

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Monuments historiques de Dengfeng au « centre du ciel et de la terre »

### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

#### State(s) Party(ies)

• Chine

#### Type of Property

culturel

#### Identification Number

1305rev

#### Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

2010


### 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Taishi Que Gates, Zhongue Temple	34.459 / 113.068	372.3	496.3	868.6	2010
Shaoshi Que Gates	34.493 / 112.977	84	222.4	306.4	2010
Qimu Que Gates	34.474 / 113.041	40.4	108.9	149.3	2010
Songye Temple Pagoda	34.502 / 113.016	33.4	47.9	81.3	2010
Architectural Complex of Shaolin Temple (Kernel Compound, Chuzu Temple, Pagoda Forest)	34.507 / 112.936	182.6	1939.6	2122.2	2010
Huishan Temple	34.493 / 112.999	68.2	373	441.2	2010
Songyang Academy of Classical Learning	34.482 / 113.027	27.8	115.4	143.2	2010
Observatory	34.4 / 113.141	16.3	134.6	150.9	2010
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>825</b>	<b>3438.1</b>	<b>4263.1</b>	

#### Comment

The extension of the buffer zone is recommended in World Heritage Committee Decision 34COM 8B.24. The implementation of the Decision is underway and the modification proposal is being prepared and planned to submit to the Committee by 1 February 2012.

### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Map of inscribed property	21/01/2009	

#### Comment

The modified map will be submitted with the modification proposal to the Committee by 1 February 2012.

### 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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#### Comment

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### 1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

#### Comment

<http://www.zzsssy.cn/>

### 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

#### Déclaration de valeur universelle exceptionnelle

##### Brève synthèse

Pendant des siècles, Dengfeng, l'une des premières capitales de la Chine, dont on ignore l'emplacement exact mais dont le nom est désormais associé à une zone au sud du mont Shaoshi et du mont Taishi, deux pics du mont Songshan, fut associée au concept de centre du ciel et de la terre - le seul point où les observations astronomiques étaient réputées fiables. Le mont Songshan était considéré comme l'attribut naturel du centre du ciel et de la terre, et les empereurs s'appuyaient sur le culte de cette montagne pour renforcer leur pouvoir.

Ces trois idées convergent donc dans une certaine mesure : le centre du ciel et de la terre, sur le plan astronomique, est un endroit propice à l'installation de la capitale du pouvoir terrestre, et le mont Songshan en tant que symbole naturel du centre du ciel et de la terre sert de point focal aux rituels sacrés, renforçant ce pouvoir matériel. Les édifices groupés autour de Dengfeng étaient des réalisations architecturales des plus ambitieuses pour l'époque, dont beaucoup ont été commandées par des empereurs. Elles renforçèrent elles aussi l'influence de la zone de Dengfeng.

Certains des sites de la zone proposée pour inscription entretiennent d'étroites relations avec la montagne (temple de Zhongyue, portes Que de Taishi et Shaoshi) ; l'observatoire est très clairement associé aux observations astronomiques faites au centre du ciel et de la terre, les autres édifices étant construits dans la zone perçue comme telle pour le statut que cela conférait.

**Critère (iii) :** L'idée astronomique du centre du ciel et de la terre est étroitement liée à l'idée du pouvoir impérial, au caractère propice de l'endroit pour établir des capitales et à son attribut naturel, le mont Songshan et aux cérémonies et rituels associés à celui-ci. Le bien en série reflète l'importance de la zone en termes de prestige et de patronage.

**Critère (vi) :** La concentration de structures sacrées et séculières dans la zone de Dengfeng reflète la tradition forte et durable du centre du ciel et de la terre associée à la montagne sacrée, qui maintint les sacrifices impériaux et le patronage sur plus de 1500 ans et prit une importance exceptionnelle dans la culture chinoise. Les structures

bouddhiques en vinrent à entretenir une relation symbiotique avec la montagne sacrée.

Intégrité et authenticité

Les attributs nécessaires pour représenter la valeur universelle exceptionnelle sont inclus dans les délimitations du bien, bien que la zone associée au concept du centre du ciel et de la terre soit considérablement plus large que le bien proposé pour inscription et qu'une justification complète du choix des sites au sein de cette zone plus large n'ait pas été fournie. Au sein de chaque site individuel, une palette suffisante d'attributs demeure pour refléter leur disposition d'origine, bien que de nombreux édifices individuels de la plupart des sites aient été soumis à plusieurs périodes de reconstruction.

Pris individuellement, il n'y a pas de doute quant à l'authenticité des attributs du point de vue de leurs matériaux, des associations avec la religion et de la disposition des lieux. S'agissant de l'ensemble des monuments, bien que certains des sites soient associés aux attributs physiques du concept du centre du ciel et de la terre - la montagne et ses pratiques religieuses associées - la série dans son ensemble ne traduit pas de façon éminemment lisible le concept et les liens devraient être renforcés.

Mesures de protection et de gestion requises

La majorité des monuments sont protégés en tant que monuments nationaux par le gouvernement national. Seule l'enceinte en amande du temple de Shaolin est protégée au niveau provincial.

Le Plan directeur (Réglementations pour la conservation et la gestion des monuments historiques du mont Songshan à Zhengzhou), approuvé en 2007, documente les politiques de protection et de gestion des sites proposés pour inscription ainsi que des instructions concernant la capacité des visiteurs, la circulation, les installations et les besoins permanents des communautés religieuses.

Il incombe au gouvernement populaire municipal de Zhengzhou de diriger la conservation et la gestion du bien tandis que le gouvernement populaire municipal de Dengfeng est seul responsable de la mise en œuvre des travaux de conservation et de gestion. En 2007, le gouvernement populaire municipal de Zhengzhou a établi l'Office municipal de préservation et de gestion des monuments historiques du mont Songshan. L'administration municipale du patrimoine culturel de Dengfeng a été établie en 1990 pour protéger et gérer l'ouverture des monuments historiques. Des bureaux de préservation pour chacun des monuments constituent l'échelon en deçà de l'administration.

La zone proposée pour inscription se trouve dans le parc national du mont Songshan et il est recommandé que cela devienne la zone tampon, absorbant les zones tampons individuelles proposées pour les sites individuels. Le parc national comporte un plan directeur (2009-2025) pour réguler ses activités, à savoir protéger les ressources scéniques et naturelles. Dans le parc national, en sus des dispositions relatives aux monuments protégés individuels, il existe des zones de contrôle de la construction. L'environnement naturel au sein du parc apporte le contexte et le cadre des monuments et il est nécessaire d'assurer que cela soit classé et protégé de façon appropriée afin d'éviter un développement préjudiciable.

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

(iii)(vi)

## 2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

Criterion (iii): The building materials and the spatial layout of the sites, together with the murals, steles, inscriptions, and ancient trees bear evidence for the imperial power, the propitiousness of establishing capitals at the centre of Heaven and Earth, and ritual associations of Mount Songshan. All the above provide unique testimony to the significance of the area and the astronomical idea of the Center of Heaven and earth. Criterion (vi): The sacred and secular structures, related imperial sacrifices and patronage reflect the persistent tradition of center of heaven and earth; the Buddhist structures came to have a symbiotic relationship with the sacred mountain.

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

None

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

None

## 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
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>				
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities					
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>				
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure					
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>				
3.3.1 Water infrastructure					
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Biological resource use/modification</b>				
3.5.5 Crop production					
3.5.10 Forestry /wood production					
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>				
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					
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>				
3.8.1 Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses					
3.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage					
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation					
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>				
3.10.6 Temperature change					
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>				
3.11.6 Fire (wildfires)					
<b>3.12</b>	<b>Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species</b>				
3.12.2 Invasive/alien terrestrial species					
<b>3.13</b>	<b>Management and institutional factors</b>				
3.13.1 Low impact research / monitoring activities					
3.13.3 Management activities					
<b>Legend</b>	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
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>				
<b>3.7.6</b>	<b>Water (rain/water table)</b>	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity
					decreasing

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

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

Daily maintenance and regular monitor over the monuments are conducted to keep the impacts of water occasioned by the climate, the environment, and other natural elements under control and protect the monuments status.

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

#### 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

None

## 4.2. Protective Measures

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

The monuments are either protected as national monuments by the National Government or as provincial monuments as Henan Province protected sites. Only the Kernel compound is protected at provincial level.

The property is subject to the Measures on the Protection and Management of World Cultural Heritage adopted on 2006. This sets out overall responsibility at national level for World Heritage but puts

responsibilities on provinces to establish protection plans and management systems.

The property lies within the Mount Songshan National Park. This covers the peaks of Mount Shaoshi and Mount Taishi. The National Park has a Master Plan (2009-2025) to regulate its activities which are to protect both scenic and natural resources. Within the National Park, in addition to the provisions for individually protected monuments, there are construction control areas.

#### 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

None

## 4.3. Management System / Management Plan

### 4.3.1 - Management System

#### Comment

The management system is adequate and effective in legal, institutional and managerial respects and therefore ensures the protection of the OUV, authenticity and integrity of the Historic Monuments of Dengfeng in “the Centre of Heaven and Earth”. The Historic Monuments of Dengfeng in “the Centre of Heaven and Earth” are key cultural heritages protected at mostly the state level and also provincial level. They are protected by pertinent laws and regulations such as the “Law of the People’s Republic of China on the Protection of Cultural

Relics and the “Rules for the Implementation of the Law of the People’s Republic of China on the Protection of Cultural Relics. The monitoring on the environment and surroundings of the monuments has been strengthened by making rules and regulations such as the “Rules of Henan Province on the Implementation of the Law of the People’s Republic of China on the Protection of Cultural Relics, “Regulations on the Conservation and Management of Historic monuments of Mount Songshan in Zhengzhou Municipality and by publishing and implementing “Master Plan for the Conservation of the Historic Monuments of Mount Songshan in Dengfeng Municipality. The protection and management institution are featured with complete functions, clearly-defined job responsibilities, adequate expertise and management personnel, adequate funds and facilities.

**4.3.2 - Management Documents**

**Comment**

Master Plan for the Historic Monuments of Dengfeng in the Centre of Heaven and Earth

**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	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 **regular contact** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone and **substantial co-operation** on management

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

The management system of the Historic Monuments of Dengfeng in “the Centre of Heaven and Earth is considered to be adequate in the protection and management of the cultural heritage.

**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**

None

**4.4. Financial and Human Resources**

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

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	0%
International donations (NGO’s, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	20%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	10%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	55%
In country donations (NGO’s, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	15%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

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

**Comment**

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 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

Instruments for conservation could be consummated gradually.

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

Full-time	80%
Part-time	20%

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

Permanent	98%
Seasonal	2%

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

Paid	95%
Volunteer	5%

#### 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	Good
Promotion	Good
Community outreach	Fair

Interpretation	Good
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Good
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Good
Tourism	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

#### 4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines

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

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

A capacity development plan or programme is **in place and fully implemented**; all technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, who are assuming leadership in management

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

Technical staff and other related personnel such as interpreters are encouraged to carry out lifelong learning. Short, medium and long term trainings are initiated to strengthen on-job skills. In addition, local communities are also involved in education programs concerning cultural heritage protection.

### 4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

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

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

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

There is 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

1. Guo, Daiheng. The Historic Monuments of Songshan in "the Centre of Heaven and Earth". China Cultural Heritage. 2009(3); 2. Zhang, Jiatai. The Three Han Que Gates in Songshan. China Cultural Heritage. 2009(3); 3. Du, Qiming. Supreme Status and Art: Interpreting Zhongyue Temple. China Cultural Heritage. 2009(3); 4. Yang, Huancheng. Shaolin Temple: the Number One Monastery in the World. China Cultural Heritage. 2009(3); 5. Ren Wei & Song Wenjia. Songyue Temple Pagoda: The Oldest Brick Pagoda in China. China Cultural Heritage. 2009(3); 6. Feng, Baiyi. Huishan Temple: the Precious Architecture Heritage in the Yuan Dynasty. China Cultural Heritage. 2009(3); 7. Gong, Songtao. Songyang Academy: Specimen for Educational Architecture. China Charm. 2011(5); 8. Gong, Songtao. Songyang Academy: the Pearl of the Educational History in Central China. China Cultural Heritage. 2009(3); 9. Zhang, Jiatai. the Observatory in Dengfeng: the Earliest Observatory in China. China Cultural Heritage. 2009(3); 10. Hou, Chunhua. The preliminary study on the reasonable exploration and effective use of cultural tourism resource about Historic Monuments of Mount Songshan. The Forum of Deng feng's Development. 2008(4).

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

None

### 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	Excellent
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Excellent

#### 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**

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

There is **excellent presentation and interpretation** of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property

#### 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	Adequate
Information booths	Adequate
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Excellent
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Excellent
Other	Adequate

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

Activities concerning education, information and awareness building of Historic Monuments of Dengfeng in "the Center of Heaven and Earth" are adequate and effective. Most visitors consider that their understanding of the monuments and the importance of cultural heritage protection could be enhanced through sightseeing.

### 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
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys

#### 4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

##### Comment

In the "Master Plan for the Conservation of the Historic Monuments of Mount Songshan in Dengfeng Municipality", the planning and allocation of tourist service facilities are regulated and the monitor of visitor volume is stipulated.

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

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is managed but **improvements could be made**

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

There is **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**

None

**4.8. Monitoring**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Implementation is **underway**

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

World Heritage Committee Decision 34COM 8B.24 recommends that Mount Songshan GeoPark and Mount Songshan Scenic Area should be taken into consideration and therefore the buffer zone of the property be enlarged. The implementation of such suggestion is under way.

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

More efforts shall be taken to further improve the monitoring and managing of the heritage site.

**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
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>					
3.7.6	<b>Water (rain/water table)</b> Water can affect wooden structures of the Historic Monuments of Dengfeng in “the Centre of Heaven and Earth” such as roofs and beams, impacting possibly the Criterion (iii) in the slightest way.	Regular checks and routine maintenance are conducted to prevent the monuments, especially the wooden structures from water damage.	Instruments related to meteorology and environment protection are installed to monitor the humidity and acidity, etc. Regular checks are conducted by experts and site staff.	Long term program: daily maintenance are combined with intensive monitoring at rain season and semiannual examination.	Dengfeng Municipal Administration of Cultural Heritage	None

### 5.2. Summary - Management Needs

#### 5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

Please select your top management needs in question 4.9 before filling in the summary table.

### 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

The Historic Monuments of Dengfeng in "the Center of Heaven and Earth", as a world cultural heritage, is under adequate conservation. All the related protection measures are efficient and effective to keep the heritage sites safe and stable. In addition, the protection of the monuments tends to see more ensured enhancement with the guidance and support of State Administration of Cultural Heritage and governments at all levels.

## 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	Very positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Very positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Very positive
International cooperation	Very positive
Political support for conservation	Very positive
Legal / Policy framework	Very positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Very positive
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

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

As a World Heritage Site, the monuments have received adequate conservation and management with significant focus, adequate fund, and technical support. A team of expertise and dedication have taken great efforts to protect and manage the sites. More educational and promotional activities will be conducted to raise the awareness and recognition of the sites among students or local communities, who will be benefitted and getting more involved in cultural heritage protection.

### 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

### 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

very good

### 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	Satisfactory

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

• **Geographic Information Table**

Reason for update: The extension of the buffer zone is recommended in World Heritage Committee Decision 34COM 8B.24. The implementation of the Decision is underway and the modification proposal is being prepared and planned to submit to the Committee by 1 February 2012.

• **Map(s)**

Reason for update: The modified map will be submitted with the modification proposal to the Committee by 1 February 2012.

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

The periodical reporting is helpful in a great way. To name a few, it encourages the site managers to keep a close eye on the status of world heritage and highlights key aspects of conservation, monitoring and management concerning the sites. However, the boundaries between positive and negative, inside and outside factors are quite confusing sometimes, leading not to an absolute single answer.