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1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Taj Mahal

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

India

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

252

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List 1983

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)		Total (ha)	Inscription year
Taj Mahal	27.174 / 78.042	0	0	0	1983
Total (ha)			0		

Comment

Geographic information table Name Coordinates (longitude / latitude) Property (ha) Buffer zone (ha) Total (ha) Inscription year Taj Mahal 27.10.23/78.02.31 17 166 183 1983

1.4 - Map(s)

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

Archaeological Survey of India

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

 Superintending Archaeologist Archaeological Survey of India

Comment

Superintending Archaeologist Address: Archaeological Survey of India, Agra Circle, 22, Mall Road, Agra - 282001(U.P.) India Telephone 0562-2227261-63-64 Fax 0562-2227262 Email: circleagr.asi@gmail.com

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

- 1. <u>1001wonders.org : visit this site in</u> panophotographies - 360 x 180 degree images
- 2. <u>View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection</u>
- 3. <u>World Heritage in India (Archaeological Survey of India)</u>
- 4. <u>Moghal Gardens (World Heritage Review)</u>

Comment

www.asi.nic.in

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

Comment

1.The Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, 1904 (7 of 1904) 2.The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (24 of 1958) 3.The Ancient Monuments

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and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules, 1959 4.The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation), Act, 2010 (10 of 2010)

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

The Draft Statement of Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value has been sent to the World Heritage Center, through the Director General, Archaeological Survey of India (Nodal Agency for the State Party) for review and adoption.

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

(i)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

Criteria (i): Taj Mahal represents the finest architectural and artistic achievement through perfect harmony and excellent craftsmanship in a whole range of Indo-Islamic sepulchral architecture. It is a master piece of architectural style in conception, treatment and execution, all alike.

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

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

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

1. An area of 10,400 sq km around the Taj Mahal is defined as Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ) by prohibiting use of coal/coke in industries located in TTZ. 2. A green belt on the reclaimed land of the Yamuana is proposed .

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impa	ct		Origin
3.1	Buildin	gs and	Devel	opment	
3.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	(1)				E
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities	①			9	3
3.2	Transp	ortatio	n Infra	structur	
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure	(1)			4	E
3.2.2 Air transport infrastructure					Œ
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	0		A		S.
3.3	Service	s Infra	struct	ures	
3.3.2 Renewable energy facilities	①				E
3.3.5 Major linear utilities					E
3.4	Pollutio	on			
3.4.2 Ground water pollution					E
3.4.3 Surface water pollution					5
3.4.4 Air pollution				9	S.
3.4.5 Solid waste			A		S.
3.7	Local c	onditio	ns aff	ecting pl	nysical fabric
3.7.1 Wind				9	3
3.7.5 Dust					E
3.8	Social/	cultura	luses	of herita	ge
3.8.1 Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	0			(•
3.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	(1)		Ą		G
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation				9	@
3.9	Other h	uman	activiti	ies	
3.9.1 Illegal activities			A		C
3.9.5 Terrorism					9
3.11	Sudder	ecolo	gical c	r geolog	ical events
3.11.2 Earthquake				4	(F
3.11.6 Fire (widlfires)				9	F
3.13		ement a		stitution	al factors
3.13.1 Low impact research / monitoring activities	0		9		•
3.13.3 Management activities	0		Ą		• (5)
Legend Current Potential Negative Positive	Insid	le	(Outsi	de

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

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	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	•		Trend		
				response			
Services Infrastructures							
Major linear utilities	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	decreasing		
Pollution							
Ground water pollution	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static		
Surface water pollution	restricted	one off or rare	minor	medium capacity	decreasing		
Solid waste	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	decreasing		
Local conditions affecting physical fall	oric						
Dust	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	decreasing		
Other human activities							
	Services Infrastructures Major linear utilities Pollution Ground water pollution Surface water pollution Solid waste Local conditions affecting physical fall	Major linear utilities restricted Pollution Ground water pollution localised Surface water pollution restricted Solid waste localised Local conditions affecting physical fabric Dust localised	Services Infrastructures Major linear utilities restricted one off or rare Pollution Ground water pollution localised intermittent or sporadic Surface water pollution restricted one off or rare Solid waste localised intermittent or sporadic Local conditions affecting physical fabric Dust localised intermittent or sporadic	Services Infrastructures Major linear utilities restricted one off or rare insignificant Pollution Ground water pollution localised intermittent or sporadic minor Surface water pollution restricted one off or rare minor Solid waste localised intermittent or sporadic minor Local conditions affecting physical fabric Dust localised intermittent or sporadic minor	Services Infrastructures Major linear utilities restricted one off or rare insignificant medium capacity Pollution Ground water pollution localised intermittent or sporadic minor medium capacity Surface water pollution restricted one off or rare minor medium capacity Solid waste localised intermittent or sporadic minor high capacity Local conditions affecting physical fabric Dust localised intermittent or sporadic minor medium capacity		

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	Spatial scale	Temporal scale		Management response	Trend
3.9.1 Illegal activities	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	high capacity	decreasing

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

3.17.1 - Comments

No 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

The boundaries of the property are well defined by its enclosure wall. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, has directed for no use of pollution emission vehicular traffic within the 500m. periphery of the property and development of green belt around the monuments for pollution free environment which is being implemented and monitored.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

The Taj Mahal has been notified as a Centrally Protected Monument of national importance under the "Ancient Monuments, Sites and Remains Act", 1958. Rules to the Act were formulated in 1959 provide for its implementation. A significant amendment to the provisions of the Act was made in 1992

Comment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There is **excellent** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property

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

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Conservation Assistant (Site Manager) supervises the management and administration of the property under the guidance of the Superintending Archaeologist of the Agra Circle. ASI is responsible for

- Administration of the site.
- Carrying out the repairs, restoration, maintenance and conservation work.

Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has been made responsible for internal as well as external security of the site. Agra Development Authority is responsible for

- · Drinking water outlets.
- · Bus service from Agra Fort to Taj Mahal
- · Maintenance of security lights.

Comment

The above mentioned information is validated except that "Bus service from Agra Fort to Taj Mahal" is no longer responsibility of ASI.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

A site management plan was prepared for Taj Mahal in 2003, but as per Committee decision a common integrated management plan for Taj Mahal and Agra Fort is to be prepared.

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

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

4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value 2

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

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

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

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

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

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

Local communities / residents	Fair
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Fair
Landowners	Not applicable
Visitors	Good

Researchers Good Tourism industry Good Industry Not applicable

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 **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

The Government of India enacted the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation), Act, 2010 (10 of 2010) with more stringent provisions. In the new act there is enhancement in the penalty and punishment for violation of the provisions in connection with illegal constructions in prohibited and regulated area.

4.4. Financial and Human Resources

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

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Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	
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)

Title	Year	Amount	Link to source
C, Mission pollution Taj Mahal	1995	17865.00	(Car
Total		17865	

Comment

Title Year Amount Conservation of Taj Mahal and other monuments at Agra 2006 13950.00 Total: 20,000 dollars

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 mediumterm and planning is underway to secure funding in the longterm

4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?

There is a **major flow** of economic benefits to local communities from activities in and around the World Heritage property

4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?

There are 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

There is sufficient funds available for the purpose.

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	100%
Seasonal	

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

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Paid					100%
Volunteer					

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

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

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

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

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

Not applicable.

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

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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

I.CBRI,Feb, 2007. Interim Report on Comprehensive Geotechnical & Structural Investigations of Taj Mahal. II.CBRI,Dec, 2007. Project Report on Comprehensive Investigations of Taj Mahal. III.Dayalan,D2009. Taj Mahal and its Conservation.Delhi. IV. Pradhan A, DDayalan, SKSharma,RKSingh & A.Bhargava .2009. 'Recent Archaeological Investigations at Taj Mahal' in P.Chennareddy Ed Saundaryashri.

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

Periodic surveys are being conducted to access the verticality of the minarets and structural stability of the Taj Mahal at regular basis through the expert agencies like Geodetic branch of Survey of India, Dehradun and Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee. The results shows that the monument is structurally stable and sound.

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	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Excellent
Local landowners	Not applicable
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	Excellent
Information booths	Adequate
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Excellent
Information materials	Excellent
Transportation facilities	Excellent
Other	Excellent

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

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	Decreasing
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

For facilitating visitor's smooth entry a common entry ticket has introduced from 30th December, 2009. The entry tickets are now available throughout the country at different outlets. Further, to facilitate smooth entry of the visitor's the number of rows for frisking has been increased at western and eastern gates entry points from October, 2010. However, these arrangements in place shall be dovetailed with the Site Management Plan.

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**

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

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

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

The fee is collected, and makes **some 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

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	Excellent
Local communities	Excellent
Researchers	Excellent
NGOs	Average
Industry	Excellent
Local indigenous peoples	Excellent

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
- 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

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		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / commen
3.3	Services Infras	tructures					
3.3.5	Major linear utilities	None	Linear powerlines outside the property is going to be underground	Torrent Power Ltd is monitoring the project	2 years	State Government of UP	No comments
3.4	Pollution			•	•	•	
3.4.2	Ground water pollution	None	There	Regular Monitoring is carried out by Ground Water Polution Control Board	N/A	Ground Water Polution Control Board	No comments
3.4.3	Surface water pollution	None	Regular monitoring	Yamuna Action Plan Board monitor regularly	On going	Yamuna Action Plan Board	No comments
3.4.5	Solid waste	None	N/A	Regular	On going	Archaeological Survey of India and Nagar Nigam Agra	No comments
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.5	Dust	None	N/A	Regularly monitored	On going	State Government of UP	No comments
3.9	Other human a	ctivities		·			
3.9.1	Illegal activities	None	N/A	Regular	On going	Archaeological Survey of India	No comments

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

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

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **preserved**

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is intact

5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.4.1 - Comments

No additional comments. The SOC report has already been submitted.

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

Very positive
Very positive
Very positive
Positive
Positive
Positive
Very positive
Positive
Very positive
Not applicable
Very 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

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

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

Some options of anwers are not close to the reality that needs to be expressed regarding the property.

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 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

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UNESCO	Excellent
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 Draft Statement of Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value has been sent to the World Heritage Center, through the Director General, Archaeological Survey of India (Nodal Agency for the State Party) for review and adoption.

• Geographic Information Table

Reason for update: Geographic information table Name Coordinates (longitude / latitude) Property (ha) Buffer zone (ha) Total (ha) Inscription year Taj Mahal 27.10.23/78.02.31 17 166 183 1983

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

Question no. 4.9 is not automatically generated even after selecting the negative and current issues.