400	424	2000
Hongcun, Hongcun , Anhui , China	30.004 / 117.982	28	330	358	2000
Total (ha)		52	730	782	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Present Seatus of Xidi	26/07/1999	E
Present Seatus of Hongcun	26/07/1999	œ

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

Organization:Anhui Provincial Administration of Cultural Heritage Address:No.268 Anqing Road, Hefei,Anhui Province Tel:0551-2824959/0551-2838170 Fax:0551-2824130 E-mail:ht7903@163.com

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

• Zheng Xiufa Administration of Cultural Heritage of Yi County

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. <u>1001wonders.org : visit this site in</u> panophotographies - 360 x 180 degree images

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

Comment

no other designation/convention

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

(iii)(iv)(v)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

(iii) residential buildings, streets and water system of the ancient villages (iv) large amounts of ancient architectures, delicate carvings and decorations and the surrounding rural environment (v) memorial archways, residential buildings, streets and water system of Ming and Qing Dynasties

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)

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

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3.1	Buildings and Development					
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities						F
3.2	Transpo	ortation	Infrast	ructur	е	
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure						F
3.3	Service	s Infras	tructur	es		
3.3.4 Localised utilities	(1)				•	
3.3.5 Major linear utilities	0		A		(
3.4	Pollutio	n				
3.4.2 Ground water pollution					•	
3.4.5 Solid waste			A		(
3.7	Local c	ondition	ns affec	ting p	hysica	ıl fabric
3.7.1 Wind						3
3.7.2 Relative humidity			A			F
3.7.7 Pests				9	(
3.8	Social/o	ultural	uses o	f herita	ige	
3.8.1 Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	(1)				•	
3.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage	0		A		(
3.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community			呵		•	
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation			A			S.
3.10	Climate	change	and s	evere v	weath	er events
3.10.1 Storms				4		F
3.11	Sudden	ecolog	ical or	geolog	gical e	vents
3.11.6 Fire (widlfires)						F
3.13	Manage	ment a	nd inst	itution	al fact	ors
3.13.1 Low impact research / monitoring activities	0					8
3.13.3 Management activities	0		M			5
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3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	•	Management response	Trend
3.4	Pollution				•	•
3.4.2	Ground water pollution	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing
3.4.5	Solid waste	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fal	oric				
3.7.2	Relative humidity	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing
	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing

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

3.17.1 - Comments

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

4.2. Protective Measures

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

The two villages are protected by a suite of laws and regulations, from central to local level. Stemming from the Constitution of the PRC, the national legislation that applies includes the Urban Planning Law, the Land Administration Law, the Criminal Law, and the Cultural Relics Protection Law. The last-named law operates through a number of sets of regulations at national level, reinforced by and interpreted through regulations issued by Anhui Province and Yi County.

Certain individual buildings in both villages have been registered as Provincial Relics by the People's Government of Anhui Province. The protected areas are surrounded by substantial buffer zones, defined in 1998 by the People's Government of Anhui Province.

Comment

In June 2001, State Council of China designated Xidi and Hongcun the nominated properties as major historic sites under the protection at the national level. In October 2003, the Ministry of Construction and the State Administration of the Cultural Heritage of the People's Republic of China declared Xidi and Hongcun to be a famous historic and cultural villages of China.

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 **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 No comment.

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Proprietary rights in the two villages belong to the People's Republic of China. Ownership of the individual buildings is variously invested in the state, collective groups, and individuals.

Responsibility for supervision, like the legislation, follows the administrative hierarchy and involves variously the Ministry of Construction and the National Administration of Cultural Heritage at national level, the Construction Bureau and Administration of Cultural Heritage of Anhui Province, the Planning and Cultural Bureaux of Huangshan City, and Administration of Cultural Heritage of Huangshan City, and the Peoples' Governments of Xidi and Jilian Towns.

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It is, however, the Peoples' Government of Yi County that is the chief administrative body for the preservation of cultural relics in the two villages. This body is responsible for protection measures, grant-aid, and implementation of the various laws and regulations. It has established a Property Conservation Committee for Xidi and Hongcun, with representatives from the relevant institutions involved.

A number of plans relating to or concerned directly with the conservation of the historic villages are in force. These include a Master Plan for Xidi Town (1997), a Design Development Plan for Xidi (1998), a Preservation Plan for Hongcun (1998), and a Design Development Plan for Hongcun (1999). All these plans were prepared by the Planning and Design Institute of Huangshan City and the Construction Bureau of Yi County.

On the ground in the two villages there are more than 60 people engaged in preservation management. Of these half are professionally trained to technician level.

Comment

On this basis, the Master Plan for the Conservation of Xidi and Hongcun (2006-2020) and some strategic plans have been worked out. In addition, annual work plan is made with executable and detailed heritage management system.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

None.

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

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

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

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

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

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

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

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

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

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

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 **participate** in all relevant decisions relating to management, i.e. co-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

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)

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Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	10%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	30%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	5%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	45%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	10%

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

Title	Year	Amount	Link to source
Training Course on Using GIS for the Preservation and Management of Historic and Cultural Sites in China	1999	30000.00	
Total		30000	

Comment

not applicable

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 mediumterm and planning is underway to secure funding in the longterm

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 **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.

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

Full-time	35%
Part-time	65%

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

Permanent	90%
Seasonal	10%

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

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Paid		50%
Volunteer		50%

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	Good
Community outreach	Non-existent

Interpretation	Non-existent
Education	Poor
Visitor management	Good
Conservation	Fair
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Fair
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	Medium
Promotion	Medium
Community outreach	Not applicable
Interpretation	Medium
Education	High
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	High
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	Medium
Tourism	High
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Medium

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

A capacity development plan or programme is in place and **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

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 values of the World Heritage property is sufficient

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

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

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **shared widely** with the local, national and international audiences

- 4.5.4 Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report None.
- 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	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Excellent
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Excellent
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 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

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Visitor centre	Adequate
Site museum	Adequate
Information booths	Poor
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Adequate
Other	Not needed

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	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
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys

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 **effectively managed** and does not impact its Outstanding Universal Value

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

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

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

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

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

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 considerable monitoring but it is **not directed towards 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	Excellent
Researchers	Excellent
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

	<u>, </u>	World Haritage	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and	More info /
		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timerrame	others involved)	comment
3.4	Pollution						
3.4.2	Ground water pollution	Standard V: The countryside residential buildings in Xidi and Hongcun Villages are in particularly fine status, whereas the traditional housings rarely survive in other places.	Regular monitoring and management . Establishing effluent discharge pipe	Long-term strengthen the monitoring.	throughout the year	Ministry of Eviromental Protection of Yixian the Hongcun Town government of Yixian the Xidi Town government of Yixian	None
3.4.5	Solid waste	Standard V: The countryside residential buildings in Xidi and Hongcun Villages are in particularly fine status, whereas the traditional housings rarely survive in other places.	Strengthening management and the establishment of a waste treatment systems	Long-term strengthen the monitoring.	throughout the year	the Hongcun Town government of Yixian the Xidi Town government of Yixian	None
3.7	Local condition	s affecting physical fa	bric				
3.7.2	Relative humidity	Standard III: Xidi and Hongcun Villages are the real examples of human settlements models based on prosperous commercial economy since the feudal society.	According to the weather forecast and take appropriate measures to protect against.	Seasonal monitoring	throughout the year	Yixian Administration of Cultural Heritage Yixian Weather Bureau	None
3.8	Social/cultural	uses of heritage				•	
3.8.5	Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	buildings in Xidi and	Planning to establish new villages and reduce the ancient villages of population pressures.	Buffer within the scope of the population control.	Throughout the year	Yixian planning authority Yixian county Administration of Cultural Heritage the Hongcun Town Government of Yixian the Xidi Town Government of Yixian	None
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	Standard V: The countryside residential buildings in Xidi and Hongcun Villages are in particularly fine status, whereas the traditional housings rarely survive in other places.	Implementation of management and rational planning the tourism.	Long-term strengthen the monitoring	throughout the year	Yixian Travel Commission Yixian Administration for Industry and Commerce	None

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.4 Fina	4.4 Financial and Human Resources				
Actions Timeframe Lead agency (and others involved) More info / comment				More info / comment	
	Inadequate equipment and facilities	to increase capital input	a long period	government of Yi County	no comment

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
External experts

Advisory bodies

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

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

None.

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

UNESCO	Very good
State Party Representative	Very good
Advisory Body	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	Excellent
State Party	Excellent
Site Managers	Excellent
Advisory Bodies	Excellent

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

Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

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

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

No comment.