

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Historic Town of Vigan

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Philippines

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

502rev

Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1999


1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Historic Town of Vigan	17.575 / 120.388	0	0	0	1999
Total (ha)		0			

Comment

Core zone= 30.27 (ha) Buffer zone= 30.20 (ha) Total = 60.47 (ha)

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Map of Vigan	30/04/1998	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

Comment

City Government of Vigan, UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines

1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

- Eva Marie S. Medina
Vigan Conservation Council

1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. 1001wonders.org : visit this site in panophotographies - 360 x 180 degree images
2. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
3. [City of Vigan \(City Government of Vigan\)](#)

Comment

www.vigancity.gov.ph

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

Comment

none

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

A Draft SOUV has been submitted to the WH Centre last 01 February 2011 and accordingly has been submitted to the Advisory Body for its review. The State Party is awaiting its evaluation as there are minor corrections that the State Party would like to undertake on the document as it was submitted last February 2011.

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

(ii)(iv)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

For Criterion (ii): Vigan represents a unique fusion of Asian building design and construction with European colonial architecture and planning - attributes are found in influences from China and the rigid Spanish colonial gridiron street pattern layout from the Ley de las Indias. For Criterion (iv): Vigan is an exceptionally intact and well-preserved example of a European trading town in East and South-East Asia - attributes are seen in traditional industries that exist to the present

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

At the time of inscription, Vigan did not submit a Statement of Outstanding Universal Value as part of the dossier that follows the required format of UNESCO. With the new format, information conveying the OUV of Vigan will be clearly stated and incorporated in the different items (Brief Synthesis, State of Authenticity/Integrity and Protection and Management) contained in the SOUV.

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

The state of conservation of Vigan's historic core at the time of inscription has been considerably improved due to efforts of government and the private sector to restore its houses and promote Vigan as an important cultural property and culture tourist destination. Government and private sector efforts to rehabilitate the town's historic structures and to promote the revival of traditional use have increased appreciation of the value of Vigan as a distinct historic town of WH importance.










































































































































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				
3.1	Buildings and Development					
3.1.2 Commercial development	   					
3.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	   					
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities	  					
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure	    					
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	    					
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.4 Localised utilities	     					
3.3.5 Major linear utilities	     					
3.4	Pollution					
3.4.4 Air pollution	    					
3.4.5 Solid waste	   					
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1 Wind	   					
3.7.2 Relative humidity	   					
3.7.3 Temperature	   					
3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)	   					
3.7.7 Pests	   					
3.7.8 Micro-organisms	   					
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.1 Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	    					
3.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage	    					
3.8.4 Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system	   					
3.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	   					
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	    					
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.2 Deliberate destruction of heritage	   					
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1 Storms	    					
3.10.2 Flooding	    					
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.2 Earthquake	    					
3.11.3 Tsunami/tidal wave	   					
3.11.5 Erosion and siltation/ deposition	   					
3.11.6 Fire (wildfires)	    					
3.13	Management and institutional factors					
3.13.1 Low impact research / monitoring activities	    					
3.13.3 Management activities	    					
Legend	 Current	 Potential	 Negative	 Positive	 Inside	 Outside

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.2 Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.4 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	localised	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.3 Services Infrastructures					
3.3.4 Localised utilities	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
3.3.5 Major linear utilities	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
3.4 Pollution					
3.4.4 Air pollution	extensive	on-going	significant	medium capacity	decreasing
3.4.5 Solid waste	localised	on-going	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1 Wind	restricted	one off or rare	significant	medium capacity	static
3.7.2 Relative humidity	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	static
3.7.3 Temperature	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	static
3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)	extensive	frequent	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.7.7 Pests	extensive	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.7.8 Micro-organisms	extensive	frequent	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.8 Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.4 Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system	localised	on-going	significant	medium capacity	static
3.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.10 Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1 Storms	restricted	one off or rare	minor	medium capacity	decreasing
3.10.2 Flooding	restricted	one off or rare	minor	high capacity	decreasing
3.11 Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.2 Earthquake	widespread	frequent	significant	medium capacity	static
3.11.6 Fire (wildfires)	restricted	one off or rare	significant	medium capacity	static

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

3.17.1 - Comments

New technology and equipment are needed to reinforce the ancestral houses so as to withstand earthquakes, to assess the impact on dredging on the river banks and for tests to determine structural strength of ancestral houses. Need to increase capacity building of stakeholders and government to address and minimize risks from fire and earthquake.

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

Vigan is protected by legal instruments at the national level and local level. Protection is reinforced by local legislations delineating the boundaries of the historic core and buffer zones, defining the allowable uses of historic structures and open spaces within the protected zones.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

Vigan is currently protected by the following legal instruments at national level:

- Presidential Decree No 374, 1974 "Amending certain sections of ... the Cultural Properties Preservation and Protection Act;
- Presidential Decree No 756, 1975 "Amending Presidential Decree No 260 to include the Mestizo Section, the houses of Padre José Burgos and Leona Florentino in its scope";
- Presidential Decree No 1505, 1978 "Amending Presidential Decree No 260, as amended, by prohibiting the unauthorized modification, alteration, repair, and destruction of original features of all national shrines, monuments, landmarks, and other important edifices";
- Executive Order No 358, 1996 "Creating a Presidential Commission for the Restoration, Conservation and Preservation of Vigan Heritage Village."

A new "Act providing for the Protection and Preservation of Philippine Cultural Heritage ..." is shortly to come into effect.

At local level, the Ordinance No 05 "Providing for the preservation and protection of ancestral houses and other properties in Vigan, Ilocos Sur, particularly in the Mestizo Section" was promulgated in 1990 by the Municipality of Vigan. Following the 2nd International Conference on Vigan in March 1997, the following Municipal Ordinances were approved by the Sangguniang Bayan (Municipal Council):

- Ordinance No 12 "Defining the Core and Buffer Zones of the Historic Town of Vigan and the historical, educational, aesthetic, and economic parameters of its preservation and development";
- Ordinance No 14 "Providing the guidelines for the conservation of the Historic Town of Vigan."

The Council is still considering the proposed Ordinance "Creating the Conservation Authority of Vigan."

Comment

Vigan is also protected and covered by RA 10066 or the National Heritage Law of 2010

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

The City government of Vigan ensures full protection and management of the OUV of the site. The National Heritage Law of 2010 provides national protection for Vigan and its attributes,

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Comment

Vigan is protected by legal instruments in the local and national level. A management plan is in place to provide long term conservation for the site and consider appropriate development in Vigan. The Core and Buffer Zones are carefully defined so as to preserve its urban fabric and town scape. A conservation council is active to ensure that all physical interventions within the historic buildings and development plans are in conformity with the legislated conservation guidelines.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Comment

Vigan is protected by national and local legal measures such as Republic Act 4846, Presidential Decree No. 374, PD No. 756, PD No. 1505, Executive Order 358, Ordinance 05 Series of 1990, Ordinance No. 12, Series of 1997, Ordinance No. 14, Series of 1997 and Ordinance No. 07 Series of 2006. A Heritage Homeowner's Preservation Manual was published to provide guidelines based on traditional building techniques and modern scientific conservation methods, which should be used in conserving its built heritage.

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

There is coordination between the range of administrative bodies / levels involved in the management of the property but it could be improved

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

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	Good
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 directly participate in all relevant decisions relating to management, i.e. co-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 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

The site is ably managed by the City government in active collaboration with the residents of Vigan. There is good interaction and participation amongst all actors in the the conservation and management of the site.

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

There has been amendments to existing legislation related to heritage conservation including the recent publication of the Heritage Homeowners Preservation Manual for Vigan which is most useful for the residents in their work in the conservation and restoration of their particular houses.

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)	27%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	0%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	73%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0%

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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)

Title	Year	Amount	Link to source
C, Vigan	1997	8000.00	
Total		8000	

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 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?

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

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

No comment

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

Full-time	40%
Part-time	60%

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

Permanent	60%
Seasonal	40%

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

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

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

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

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

Research and monitoring	Good
Promotion	Fair
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Fair
Conservation	Good
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Fair
Tourism	Fair
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	Medium
Community outreach	Medium
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Medium
Visitor management	Medium
Conservation	High
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	Medium
Tourism	Medium
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

No comment

4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

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

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

4.5.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management

needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

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

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

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

4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report

Heritage Homeowner's Preservation Manual Vigan, UNESCO Bangkok, 2010 City of Vigan, Vigan Conservation Code, Vigan Conservation Guidelines as Amended, Ordinance No. 7 Series 2006 City of Vigan, Our Vigan, Cultural Activity Book for Young Biguenos, City Government of Vigan, 2009

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

More research and scientific studies on the attributes of the historic town, its social, architectural, aesthetic and historic fabric and the Vigan houses are desirable and would reinforce its presently strong management and conservation system. Knowledge on the values of these attributes could bring out more relevant information that could enhance and help in the conservation of the fabric.

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

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

In **many locations and easily visible** to visitors

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

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

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

Although education, information and awareness is high in this WH site, it is always desirable to continue and continuously improve on these positive efforts to ensure maximum benefits to the WH property including optimizing its benefits to its end users and visitors.

4.7. Visitor Management

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

Last year	Major Increase (100%+)
Two years ago	Major Increase (100%+)
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Minor Increase

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

Accommodation establishments
Tourism industry

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

An ordinance creating the Tourism/Investment Promotion Office enables the city to sustain and further improve the delivery of services for the benefit of Vigan's constituents. The city is also conducting monthly surveys on accommodations, establishments, occupancy rates, tourist attractions and visitors.

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

No comment

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 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	Excellent
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Excellent
Industry	Average
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

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

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

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

No comment

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

Monitoring is an important tool that ensures that the values of the site are maintained over time. Monitoring assists the site managers and users in assessing the state of conservation of the site's attributes and OUV. Regular monitoring is undertaken in the property by the City government of Vigan and its stakeholders and this will continue in the future.

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
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	It will affect Criterion (ii) because of the regular entry of heavy trucks within the core zone that will affect the fabric of the property.	Implementation of the ordinance regulating the entry of trucks in the core and buffer zone.	Monitoring to be done both at historic centre and the urbanized areas within the core zone.	present and on-going	Public Safety Division - LGU Vigan City Council - LGU Vigan The City Government is presently implementing the ordinance regulating the entry of trucks within the core zone.
3.4	Pollution					
3.4.4	Air pollution	This will affect Criterion (ii) because air pollution affects the fabric of the property.	Regulate the entry of motorized vehicles within the core zone	Monitoring is closely undertaken at the historic centre and should be done at the urbanized area within the core zone.	present and on-going	City Environment and Natural Resources Office - LGU Vigan City Council - LGU Vigan Philippine National Police Urban Village Officials within the core zone The City is doing its part in controlling the problem of air pollution. Trucks are prohibited to enter the core zone. Tricycles for hire in Vigan are now using 4-strokes engine or retrofitted to direct injection to minimize carbon emission.
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	This affects Criterion (ii) - because water induces dampness in the structure which results to the formation of unwanted efflorescence which in turn causes disintegration of the wall fabric including the instability of the structure.	There is a need to improve the drainage system within the core zone and the regular clearing of canals to prevent flooding.	Monitoring within the core zone and its historic buildings is being done by the City Engineering Office and the Heritage Administration office.	Present and on-going	City Engineering Office - LGU Vigan City General Services Office With the regular inspection and clearing of all canals within the city, problems brought about by water is minimized.
3.7.8	Micro-organisms					
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.4	Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system	This affects criterion (ii) because changes in traditional ways of life results to the discontinuity of traditional technical knowhow needed to ensure good maintenance of the historic fabric. It will also affect intangible traditions of the place.	The City government is working hard to ensure that building traditions are continued and that measures, such as the publication of the Vigan Preservation Manual, are put in place to transmit traditional building knowledge to the community of Vigan.	Monitoring is undertaken by the City government while continuous encouragement and advocacy to the community are undertaken to ensure maintainance of the historic buildings.	Present and on-going	Urban Village Officials within the core zone City Engineering Office-LGU Vigan Changes in traditional ways are part of evolutionary processes and arebrought about by global changes but these are well managed and the continuity of cultural traditions are being ensured and encouraged in Vigan.
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.2	Earthquake	This affects Criterion (ii) because Vigan's historic fabric and its OUV could be compromised in the event of a strong earthquake.	Use of modern technology may help ensure structural stability of the ancestral houses but care has to be taken so that authenticity of the buildings will not be compromised.	Conduct regular monitoring and inspection of the ancestral houses.	Present and on-going	City Engineering Office-LGU Vigan Bureau of Fire Protection-LGU Vigan There is a reliable workforce which could assist the people in the event of an earthquake, however because of the age of the historic buildings within the core zone, a strong earthquake could result to drastic damage on the historic fabric.

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

The communities of Vigan have extended best efforts to ensure that the State of Conservation of the Property and the elements that convey its OUV are retained and maintained over time.

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

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

Conservation	Very positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Very positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Very positive
Infrastructure development	Very positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

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

No comment

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
Non Governmental Organization

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

The PR questionnaire helps in assessing the present conservation status of the property. It guides the site managers on issues and concerns that they have to take note of in their management and conservation work. Site managers are made aware and reminded of their responsibilities as these appeared in the PR questionnaire and are monitored through the PR exercise.

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	Very 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	None
State Party	None
Site Managers	None
Advisory Bodies	None

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: A Draft SOUV has been submitted to the WH Centre last 01 February 2011 and accordingly has been submitted to the Advisory Body for its review. The State Party is awaiting its evaluation as there are minor corrections that the State Party would like to undertake on the document as it was submitted last February 2011.

• **Geographic Information Table**

Reason for update: Core zone= 30.27 (ha) Buffer zone=
30.20 (ha) Total = 60.47 (ha)

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

No comment