#### 1. World Heritage Property Data

#### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Phoenix Islands Protected Area

#### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

KiribatiAsia and the PacificnaturelMarine & coastal13252010

#### 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

-3.6497222222-172.8575000000 40825000.0000

#### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Map of inscribed property	20/01/2009	

### 1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

#### Comment

Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture Development.

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

Tukabu Teroroko
 Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development
 IPA Director

#### Comment

All information are correct except title for Tukabu Teroroko which is PIPA Director (not IPA)

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

#### Comment

website for PIPA is: www.phoenixislands.org

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

In general: - Convention on Biological Diversity; International Conventions concerning Fisheries, Marine Pollution, IMO.

#### 2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

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

#### Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

**Brief Synthesis** 

As a vast expanse of largely pristine mid-ocean environment, replete with a suite of largely intact uninhabited atolls, truly an oceanic wilderness, the Phoenix Islands Protected Area (PIPA) (408,250 sq km), the largest marine protected area in the Pacific, is globally exceptional and as such is a superlative natural phenomenon of global importance.

PIPA contains an outstanding collection of large submerged volcanoes, presumed extinct, rising direct from the extensive deep sea floor with an average depth of more than 4,500 metres and a maximum depth of over 6,000 metres. Included are no less than 14 recognised seamounts, submerged mountains that don't penetrate to the surface. The collection of atolls and reef islands represent coral reef capping on 8 other

volcanic mountains that approach the surface. The large bathymetric range of the submerged seamount landscape provides depth defined habitat types fully representative of the mid oceanic biota.

Due to its great isolation, PIPA occupies a unique position in the biogeography of the Pacific as a critical stepping stone habitat for migratory and pelagic/planktonic species and for ocean currents in the region. PIPA embraces the full range of marine environments in this area and displays high levels of marine abundance as well as the full spectrum of age and size cohorts, increasingly rare in the tropics, and especially in the case of apex predator fish, sea turtles, sea birds, corals, giant clams, and coconut crabs, many of which have been depleted elsewhere. The overall marine tropic dynamics for these island communities across this archipelago are better functioning (relatively intact) compared with other island systems where human habitation and exploitation has significantly altered the environment. The complete representation of ocean and island environments and their connectivity, the remoteness and naturalness are important attributes which contribute to the outstanding universal value.

Criterion (vii): PIPA, an oceanic wilderness, is sufficiently remote and inhospitable to human colonisation as to be exceptional in terms of the minimal evidence of the impacts of human activities both on the atolls and in the adjacent seas. PIPA is a very large protected area, a vast wilderness domain where nature prevails and man is but an occasional visitor. PIPA is distinguished by containing a large suite of seamounts complete with a broad expanse of contextual abyssal plain with a natural phenomenon of global significance. The essentially pristine environment, outstanding underwater clarity, the spectacle of large groups of charismatic aquatic animals (e.g. bumphead parrotfish, Napolean wrasse, surgeonfishes, parrotfishes, groupers, maori wrasse, sharks, turtles, dolphins, manta rays, giant clams) in quantities rarely found elsewhere in the world, aesthetically outstanding coral reef features (e.g. giant clams, large coral heads) together with the spectacle of huge concentrations of seabirds on remote atolls, makes PIPA a truly kaleidoscopic natural "oceanscape" exhibiting exceptional natural beauty of global

**Criterion (ix):** With its rich biota, as a known breeding site for numerous nomadic, migratory and pelagic marine and terrestrial species, and the known and predicted high level of biodiversity and endemicity associated with these isolated mid-ocean atolls, submerged reefs and seamounts, PIPA makes an outstanding contribution to ongoing ecological and biological processes in the evolution and development of global marine ecosystems and communities of plants and animals.

PIPA has exceptional value as a natural laboratory for the study and understanding of the significant ongoing ecological and biological processes in the evolution and development of marine ecosystems of the Pacific, the world's largest ocean, indeed all oceans. PIPA is of crucial scientific importance in identifying and monitoring the processes of sea level change, growth rates and age of reefs and reef builders, (both geologically and historically) and in evaluating effects from climate change.

Integrity

PIPA's boundaries are clearly defined. The boundaries are mostly straight lines with some adjustments to the boundaries to align with the Exclusive Economic Zone (200NM) of Kiribati. There are various clearly delimited zones within PIPA as described in the Management Plan. PIPA's large size and full inclusion of oceanic and island habitats in this area and coverage of numerous examples of key habitats (coral reefs, islands, seamounts) together with its predominantly natural state give exceptional conservation importance. Despite some human impacts (fishing, invasive species) the integrity of the

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property and oceanic ecosystems processes at scale are globally outstanding for island archipelagos and most other tropical marine environments found worldwide. Protection and Management requirements PIPA is a highly protected area fully legally established under the PIPA Regulations 2008. These regulations include provision of a management plan and clear permitting processes and rules for activities allowable within the site. The 2010-2014 PIPA Management Plan, endorsed by Kiribati's cabinet in 2009 is under implementation. Management capacity and success is steadily building and Kiribati is using a "whole of government approach with partners" to ensure a management system that is sustainable and suitable to the circumstances of a small developing state. Of particular note is the success in capture and fining of illegal fishing vessels and in the removal of invasive species from globally important islands for seabird conservation.

For long term sustainability Kiribati and its partners are committed to a PIPA Trust Fund. The Fund's legislation, the Board and by-laws are all now in place and 2.5 million USD secured for the endowment with fundraising now a primary focus. Kiribati has recognized the need to further build management capacity, particularly for surveillance and enforcement, and continues to do so through site, national, regional and bilateral partnerships. The link to the Nauru Agreement (8 Pacific Island States) to manage tuna fishing in the region are important and provide, through license provisions, the first active linkage to management of the neighbouring high seas for a World Heritage site. Kiribati licenses for fishing in the Kiribati EEZ, including PIPA, is only allowable if the licensee agrees not to fish in the adjacent high seas. This is enforceable through the mandatory 100% observer coverage.

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

(vii)(ix)

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

## 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)

Management of current invasive species (rodent) present on the PIPA Islands.

### 3.15. Factors Summary Table

### 3.15.1 - Factors summary table

					Name	Impact		Origin
3.9		Other human activities						
3.9.1 Illegal	activities				<b>①</b>	A		<b>E</b>
3.12					Invasive/a	alien species	or hyper-abunda	ant species
3.12.2 Inva	sive/alien terrestrial	species			0	<b>A</b>	•	
Legend	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	•	Inside	Outsid	е

### 3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

### 3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

No factor is both current and negative.

# 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

#### 4.2. Protective Measures

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

The Phoenix Islands Protected Area (PIPA) was created by the Phoenix Islands Protected Area

Regulations 2008 under the Environment Act 1999 – these regulations are currently in-force in the area. The regulations seek to clearly delineate the boundaries of the PIPA, establish the PIPA Management Committee and seek to ensure that a Management Plan is in place for PIPA. A number

of measures are prescribed for the longer-term management of PIPA. Essentially all activities within PIPA require a permit as stipulated under the Regulations.

#### Comment

Management Plan for PIPA is already in place.

# 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

#### 4.3. Management System / Management Plan

#### 4.3.1 - Management System

### 4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available		Link to source
Management Plan December2009	N/A	Available	01/12/2009	Œ

#### Comment

PHOENIX ISLANDS PROTECTED AREA KIRIBATI Management Plan 2010-2014

# 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	Not applicable
Indigenous peoples	Fair
Landowners	Not applicable
Visitors	Fair
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Fair
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?

**No local communities** are resident in or living near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

# 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

**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

The eight islands in PIPA are owned by the Government of Kiribati

# 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)

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Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	48.2%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	25.8%
Governmental (National / Federal)	4.1%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	21.7%
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	0.2%

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

#### Comment

PIPA has not received from the World Heritage Fund since after it was inscribed. PIPA definitely need assistance 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 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)?

**Potential** economic benefits are recognised and plans to realise these are being developed

## 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 PIPA Office in Tarawa where the PIPA Management Committee usually meet to decide on the proper conservation and management of the "PIPA values" is well maintained. This also applies the Kiribati Patrol Boat which often goes on slip for maintenance work on an annual basis. Housing is also

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available to government workers on the PIPA main island-Kanton (pop.around 30 people only with the Police Officer acting as the Officer in Charge on the island).

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

Full-time	33%
Part-time	67%

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

Permanent	33%
Seasonal	67%

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

Paid	33%
Volunteer	67%

### 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	Fair
Promotion	Good
Community outreach	Good
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Good
Conservation	Fair
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Not applicable
Tourism	Good
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	High
Community outreach	Medium
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Medium
Visitor management	High
Conservation	Medium
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	Not applicable
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

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

There should be a need for more funding, more training and more involvement of staffs.

#### 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 small amount of research, but it is not planned

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

Research results are **shared widely** with the local, national and international audiences

# 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

Since PIPA is only inscribing in 2010, there are few documents, but more research is needed. Bad connection over the scattered islands in Kiribati can make the it a problem in circulating the information that have been researched.

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

Need more recording of elders possessing such traditional knowledge,information from crop agencies sent were not enough.

### 4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

# 4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property? Not displayed at all

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# 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	Average
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 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	Not provided but needed
Site museum	Not provided but needed
Information booths	Not provided but needed
Guided tours	Poor
Trails / routes	Poor
Information materials	Poor
Transportation facilities	Poor
Other	Not needed

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

There is no visitor center, but one is planned. The world heritage property was inscribed only in 2010, and information and awareness about the property is still limited and needs improving. There are plans to provide more written materials, cds and dvds, radio and tv programs, school programs and initiatives, guided tours, notice boards (emblems), museum exhibitions and public displays.

#### 4.7. Visitor Management

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

Last year	N/A
Two years ago	N/A
Three years ago	N/A
Four years ago	N/A
Five years ago	N/A

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

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### 4.7.3 - Visitor management documents Comment

Visitor management plan is now underway (process).

# 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 **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

Accomodation list is also helpful in visitor's statistics, site seeing where they need a receipt and that could be added to the key indicators to measure the trend of visitors, bird watching, game fishing.

#### 4.8. Monitoring

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Implementation is underway

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

There is an annual budget for PIPA including PIPA trust fund. Fisheries controls include game fish regulations but more is needed. Capacity building has included training workshops for community volunteers. Legal provisions to control fishing have been improved through merging of the Environment Act and the Fisheries Ordinance. More staff are required but this restricted by lack of funding.

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

Improvement for monitoring require more involvement and better coordination of representatives from Government Ministries, local communities and NGO.

#### 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

No factor is both current and negative.

### 5.2. Summary - Management Needs

#### 5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

	- Cummany	- Management Needs			
4.3 Mar	4.3 Management System / Management Plan				
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
4.3.10	There is little or no contact with industry regarding management	No actions have done so far	Undetermined/Undefined	Ministry of Environment, Agricultural and Land Development, with Ministry of Fisheries, Tourism, Cultural Division, AG's office, Ministry of Finance, and other local communities and NGOs	There are no Industries in Kiribati, only government sectors with the help of NGO's, local communities, residents, and local municipals.  There are no actions done, but there will be further consideration in the future.
4.5 Scie	entific Studies a	nd Research Projects			
4.5.2		Researches to be proposed and made known to key agencies.	Only during the time of their stay given with approval from focal point.	Ministry of Environment, Agricultural and Land Development, with Ministry of Fisheries, Tourism, Cultural Division and AG's office.	Research results can be accessible and be used for management plans. Most researchers already have fund, and need permit requirement/approval and will induce a fine (money/jail).
4.6 Edu	cation, Informat	ion and Awareness Building			
4.6.1	World Heritage emblem not displayed	No actions.	Undetermined/Undefined	Ministry of Environment, Landand Agricultural Development, Ministry of Fisheries, Cultural Division, AG's office, NGOs ar grassroot communities.	· ·
4.7 Visi	4.7 Visitor Management				
4.7.6	Fees collected makes no contribution to the management of the property		Not definite	PIPA management committee, Ministry of Environment, Lands ar Agricultural Division.	There is a need to establish one.

### 5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

#### 5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

**Not applicable** (for sites inscribed exclusively under criteria vii to x)

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

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

The property is an entirely marine area-the largest marine WH property. The vast area presents many difficulties for management including the high cost of monitoring, policing and patrolling. More than a half of the area remains unexplored and largely unknown in terms of it natural resources and features. There are limited facilities and capacity to manage the property including insufficient staff with necessary skills and lack of funding and resources such as boats, computers and GPS equipments

### 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		
Non Governmental Organization		
Indigenous peoples		
Local community		
External experts		

### 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

The Periodic Reporting is pretty straight forward and easy to understand and follow. You should be careful with all the instructions as once you miss out on something, the report may not make sense to the reader and to those reading the online reporting.

# 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	Good

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

Straight forward, understandable, easy to follow, but need careful reading of instructions. Review and input to the report

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are influenced by the internet connection on the island which at most times is unstable.