

**1. World Heritage Property Data****1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property**

Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram

**1.2 - World Heritage Property Details****State(s) Party(ies)**

• India

**Type of Property**

cultural

**Identification Number**

249

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

1984

**1.3 - Geographic Information Table**

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
[main complex of Mahabalipuram] , India	12.618 / 80.199	0	0	0	1984
Mukunda Nayanar Temple , India	0 / 0	0	0	0	1984
Pidari Ratha / Valian Kuttai Ratha , India	0 / 0	0	0	0	1984
<b>Total (ha)</b>			<b>0</b>		

**Comment**

Name Co - ordinates Property (ha) Main Complex of Mahabalipuram 12.618°/80.199° 17.263 Mukunda Nayanar Temple 12.627°/80.195° 0.202 Pidari Ratha/Valayankuttai Ratha 12.620°/80.188° 3.21

**1.4 - Map(s)****1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property****Comment**

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)**

1. [1001wonders.org](http://1001wonders.org) : visit this site in panophotographies - 360 x 180 degree images
2. [Official Website of Ministry of Tourism](http://Official Website of Ministry of Tourism)

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

The Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram is protected as a monument of national important by the Archaeological Survey of India.

**2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value****2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance****Comment**

Draft Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value submitted on 01/02/2011 in the prescribed format.

**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**

Criterion(i) - The architectural forms represent a masterpiece of human creative genius. Criterion(ii) - It is veritable experimental laboratory depicting the various phases and development of south Indian architecture. Criterion(iii) - The adoption of different forms of Brahminical divinities is a unique and exceptional testimony to cultural traditions. Criterion(vi) - The present workmen ship at Mahabalipuram is an age old tradition.

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

Not needed

**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)**

The Shore temple situated on the shore line is subject to saline wind activity.

## 3.15. Factors Summary Table

## 3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact	Origin			
3.1	Buildings and Development					
3.1.1 Housing		 				
3.1.2 Commercial development		 				
3.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure		 				
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities			 			
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure		 				
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure		  				
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.4 Localised utilities		  				
3.4	Pollution					
3.4.1 Pollution of marine waters			 			
3.4.5 Solid waste		  				
3.6	Physical resource extraction					
3.6.2 Quarrying		 				
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1 Wind		  	 			
3.7.2 Relative humidity		  				
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					
3.9.2 Deliberate destruction of heritage		  	 			
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1 Storms		  				
3.10.2 Flooding		  	 			
3.10.5 Changes to oceanic waters		  				
3.10.7 Other climate change impacts		  	 			
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.3 Tsunami/tidal wave		  	 			
3.11.5 Erosion and siltation/ deposition		  				
3.13	Management and institutional factors					
3.13.1 Low 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
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>				
3.1.1 Housing	localised	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.1.2 Commercial development	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	localised	frequent	significant	medium capacity	increasing
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>				

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	localised	frequent	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.4	Localised utilities	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.4	Pollution					
3.4.5	Solid waste	localised	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1	Wind	localised	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.7.2	Relative humidity	localised	on-going	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7.8	Micro-organisms	localised	on-going	minor	medium capacity	static
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	localised	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage	localised	on-going	minor	medium capacity	decreasing
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1	Storms	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	static
3.10.5	Changes to oceanic waters	localised	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.3	Tsunami/tidal wave	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition	localised	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing

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

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

Since the monuments are located on the shore line they are prone to saline and erosion activities which are the major factors affecting the monuments.

### 4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

#### 4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

##### 4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is no buffer zone, but there is a need for one

##### 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 property had **no buffer zone** at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

##### 4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by the management authority but **are not known by local residents / communities / landowners**.

##### 4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The property had **no buffer zone** at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

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

Nil

#### 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?

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 property had **no buffer zone** at the time of inscription on the World Heritage List

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

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

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

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

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

The buffer zone for this World Heritage Property has to be identified.

#### 4.3. Management System / Management Plan

##### 4.3.1 - Management System

##### 4.3.2 - Management Documents

###### Comment

There is a master plan for the World Heritage Property. Phase I of the plan has been implemented.

##### 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 ?

**No management system / plan** is currently in place to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

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

**No management system** is currently in place

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

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

Local communities 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 **little or no contact** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

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

Nil

**4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report**

No

**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)	
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	
Governmental (National / Federal)	100%

Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	
Other grants	

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

No fund has been received.

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

The available budget is **sufficient** but further funding would enable more effective management to international best practice standard

**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 **adequate** equipment and facilities

**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**

The Government has finance and infrastructure to maintain the World Heritage Property.

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

Full-time	100%
Part-time	

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

Permanent	70%
Seasonal	30%

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

Paid	100%
Volunteer	

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

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

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

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

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

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

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

A capacity development plan or programme is in place and **partially implemented**; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally **but most of the technical work is carried out by external staff**

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

Management, administration and conservation expertise are from Archaeological Survey of India.

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

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient**

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

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

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

Research results are **shared 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**

1.Mahabalipuram unfinished poetry in stone by S.Swaminathan, 2010 2.Mahabalipuram by Srinivas & J. Prabhakar, 2005 3.2000 years of Mamallapuram by N.S.Ramasamy (Ed), 1989

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

Scientific studies are underway to study the impact of the saline wind activity on the Shore Temple.

**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 and effective** education and awareness programme that contributes to the protection of the World Heritage property

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

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



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

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	Not provided but needed
Site museum	Not provided but needed
Information booths	Adequate
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Not needed
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Excellent
Other	Adequate

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

Education, information and awareness building is being regularly imparted which is a continuous process.

### 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
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#### 4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

##### Comment

There is a masterplan for the World Heritage Property. Phase I has been implemented.

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

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **effectively managed** and does not impact its Outstanding Universal Value

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

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

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

The fee is collected, 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

Nil

### 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** for defining and monitoring key indicators for measuring its state of conservation

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

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Average
Local communities	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?

**No relevant** Committee recommendations to implement

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

The property is well maintained.

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

Archaeological Survey of India is monitoring the property.

### 4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

#### 4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 management 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

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		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>						
<b>3.1.1</b>	<b>Housing</b>	Criterion(i) - The architectural forms represent a masterpiece of human creative genius. Criterion(ii) - It is veritable experimental laboratory depicting the various phases and development of south Indian architecture. Criterion(iii) - The adoption of different forms of Brahminical divinities is a unique and exceptional testimony to cultural traditions. Criterion(vi) - The present workmen ship at Mahabalipuram is an age old tradition.	It is being regulated.	Regularly monitored.	Continuous	Archaeological Survey of India	The World Heritage Property is situated in a small village and there is continuous commercial activity. As a result of this there is a rapid growth in construction activity.
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>						
<b>3.4.5</b>	<b>Solid waste</b>	Criterion(i) - The architectural forms represent a masterpiece of human creative genius. Criterion(ii) - It is veritable experimental laboratory depicting the various phases and development of south Indian architecture. Criterion(iii) - The adopta	A solid waste management plan has been formulated and is in the process of execution.	Regularly monitored.	Continuous	Archaeological Survey of India	Local authority has proposed a solid waste management which will be implemented shortly.
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>						
<b>3.7.1</b>	<b>Wind</b>	Criterion(i) - The architectural forms represent a masterpiece of human creative genius. Criterion(ii) - It is veritable experimental laboratory depicting the various phases and development of south Indian architecture. Criterion(iii) - The adopta	To stop direct action of salt laden wind on the Shore temple, casurina trees have been planted.	Regularly monitored	Continuous	Archaeological Survey of India	The affect of wind on the monument is being controlled by planting cassurina tree.
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>						
<b>3.8.6</b>	<b>Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation</b>	Criterion(i) - The architectural forms represent a masterpiece of human creative genius. Criterion(ii) - It is veritable experimental laboratory depicting the various phases and development of south Indian architecture. Criterion(iii) - The adopta	It is being regulated.	It is regularly being monitored.	Continuous	Archaeological Survey of India	Increase in visitors have indirectly increased commercial activities.
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>						
<b>3.10.5</b>	<b>Changes to oceanic waters</b>	Criterion(i) - The architectural forms represent a masterpiece of human creative genius. Criterion(ii) - It is veritable experimental laboratory depicting the various phases and development of south Indian architecture. Criterion(iii) - The adopta	A groyne wall has been constructed on the eastern side of the Shore temple along the shore line.	It is being regularly monitored.	Sporadic	Archaeological Survey of India	The affect of oceanic waters is being checked.



		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.11	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>						
3.11.5	<b>Erosion and siltation/ deposition</b>	Criterion(i) - The architectural forms represent a masterpiece of human creative genius. Criterion(ii) - It is veritable experimental laboratory depicting the various phases and development of south Indian architecture. Criterion(iii) - The adopta	It is being checked.	It is being regularly monitored	Continuous	Archaeological Survey of India	As the World Heritage Property is situated on the coast line erosion and siltation is a continuous process. Regular action is taken to remove the siltation.

## 5.2. Summary - Management Needs

### 5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones					
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
4.1.1	There is a need for a buffer zone	The buffer zone is being identified.	Will be taken up shortly.	Archaeological Survey of India.	No comments.
4.1.4	The boundaries of the World Heritage property are not known by local residents / communities / landowners	Awareness is being created.	Continuous	Archaeological Survey of India.	Awareness is being created locally.
4.3 Management System / Management Plan					
4.3.4	No management system / plan is currently in place	Management plan is under preparation.	It will be shortly taken up.	Archaeological Survey of India.	A management plan will be prepared.
4.3.5	No management system in place	The management system is being prepared.	It will be shortly taken up.	Archaeological Survey of India.	On preparation of the management plan, the management system will be put in place.
4.3.10	There is little or no contact with industry regarding management	The is no need.	Static	Archaeological Survey of India.	Industry like forestry, mining, agriculture does not exist near this World Heritage Property.
4.7 Visitor Management					
4.7.6	Fees collected makes no contribution to the management of the property	Government policy.	Continuous	Archaeological Survey of India.	It is a policy of the Government of India.

### 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

This World Heritage 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	Very 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

The World Heritage status of the property has created awareness of its heritage value.

#### 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

A complete questionnaire covering all aspects of the property.

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

UNESCO	Good
State Party Representative	Very good
Advisory Body	Fair

#### 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 property's Outstanding Universal Value
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	Not Applicable

#### 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

The Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise is good.