

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

#### Comment

Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine and its Cultural Landscape

### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

#### Comment

state party:Japan Type of Property:cultural Identification  
Number:1246 Year of inscription: 2007

### 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

#### Comment

Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine and its Cultural Landscape 35° 6' 26", 132° 26' 15" property: 442. 4\_\_ Buffer zone: 3, 22\_\_ 59 inscription year:2007

### 1.4 - Map(s)

#### Comment

as per nomination file

### 1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

#### Comment

The Agency for Cultural Affairs 3-2-2 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8959 TEL: +81-3-5253-4111 FAX: +81-3-6734-3822

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

#### Comment

MANO Daisuke World Heritage Office,Cultural Properties Division, Shimane Prefectural Board of Education

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

#### Comment

<http://www.ginzan.city.ohda.lg.jp/> <http://www.iwamigin.jp/>

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

#### Comment

## 2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

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

#### Comment

Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine pioneered the development of silver mines in pre-Modern Asia. It had contributed to exchange of values between East and West by achieving the large-scale production of high quality silver through the development of the Asian cupellation techniques transferred from China through Korea and the Japanese unique assemblage of numerous labor-intensive small businesses based upon manual techniques in the 16th century. The exceptional ensemble, consisting of mining archaeological sites, settlements, fortresses, transportation routes, and shipping ports represents distinctive land use related to silver mining activities. As the resource of silver ore was exhausted, its

production came to an end, leaving behind, in the characteristically rich nature, a cultural landscape that had been developed in relation to the silver mine.

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

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

Criterion (ii): During the Age of Discovery, in the 16th and early 17th centuries, the large production of silver by the Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine resulted in significant commercial and cultural exchanges between Japan and the trading countries of East Asia and Europe. Criterion (iii): Technological developments in metal mining and production in Japan resulted in the evolution of a successful system based on small-scale, labor-intensive units covering the entire range of skills from digging to refining. The political and economic isolation of Japan during the Edo Period (1603 to 1868) impeded the introduction of technologies developed in Europe during the Industrial Revolution and this, coupled with the exhaustion of commercially viable silver-ore deposits, resulted in the cessation of mining activities by traditional technologies in the area in the second half of the 19th century, leaving the site with well-preserved archaeological traces of those activities. Criterion (v): The abundant traces of silver production, such as mines, smelting and refining sites, transportation routes, and port facilities, that have survived virtually intact in the Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine Site, are now concealed to a large extent by the mountain forests that have reclaimed the landscape. The resulting relict landscape, which includes the surviving settlements of the people related to the silver production, bears dramatic witness to historic land-uses of outstanding universal value.

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

nothing in particular

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

nothing in particular

## 3. Factors Affecting the Property

### 3.14. Other factor(s)

#### 3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

nothing in particular

### 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						
3.1.3 Industrial areas						
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities						
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>					
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure						
3.2.3 Marine transport infrastructure						
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure						
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>					
3.3.4 Localised utilities						
3.3.5 Major linear utilities						
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>					
3.4.1 Pollution of marine waters						
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>					
3.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community						
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation						
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>					
3.11.2 Earthquake						
3.11.3 Tsunami/tidal wave						
3.11.4 Avalanche/ landslide						
<b>3.12</b>	<b>Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species</b>					
3.12.1 Translocated 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

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	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>				
3.1.1 <b>Housing</b>	localised	on-going	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.1.3 <b>Industrial areas</b>	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	static
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>				
3.2.1 <b>Ground transport infrastructure</b>	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	static
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>				
3.3.4 <b>Localised utilities</b>	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	decreasing
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>				
3.8.6 <b>Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation</b>	restricted	one off or rare	insignificant	medium capacity	decreasing

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

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

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

### 4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

#### 4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is a buffer zone

#### 4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

#### 4.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

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

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

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

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **known** by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

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

Construction of an expressway in the buffer zone has led to the destruction of a portion of an archaeological site (Nashinokizaka site, which has no relation to the WH OUV). The Shimane Prefectural Board of Education has consulted with the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) and other relevant organizations. As a result of these discussions, the MLIT has made alterations to the scope of the expressway construction project and the methods of construction in order to minimize damage to the site and enable its future utilization.

### 4.2. Protective Measures

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

##### Comment

Based on the provisions of the Act for the Protection of Cultural Properties (1950) the property has been designated an important culture property (Article 27), a historic site (Article 109) and as an important preservation district for groups of historic buildings (Article 142).

#### 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

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

nothing in particular

### 4.3. Management System / Management Plan

#### 4.3.1 - Management System

##### Comment

In principle, the preservation, management, repair and public display of these constituent assets are to be carried out as appropriate by the owners or the managing entity (Oda City). The constituent assets are variously owned by the national

prefectural, and city governments, corporate entities, and private individuals. A comprehensive preservation and management plan for the property has been drafted by Shimane Prefecture and Oda City.

#### 4.3.2 - Management Documents

##### Comment

A Comprehensive Preservation and Management Plan for Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine and Its Cultural Landscape; A Management and Preservation Plan for Iwami Ginzan Historic Site; A Preservation Plan for the Oda City Omori Ginzan Preservation District for Historic Buildings; Preservation and Management Plan for Oda City Yunotsu Preservation District for Historic Buildings

#### 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 being **fully** implemented and monitored

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

**No annual work / action plan** exists

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

Local communities / residents	Fair
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
Visitors	Fair
Researchers	Fair
Tourism industry	Fair
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 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 need to actively promote the participation of local communities and their residents in preservation and management.

#### 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

not applicable

### 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)	13%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	18%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	69%
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)

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

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

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

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

Many local residents live within the World Heritage site. Increased support is needed for the financial aspects involved in preserving the site and maintaining local communities.

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

Full-time	70%
Part-time	30%

**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	80%
Volunteer	20%

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

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

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

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

Further enhancement of the management system as well as human resources training are needed.

**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 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**

Oda City Board of Education, Summary of Archaeological Research at Iwami Ginzan, nos. 17–19 (2010–12); Shimane Prefectural Board of Education/Oda City Board of Education, Report on Research on Stone Structures at the Iwami Ginzan Site, nos. 8–10 (2010–12); Shimane Prefectural Board of

Education, Report on Historical and Bibliographical Research on Iwami Ginzan, IV-V; Shimane Prefectural Board of

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

Scientific studies and research projects are still inadequate in certain areas, and efforts must be made to secure additional human resources.

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

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

In one location and easily visible to visitors

##### 4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups

Local communities / residents	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Poor
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 planned education and awareness programme but it only **partly meets the needs** and could be improved

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

World Heritage status has influenced education, information and awareness building activities, **but it could be improved**

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

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is adequately presented and interpreted **but improvements could be made**

##### 4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property

Visitor centre	Adequate
Site museum	Adequate
Information booths	Adequate
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Poor
Information materials	Poor
Transportation facilities	Poor
Other	Poor

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

From FY 2010–2012, the Shimane Prefectural Board of Education has distributed study materials on the World Heritage to elementary and middle schools in the prefecture. The Iwami Ginzan World Heritage Center is also working actively to encourage field trips from elementary and middle schools. In addition, beginning in FY 2011, the NPO Iwami Ginzan Cooperative Council has begun to make funding available to elementary and middle schools in Oda City from its Iwami Ginzan Foundation project in order to provide assistance for experiential education at Iwami Ginzan.

#### 4.7. Visitor Management

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

Last year	Decreasing
Two years ago	Static
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Static
Five years ago	Static

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

Entry tickets and registries
Accommodation establishments
Transportation services
Tourism industry
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 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, 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

Cooperation of the tourist industry must be sought in order to accurately convey to visitors the Outstanding Universal Value of the site.

#### 4.8. Monitoring

##### 4.8.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

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

##### 4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is sufficient and key indicators have been defined but **monitoring the status of indicators could be improved**

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

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Average
Local communities	Poor
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Not applicable
Industry	Poor
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

##### 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

Appropriate preservation and management is being conducted on the basis of the system established by the basic policies set forth in the comprehensive plan. The Iwami Ginzan World Heritage Center has been established as a key facility for education and tourism, and satellite facilities are presently underway in other areas of the property (Tomogaura). The historic structures (buildings and other structures) within the preservation district for groups of important historic buildings are being systematically preserved and maintained on an annual basis.

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

The number of researchers in each field of specialization involved in monitoring needs to be increased.

#### 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

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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>						
3.1.1	<b>Housing</b>	Exerts an impact on the "enduring landscape" of the community	A program of assistance for port communities is presently being studied	Collecting information and studying response measures.	Ongoing	National, prefectural, and city governments and local residents	None
3.1.3	<b>Industrial areas</b>						
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>						
3.2.1	<b>Ground transport infrastructure</b>						
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>						
3.3.4	<b>Localised utilities</b>	杖跡堀文化的景観に影響を及ぼす	事剽訖議度より設置箇所を正しく個所を誘導し、整備する	事剽訖議度より対応を要する。	随時	大田市	
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>						
3.8.6	<b>Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation</b>						

### 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.



Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff
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### 5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

#### 5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

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

#### 5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is **intact**

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

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

#### 5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

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

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

#### 5.4.1 - Comments

The property is maintained in an excellent 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	No impact
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	No impact
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	No impact
Political support for conservation	No impact
Legal / Policy framework	No impact
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	No impact
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

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

The integrity of the conservation effort has been enhanced by inscription as a World Heritage site.

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

Governmental institution responsible for the property
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#### 6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?

no

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

We would like to see the range of possible responses expanded somewhat.

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

UNESCO	Fair
State Party Representative	Fair
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

Monitoring and reporting
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#### 6.9 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

UNESCO	Not Applicable
State Party	Not Applicable
Site Managers	Not Applicable
Advisory Bodies	Not Applicable

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

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##### • Geographic Information Table

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property: 4 4 2 . 4 \_\_ Buffer zone: 3 , 2 2 \_\_ . 5 9  
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• **Map(s)**

Reason for update: as per nomination file

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

The questions in the Periodic Reporting Exercise provide a comprehensive index of factors affecting the OUV of the World Heritage site. This Assessment provided an excellent opportunity to review the current state of preservation and management.