

**1. World Heritage Property Data**

**1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property**

Qutb Minar and its Monuments, Delhi

**1.2 - World Heritage Property Details**

**State(s) Party(ies)**

• India

**Type of Property**

cultural

**Identification Number**

233

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

1993


**1.3 - Geographic Information Table**

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Qutb Minar and its Monuments, Delhi	28.526 / 77.185	0	0	0	1993
<b>Total (ha)</b>			<b>0</b>		

**Comment**

The geocoordinates of the property are 28°31'28.14" N and 77°11'07.43" E. The total area of Qutub Complex is 11.04 hectare. As per the Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 and Rules 1959 and its amendment 2010 an area up to 100 meter is declared as prohibited area and 300 meters all around is declared as regulated area for construction and mining activities and the same is considered as Buffer Zone.

**1.4 - Map(s)**

Title	Date	Link to source
Archaeological Area Qutb, showing in green the inscribed property and in red the buffer zone	01/10/1993	

**1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property**

**Comment**

Archaeological Survey of India, Ministry of Culture

**1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency**

• Superintending Archaeologist  
Archaeological Survey of India

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

- [1001wonders.org](http://1001wonders.org) : visit this site in panophotographies - 360 x 180 degree images
- [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
- [Qutab Minar Complex \(Delhigate.com\)](http://Qutab Minar Complex (Delhigate.com))

**Comment**

<http://www.asi.nic.in/delhicircle/monuments/qutubminar>

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

**Comment**

Declared as a central protected monument under Ancient Monument and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 and Rules 1959.

**2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value**

**2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**

**Comment**

The religious and funerary buildings in the Qutb Minar complex represent an outstanding example of the architectural and artistic achievements of early Islamic India. Qutb Minar is an outstanding example of a minar (tower) with its five storeys, each decorated with a different pattern, projecting balconies with tiny alcoves and having finest example of calligraphy. The complex witnessed different phases of Indian history as well as architectural development.

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

(iv)

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

The authenticity of Qutb Complex is preserved in its authentic form of Minars, Mosques, Madarsas (college), Tombs, Gateways, Iron Pillar and other ruins which enables in better understanding of architectural style and development, customs and beliefs of an era in the Indian history.

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

N/A

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

The draft RSOUV has been submitted by State Party to the World Heritage Centre for review and adoption.

**3. Factors Affecting the Property**

**3.14. Other factor(s)**

**3.14.1 - Other factor(s)**

Aeroplane crash/accident may impact negatively since property is in fly zone.

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact				Origin
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>					
3.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure						
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities						
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>					
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure						
3.2.2 Air transport infrastructure						
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure						
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>					
3.3.1 Water infrastructure						
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>					
3.7.1 Wind						
3.7.2 Relative humidity						
3.7.3 Temperature						
3.7.5 Dust						
3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)						
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>					
3.8.1 Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses						
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation						
<b>3.9</b>	<b>Other human activities</b>					
3.9.1 Illegal activities						
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>					
3.10.1 Storms						
3.10.6 Temperature change						
3.10.7 Other climate change impacts						
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>					
3.11.2 Earthquake						
3.11.5 Erosion and siltation/ deposition						
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

No factor is both current and negative.

Archaeological Sites and Remains (amendment & validation) Act 2010 .

### 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

As per the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) act 1958, Rules 1959, Notification issued on 16th June 1992 and AMASR (amendment & validation) Act 2010 area up to 100M is declared as prohibited and further beyond up to 300M. is regulated area from the protected limit of the property for construction/reconstruction/renovation/repair of any structure and mining operation.

## 4.2. Protective Measures

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

#### Comment

The property enjoys the highest level of protection as it has been declared a monument of national importance under the Ancient Monument and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958, and Rules 1959 and Ancient Monument and

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

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

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

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

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

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

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

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

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

## 4.3. Management System / Management Plan

### 4.3.1 - Management System

The Archaeological Survey of India is the overall authority for administrative and management arrangements for all the monuments within the Qutb Archaeological complex notified as centrally protected. Delhi Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India headed by Superintending Archaeologist and assisted by Dy. Superintending Archaeologists, Assistant Superintending Archaeologist, Assistant Archaeologists, Dy. Superintending Archaeological Engineer and Assistant Superintending Archaeological Engineer in fact manages the property through the Qutb Sub -Circle headed by Sr. Conservation Assistant. The Horticulture Branch and the Science Branch of the Archaeological Survey of India render necessary assistance in their area of expertise to the Superintending Archaeologist. The Circle and Sub-circle offices maintain coordination with other Govt. /State Govt. authorities such as Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) , Deputy Commissioner of Police, Vice-chairman,

Delhi Development Authority, Commissioner, Municipal corporation of Delhi, etc. in the management of the area around the property falling in buffer zone.

**4.3.2 - Management Documents**

**Comment**

The property is being maintained as per the provisions of AMASR Act 1958 and Rules 1959, Conservation manual and Archaeological Works Code and other policies of the Archaeological survey of India or adopted by the Archaeological Survey of India.

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

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

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

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

**4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?**

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

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

An annual work / action plan exists and **many activities** are being implemented

**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	Non-existent

**4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?**

Local communities have **some** input into discussions relating to management but no direct role in management

**4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?**

**No indigenous peoples** are resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

**4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?**

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

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

**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**

Ancient Monuments and Archeological Sites and Remains act 2010 is enacted from 30th March 2010 which has some strict provisions for its effective implement which enhance the control over the prohibited and regulated area of the protected monument or the property.

**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)	100%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0%
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)**

**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)?**

**Potential** economic benefits are recognised and plans to realise these are being developed

**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?**

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

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

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

Full-time	40%
Part-time	60%

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

Permanent	40%
Seasonal	60%

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

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

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

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

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

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

Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	High
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 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**

The Archaeological survey of India has a chain of trend technical hands and supervisory staff those are directly related with the conservation and management of the property.

**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 **considerable** research but it is **not directed** towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

**4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?**

Research results are **shared with local participants and some national agencies**

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

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

There is a need of proper and detailed research of the heritage property of Qutub minar and its monuments and the results of such researches has to shared widely which may helps for future planning. Archaeological Survey of India is going to be implement a management plan at the property which is in pipeline.

**4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building**

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

In **one location 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	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?**

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	Not provided but needed
Site museum	Not provided but needed
Information booths	Poor
Guided tours	Adequate
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**

Spacial chapter in the curriculam about the world heritage status adn its importance could be included at school level.

**4.7. Visitor Management**

**4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years**

Last year	Major Increase (100%+)
Two years ago	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Major Increase (100%+)
Four years ago	Major Increase (100%+)
Five years ago	Major Increase (100%+)

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

Entry tickets and registries
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**4.7.3 - Visitor management documents**

**Comment**

The management plan of Qutub minar and its monuments is being prepared by the Archaeological Survey of India.

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

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

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

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

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

The fee is collected, but it makes **no contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

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

The entry fee is collected but it directly deposited in the consolidated fund of the Government of India. The funds for the management and conservation of the cultural property are provided in the annual budget which are quite adequate for the purpose.

**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 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	Excellent
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Excellent
NGOs	Poor
Industry	Non-existent
Local indigenous peoples	Non-existent

**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**

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

Comprehensive management plan is underway.

**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**

No factor is both current and negative.

**5.2. Summary - Management Needs**

**5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs**

4.7 Visitor Management					
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
4.7.6	Fees collected makes no contribution to the management of the property	N/A	On going	Archaeological Survey of India	Since the entry fee is deposited directly in the consolidated fund of Govt. of India and Govt. releases funds for the management and conservation of cultural heritage in its annual budget which are quiet adequate. so it doesn't makes any sense.



**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 Qutub Minar and its Monuments are maintained and preserved as per the provisions of ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 and Rules 1959 and its amendments and by the conservation norms and policies adopted by the Archaeological survey of India. The property is in good state of conservation.

**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	Very positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Very positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Negative
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Very positive
Lobbying	No impact
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Very positive
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

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

N/A

**6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report**

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff

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

yes

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

N/A

**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?**

All 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	Excellent
Site Managers	Excellent
Advisory Bodies	None

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

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

N/A