

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Ajanta Caves

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- India

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

242

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1983



1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Ajanta Caves	20.553 / 75.7	0	0	0	1983
Total (ha)			0		

Comment

The exact details on the property and buffer zone is being worked out in concordance with the Site Management Plan and there is no change whatsoever in the delineation of the property.

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Ajanta Caves, showing the inscribed property	15/10/1982	
Ajanta caves, showing the buffer zone of the property	01/10/1983	

Comment

The updated maps are being prepared and shall be sent separately.

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

Archaeological Survey of India Ministry of Culture Government of India

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Superintending Archaeologist
Archaeological Survey of India

Comment

Superintending Archaeologist Archaeological Survey of India Aurangabad Circle, Bibi-ka-Maqbara Aurangabad - 431004 (Maharashtra), India Telephone +91-240-2400602 E-mail circlear.asi@gmail.com

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. 1001wonders.org : visit this site in panophotographies - 360 x 180 degree images
2. Ajanta and Ellora Caves

Comment

http://www.asi.nic.in/asi_monu_whs_ajanta.asp

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

Comment

Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, 1904 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules, 1959 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act (Amendment and Validation), 2010

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

The RSOUV has been submitted to the WHC on 31.1.2011

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

(i)(ii)(iii)(vi)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

The attributes along with RSOUV has been submitted to the WHC on 31.1.2011

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

No comments

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

No comments

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

No comments

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

Name	Impact	Origin				
3.1	Buildings and Development					
3.1.2 Commercial development						
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities						
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure						
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure						
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.2 Renewable energy facilities						
3.3.4 Localised utilities						
3.3.5 Major linear utilities						
3.4	Pollution					
3.4.3 Surface water pollution						
3.4.4 Air pollution						
3.4.5 Solid waste						
3.5	Biological resource use/modification					
3.5.3 Land conversion						
3.5.4 Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals						
3.5.10 Forestry /wood production						
3.6	Physical resource extraction					
3.6.4 Water (extraction)						
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1 Wind						
3.7.2 Relative humidity						
3.7.3 Temperature						
3.7.4 Radiation/light						
3.7.5 Dust						
3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)						
3.7.7 Pests						
3.7.8 Micro-organisms						
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation						
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.5 Terrorism						
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1 Storms						
3.10.6 Temperature change						
3.10.7 Other climate change impacts						
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.6 Fire (wildfires)						
3.13	Management and institutional factors					
3.13.1 Low impact research / monitoring activities						
3.13.2 High impact research / monitoring activities						
3.13.3 Management activities						
Legend	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.2 Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	localised	frequent	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.5 Biological resource use/modification					
3.5.3 Land conversion	localised	frequent	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.5.4 Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	low capacity	increasing
3.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1 Wind	localised	frequent	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.7.2 Relative humidity	extensive	intermittent or sporadic	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.7.3 Temperature	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.7.4 Radiation/light	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.7.5 Dust	localised	frequent	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)	localised	frequent	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.7.7 Pests	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	static
3.7.8 Micro-organisms	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	extensive	frequent	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.10 Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.6 Temperature change	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.11 Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.6 Fire (wildfires)	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.13 Management and institutional factors					
3.13.1 Low impact research / monitoring activities	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	static
3.13.2 High impact research / monitoring activities	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	static
3.13.3 Management activities	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	static

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 **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

No comments

4.2. Protective Measures

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No comments

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

The Site Management Plan is nearing completion, discussions are already underway in implementing the draft recommendations of the Plan.

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 a range of administrative bodies / levels involved in management but there is **little or no coordination** between them for managing different aspects of the property

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

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

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

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

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

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	Poor
Local / Municipal authorities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Poor
Landowners	Poor
Visitors	Poor
Researchers	Fair
Tourism industry	Poor
Industry	Poor

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?

Indigenous peoples have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role

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 contact but only **some cooperation** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

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

No comments

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

An amendment to the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 in March 2010 has further strengthened the provisions and enabling better protection of 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)

Comment

There is no recent funding to Ajanta Caves from the World Heritage Fund

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** 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

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

Full-time	60%
Part-time	40%

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

Permanent	60%
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Seasonal	40%
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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	Fair
Community outreach	Poor
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Fair
Administration	Fair
Risk preparedness	Poor
Tourism	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Poor

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	Low
Promotion	Low
Community outreach	Low
Interpretation	Low
Education	Low
Visitor management	Low
Conservation	Medium
Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	Low
Tourism	Low
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Low

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 drafted or in place, but is **not being implemented**

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

No comments

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 **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

No comments

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

No comments

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	Poor
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Poor
Local Indigenous peoples	Poor
Local landowners	Poor
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Average
Local businesses and industries	Average

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

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

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

World Heritage status has 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	Adequate
Site museum	Not provided but needed
Information booths	Not provided but needed
Guided tours	Not provided but needed
Trails / routes	Not provided but needed
Information materials	Poor
Transportation facilities	Poor
Other	Poor

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

No comments

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

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

The Site Management Plan is nearing completion which also has inputs on visitor management.

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

No comments

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	Average
Local / Municipal authorities	Poor
Local communities	Poor
Researchers	Poor
NGOs	Poor
Industry	Poor
Local indigenous peoples	Poor

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

No comments

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

No comments

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

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

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.2 Transportation Infrastructure						
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	No affect on World Heritage criteria and attributes	Even though no criteria and attributes are affected, the advancement of technologies may facilitate introducing total pollution free transportation facilities to the caves	An effective monitoring exercise is already in place with the ASI through the Science Branch	There is no fixed timeframe as of now, as there is no threat arising due to transportation infrastructure. However, the technological advances may facilitate introduction of advanced facilities.	The transportation facilities are at present provided by Government of Maharashtra, which may continue. There is a restriction on the movement of men and material of ASI, as the transportation facilities are maintained by the Government of Maharashtra. Efforts are underway to facilitate the round the clock movement of emergency services and ASI.
3.5 Biological resource use/modification						
3.5.3	Land conversion	No affect on World Heritage criteria and attributes	The recent amendments to the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 has made it more stringent on any developments and land conversion close to the property.	The ASI and district authorities have effective mechanisms to monitor any land conversion closer to the property.	Two to three years.	ASI and district authorities No comments
3.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.1 Wind						
3.7.2	Relative humidity	No affect on World Heritage criteria and attributes	The ASI has already implemented various recommendations of several expert studies and regulating the number of visitors inside the caves. Further, the SMP is also coming with various recommendations to regulate the visitors which is a major cause.	The ASI has effective monitoring system in place which collected data every hour to evaluate and recommend various measures for improvement.	Two to three years	ASI No comments
3.7.5	Dust	No affect on World Heritage criteria and attributes	The ASI has already implemented various recommendations of several expert studies and regulating the number of visitors inside the caves. Further, the SMP is also coming with various recommendations to regulate the visitors which is a major cause.	The ASI has effective monitoring system in place which collected data every hour to evaluate and recommend various measures for improvement.	Two to three years	ASI No comments
3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	No affect on World Heritage criteria and attributes	The vehicular traffic has already been shifted 4 km away from the caves, alternate pathway already constructed to regulate the visitor movement. Further SMP is coming with various recommendations which will be implemented after discussions.	The visitor data is being collected and along with the data on RH, temperature, etc., an extensive monitoring system which is in place is aimed to evaluate and suggest future needs.	Two to three years	ASI No comments

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.3 Management System / Management Plan				
	Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment

4.3.3	Little or no coordination between administrative bodies	Efforts are being made to bring together all the stakeholders to discuss and evolve mechanisms for better maintenance of the World Heritage Property. The preparation of Site Management Plan helped in achieving this to a certain extent.	A time frame of two to three years is envisaged for formulating better guidelines and fixing of responsibilities of different administrative areas as per the recommendations of the Site Management Plan.	Archaeological Survey of India the stakeholder of core area; Department of Forest, Government of Maharashtra for the buffer area and Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation for the buffer area.	The Site Management Plan is working out various ways in the better coordination of various administrative bodies.
4.4 Financial and Human Resources					
4.4.6	Inadequate equipment and facilities	The Science Branch of the ASI is setting up a separate laboratory for the specific needs of Ajanta Caves and the various conservation necessities	Two to three years	ASI	There will be a both onsite and offsite laboratory to cater to the various conservation and preservation needs.
4.4.15	Capacity development plan not implemented	The ASI is formulating various capacity development programmes both for the conservation staff as well as other staff directly involved in the maintenance and preservation of the property.	Two to three years	ASI	Some of the programmes are already underway.
4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building					
4.6.3	There is a limited education and awareness programme	ASI has at present a series of programmes aimed at educating the younger generation on the importance of heritage and the necessity to preserve them. However, this is to be vigorously implemented in order to highlight the importance of these caves.	Two to three years.	ASI	Under the programme, educational DVDs, exhibitions, brochures, etc., are being planned.
4.7 Visitor Management					
4.7.6	Fees collected makes no contribution to the management of the property	The fees collected directly goes to the Government consolidated fund of Government of India. However, necessary funds are directly provided by the federal government for the overall management of the property.	There is no time frame envisaged as the distribution of funds is not directly linked with the fees.	ASI	The present system is working well for the overall maintenance of the property.

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 comments.

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

Conservation	Positive
Research and monitoring	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)	Positive

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

No comments.

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
Staff from other World Heritage properties

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

The present system is found to be interactive and exhaustive.

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

UNESCO	Good
State Party Representative	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	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Satisfactory

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 RSOUV has been submitted to the WHC on 31.1.2011

• **Geographic Information Table**

Reason for update: The exact details on the property and buffer zone is being worked out in concordance with the Site Management Plan and there is no change whatsoever in the delineation of the property.

• **Map(s)**

Reason for update: The updated maps are being prepared and shall be sent separately.

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

No comments.