

**1. World Heritage Property Data**

**1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property**

Soltaniyeh

**1.2 - World Heritage Property Details**

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

- Iran (République islamique d')

**Type of Property**

culturel

**Identification Number**

1188


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

2005

**1.3 - Geographic Information Table**

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Soltaniyeh Dome , Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36.434 / 48.796	14.8	0	14.8	2005
Seh Tappeh , Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36.464 / 48.786	0.35	3.48	3.83	2005
Tappeh Qal'eh , Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36.454 / 48.783	5.9	21.9	27.8	2005
Karvanganh , Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36.448 / 48.83	1.2	21.6	22.8	2005
Chelebi Oghlu , Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36.431 / 48.786	0.28	7.04	7.32	2005
Qush Khaneh , Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36.421 / 48.789	1.47	3.5	4.97	2005
Mollah Hassan Kashi Tomb , Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36.418 / 48.795	0.05	2.5	2.55	2005
Ruins and kilns , Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36.419 / 48.799	1.23	31.42	32.65	2005
Tappeh Dur , Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36.439 / 48.783	0.3	258.28	258.58	2005
Emamzadeh Dur , Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36.438 / 48.783	0.006	0	0.006	2005
Fenjanabad , Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36.437 / 48.811	3.42	0	3.42	2005
Tappeh Nur Kuchak (not marked but the only unmarked site is 303300 4033850) , Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36.43 / 48.806	1.2	0	1.2	2005
Tappeh Nur (TombTower) , Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36.427 / 48.802	1.8	0	1.8	2005
Soltaniyeh pasture including Mostafa Khan site , Iran (Islamic Republic of)	36.444 / 48.817	758.14	0	758.14	0
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>790.146</b>	<b>349.72</b>	<b>1139.866</b>	

**1.4 - Map(s)**

Title	Date	Link to source
Soltaniyeh	10/02/2005	

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

**Comment**

Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicraft and Tourism Organization (ICHHTO)

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

- Alireza Razeghi

**Comment**

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

1. [Patrimonium-mundi.org](http://Patrimonium-mundi.org) : [visitez les sites en panophotographies, des images sphériques immersives et interactives](#)

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

**Comment**

This world heritage sites has been already registered on the Iranian cultural heritage inventory. Therefore, it is protected under all national and international laws concerning cultural heritage properties.

**2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value**

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

**Comment**

Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for this property has been sent to the above mentioned Email address " wh-periodicreporting@unesco.org" from the following Email address on 25th July 2011: medhi\_keramatfar@yahoo.com

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

(ii)(iii)(iv)

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

Please refer to the file addressed in question 2.1 since the explanation for attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion spaces more than 500 characters.

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

The previous version of SOUV was not accepted by the WHC. However, the recently submitted SOUV addressed in question 2.1 indicates revisions made according to the WHC advice.

**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)**

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

Name	Impact	Origin
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>	
3.1.1 Housing		
3.1.2 Commercial development		
3.1.3 Industrial areas		
3.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure		
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities		
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>	
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure		
<b>3.6</b>	<b>Physical resource extraction</b>	
3.6.2 Quarrying		
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>	
3.7.1 Wind		
3.7.2 Relative humidity		
3.7.3 Temperature		
3.7.5 Dust		
3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)		
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>	
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation		
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>	
3.10.6 Temperature change		
<b>3.12</b>	<b>Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species</b>	
3.12.2 Invasive/alien terrestrial species		
<b>3.13</b>	<b>Management and institutional factors</b>	
3.13.1 Low impact research / monitoring activities		
3.13.3 Management activities		
<b>Legend</b>	Current	Potential
	Negative	Positive
	Inside	Outside

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events				
3.10.6	Temperature change	extensive	frequent	minor	medium capacity
					static

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

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

The region where the property is located in faces great temperature changes specially in winters. This thread might affect on the stones and tiles and conservation measures often take place to control the effects.

## 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

### 4.2. Protective Measures

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

##### Comment

The property is state owned through the Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicraft and Tourism Organization (ICHTTO). The property is protected as a national monument on the basis of the Iranian Law on the Conservation of National Monuments (1982) which restricts interventions to the cultural heritage administrations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Although, there has been a great interest in urban development due to the tourist attraction of the site but, the administrators have been still able to control the pressure.

### 4.3. Management System / Management Plan

#### 4.3.1 - Management System

##### Comment

Please refer to page 31-section 4 of the nomination document.

#### 4.3.2 - Management Documents

##### Comment

Comprehensive plan for the exemplary touristic site of Soltaniyeh, Ma'ab Consultants, 2008

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

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

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

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

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

The management system is **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	Fair
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Fair
Landowners	Fair
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 **directly contribute** to some decisions relating to management

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

Indigenous peoples directly contribute to **some decisions** relating to management but their involvement could be improved

**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**

There is a new version of the management plan been prepared in 2011 and will be soon issued for adoption.

**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

**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 has been no international assistance yet received from the World Heritage Fund.

**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 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 **some** adequate equipment and facilities, but deficiencies in at least one key area **constrain** management at the World Heritage property

**4.4.7 - Are resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure adequately maintained?**

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

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

transferred to those managing the property locally **but most of the technical work is carried out by external staff**

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

Full-time	100%
Part-time	0%

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

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

Permanent	0%
Seasonal	100%

**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**

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

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

**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

**4.4.12 - 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.

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

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

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

**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**

- Assessment and planning of the possible possible plans for reorganization of the touristic routs of the site including the vast corezone of Soltaniyeh world heritage site, Soltaniyeh ICHHTO base, 2010. - Functional analysis of the touristic and public elements based on comparison of "the town touristic functional potentials" with the "classified characteristics nessesary for tourism",

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

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

More publications are accesible by contacting the site administration.

**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

**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	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Average
Local Indigenous peoples	Excellent

Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Excellent
Tourism industry	Excellent
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 planned education and awareness programme but it only **partly meets the needs** and could be improved

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

World Heritage status has 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	Excellent
Site museum	Excellent
Information booths	Excellent
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Excellent
Information materials	Excellent
Transportation facilities	Excellent
Other	Adequate

**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	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Static

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

Entry tickets and registries
Visitor surveys

**4.7.3 - Visitor management documents**

**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, 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	Average
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Excellent
NGOs	Poor
Industry	Poor
Local indigenous peoples	Average

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

Implementation is **complete**



**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

	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>					
<b>3.10.6</b>	<b>Temperature change</b> Since the cold temperature challenges the resistance and stability of the architectural elements, it might affect all submitted criterion.	Conservation measures take place in order to preserve the structures.	the stability of structure are daily monitored by the specialists.	Monthly and annual reports are prepared highlighting the effected areas. Based on the surveyed information, the conservation plan will take place.	ICHHTO site administration is responsible to implement the conservation job.	.

### 5.2. Summary - Management Needs

#### 5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

Answers provided have not outlined any serious management need.

**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**

**6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise**

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

Conservation	Very positive
Research and monitoring	Very positive
Management effectiveness	Very positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Very positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Very positive
Funding for the property	Very positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Very positive
Legal / Policy framework	Very positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Very positive
Security	Very positive
Other (please specify)	Very positive

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

The world heritage nomination of this property has considerably enhanced awareness on the people and attracted their attention to the site.

**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

External experts
Advisory bodies

**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**

There are some character limits for a few fields that need to be filled by long explanations. It is not possible to summarize some fields to fit in less than 500 characters.

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

UNESCO	Very good
State Party Representative	Good
Advisory Body	Very 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	Excellent
State Party	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Excellent
Advisory Bodies	Excellent

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

**• Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**

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