

## Periodic Report - Second Cycle

### 1. World Heritage Property Data

#### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Sacred City of Anuradhapura

#### 1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

##### State(s) Party(ies)

• Sri Lanka

##### Type of Property

cultural

##### Identification Number

200

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

1982


#### 1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Sacred City of Anuradhapura	8.333 / 80.383	4000	0	4000	1982
Total (ha)		4000	0	4000	

##### Comment

need to update

#### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Plan of Anuradhapura and environs	31/12/1981	

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

##### Comment

Department of Archaeology, Central Cultural Fund, National Physical Planning Department

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

• Senarath Dissanayake

Director General

Department of Archaeology

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

1. [1001wonders.org](http://1001wonders.org) : visit this site in panophotographies - 360 x 180 degree images

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

##### Comment

Anuradhapura Sacred Area Development Plan Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance No 19 of 1931

## Section II - Sacred City of Anuradhapura (200)

### 2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

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

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

(ii)(iii)(vi)

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

Criterion II: several rings of monastic establishments, ritual centers and structures, stupas, Buddha images and decorative elements. Criterion III: grand scale ritual centers and structures, artificial reservoirs, arranged in the three tiered layout of the city namely, the citadel, monastic rings and the reservoirs. Criterion VI: the stupas enshrining the bodily relics of the Buddha since 3rd century BC. It is also the place where sacred Bodhi-tree, another object of worship and brought from India

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

The SOUV was submitted in 2011 and therefore no need to revise

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

The SOUV is giving a clear idea about the values of the site which enhances the management needs

### 3. Factors Affecting the Property



































































































#### 3.14. Other factor(s)

##### 3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

1. The excess gathering of pilgrims during the festival seasons can damage the property and it can not be controlled by the management. 2. Management of the property is difficult due to the scattered nature of monuments

## 3.15. Factors Summary Table

## 3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact	Origin
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>		
3.1.1 Housing		    	
3.1.2 Commercial development		    	
3.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure		    	
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities		   	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>		
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure		    	
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>		
3.3.1 Water infrastructure		    	
3.3.4 Localised utilities		    	
3.3.5 Major linear utilities		   	
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>		
3.4.5 Solid waste		   	
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Biological resource use/modification</b>		
3.5.4 Livestock farming / grazing of domesticated animals		   	
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>		
3.7.1 Wind		   	
3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)		   	
3.7.8 Micro-organisms		   	
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>		
3.8.1 Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses		    	
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation		   	
<b>3.9</b>	<b>Other human activities</b>		
3.9.1 Illegal activities		    	
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>		
3.10.2 Flooding		   	
<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 Housing	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	decreasing
3.1.2 Commercial development	restricted	frequent	minor	high capacity	decreasing
3.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	extensive	intermittent or sporadic	significant	low capacity	increasing
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>				
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure	extensive	frequent	significant	medium capacity	static
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>				
3.3.4 Localised utilities	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>				
3.4.5 Solid waste	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
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3.7.1	Wind	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	static
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3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	extensive	frequent	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	extensive	frequent	significant	low capacity	increasing
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.1	Illegal activities	restricted	one off or rare	significant	medium capacity	decreasing
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.2	Flooding	localised	one off or rare	minor	low capacity	static

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

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

1. Most of the monuments within the property are venerated by pilgrims and the problems arisen with this situation can not be controlled by the management specially during the festive seasons. 2. More than 2 million people visit the property in June each year resulting severe threat to historic structures and landscapes within the property. 3. All the temples within the property are owned by the Buddhist monks and they exert great power over all the decisions regarding the developments.

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

#### 4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

##### 4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is no buffer zone, but there is a need for one

##### 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 **do not limit** the ability to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value but they could be improved

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

The property had **no buffer zone at the time of its inscription** on the World Heritage List

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

The boundaries of the World Heritage property **are not known** by the management authority or local residents / communities/landowners.

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

The property had **no buffer zone** at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

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

Boundaries and Buffer zones must be clarified to implement the management plan. The boundaries of each monuments and number of Monuments within the property has to be finalized, as there are several monuments within the designated area.

### 4.2. Protective Measures

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

The Sacred City of Anuradhapura has been established by administrative regulations under the Anuradhapura (Preservation) Ordinance and the Anuradhapura Preservation Board Act n° 32 of 1961, and also under the Antiquities Ordinance n° 9 of 1940, the Town and 13 of 1946 and the Central Cultural Fund Act 57 of 1980.

#### 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?

An adequate legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists but there are **some deficiencies in implementation**

#### 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 property had **no buffer zone at the time of inscription** on the World Heritage List

#### 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?

An **adequate** legal framework exists for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone, but **there are some deficiencies in its implementation** which undermine the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the property

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

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

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

There are enough legal frameworks to protect the property and its values, but there is a need of bringing all of them under one umbrella organization. Then, more enforcement can be made on controlling.

### 4.3. Management System / Management Plan

#### 4.3.1 - Management System

#### 4.3.2 - Management Documents

#### 4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional /

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### 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 **not adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

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

The management system is **only partially** being implemented

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

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

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

Local communities / residents	Fair
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Good
Landowners	Poor
Visitors	Fair
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Industry	Not applicable

### 4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

Local communities have **no input** into decisions relating to the 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

## Section II - Sacred City of Anuradhapura (200)

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

The management system with the different legal frameworks is difficult to practice. But these legal frameworks can be stated as strong.

### 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



NO significant change after last periodic report

## 4.4. Financial and Human Resources

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

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	40%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	10%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	10%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	40%
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
Equipment for the Archaeological Laboratory of Anuradhapura	1985	28000.00	
Equipment for the conservation and restoration of the monuments of Anuradhapura/ Sigiriya / Polonnaruwa	1989	59000.00	
<b>Total</b>		87000	

### 4.4.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?

The available budget is **inadequate** for basic management needs and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to manage

### 4.4.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?

Existing sources of funding are **not secure**

### 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** equipment and facilities but overall these are **inadequate**

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### 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

Most of the monuments are being managed by the Central Cultural Fund and its income depends on the tourist arrival which has the possibility to fluctuate.

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

Full-time	80%
Part-time	20%

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

Permanent	80%
Seasonal	20%

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

Paid	100%
Volunteer	

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

A range of human resources exist, but these are **below optimum** to manage the World Heritage Property.

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

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

### 4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines

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

## Section II - Sacred City of Anuradhapura (200)

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

**No capacity** development plan or programme is in place; management is implemented by external staff and skills are not transferred

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

1. There is a trained staff for activities related to the World Heritage property and the training of CCF personnel is being done continuously. 2. Scientific staff has the opportunity to undergo foreign trainings

## 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 World Heritage property is **not 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 **considerable** research but it is **not directed** towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

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

Research results are **not shared** at any level

### 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

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

The scientific researches has to be organized under direct supervision of Director General of Archaeology and the outcomes must be published.

## 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, but not 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
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Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Average
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 **no** education and awareness programme, despite an identified need

### 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 **not adequately** presented and interpreted

### 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	Not needed

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

Awareness building is very important. there must be programmes for different levels. Specially the site managers, priests, local community, pilgrims, younger generation, etc. Also educating the defence forces personal is very important.

## 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	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Static
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
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Accommodation establishments
Transportation services
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys
Other

### 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 **not being actively managed** despite an identified need

### 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 a **substantial 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

Visitor management plan has to be prepared with the collaboration of tourism experts.

## 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 **no monitoring** taking place in the World Heritage property or buffer zone despite an identified need

### 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?

There is **little or no information available** on the values of the World Heritage property to define key indicators

### 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	Average
NGOs	Not applicable
Industry	Not applicable
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**

The state party is keen on implementation the recommendations if any.

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

Monitoring is the most important aspect. Therefore the management plan must be adopted and a suitable staff must be employed in the monitoring.

**4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs**

**4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)**

Please refer to question 5.2



## 5. Summary and Conclusions

### 5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

#### 5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.1	Buildings and Development						
3.1.1	Housing						
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	Criterion II: New structures to accommodate pilgrims and tourists affects the visual integrity of the site.	Every precaution should be taken to minimize adverse effects and educate the concerned authorities like the Buddhist clergy residing inside the property.	A team of experts should be on alert with regard to such new developments.	Convening regular meetings to review new developments preferably once in three months.	Department of Archaeology, Central Cultural Fund, National Physical Planning Department, Urban Development Authority	Provision of properly designed and located visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure is a must..
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure						
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	Criterion II: property has been fragmented due to introduction of roads haphazardly.	1. Road diversion should be done 2. Presently, a ring road connecting all important living Buddhist monuments is being constructed to guide the pilgrims.	Periodic survey and visitor feed back must be assessed to understand the effectiveness of new proposals	At regular intervals	Central Cultural Fund, Department of Archaeology	Present roads and avenues within the property become inadequate specially during festive times.
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	Criterion II: During heavy rains some monuments are affected by flooding.	Since this flooding of waterways within the site is rare and uncontrollable when it happens the management is unable to take precautions.	After heavy flooding the property should be monitored.	Continuous	Central Cultural Fund, Department of Archaeology	Flooding is not a major threat for the monuments at Anuradhapura so far and minor problems like silting can be remedied easily.
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	Criterion VI Since these are Buddhist monuments, the site is over crowded during the festive season and it results physical damages to the property.	It is uncontrollable to the management system	Physical damage should be monitored after every festival	After the festive season	Central Cultural Fund, Department of Archaeology	This has become a huge problem specially after the post war period and it is increasing
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	Criterion II Criterion IV	Visitor Management Plan is needed	After the festive season	Quarterly	Central Cultural Fund, Department of Archaeology	Since this is an increasing factor, it should be given emphasis in management

### 5.2. Summary - Management Needs

#### 5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones						
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
4.1.1	There is a need for a buffer zone	Buffer zone should be properly demarcated	Two years	Central Cultural Fund, Department of Archaeology, National Physical Planning Department	Since the site is extensive and the monuments are scattered it is difficult to demarcate the buffer zone	
4.3 Management System / Management Plan						
4.3.4	Management system / plan is inadequate	The draft management plan has to be adopted and monitored	3 years	Department of Archaeology, central cultural fund, National Physical Planning departemnt, Sri Lanka Tourism	Already there is a management system, but not planned	
4.4 Financial and Human Resources						

4.4.3	The budget is inadequate for management needs	Stable financial system should be introduced	Continuous	Central Cultural Fund, Department of Archaeology	Property management is being mainly done by the Central Cultural Fund which depends on the income generated by the tourist ticket it is not a stable way of financing.
<b>4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building</b>					
4.6.5	The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is not adequately presented and interpreted	Site interpretations should be revised to have a good expression of OUV	One year	Central Cultural Fund, Department of Archaeology	Since this is an urgent need ,it should be given priority.
<b>4.7 Visitor Management</b>					
4.7.4	Visitor use of the property is not being actively managed	Proper visitor Management Plan should be formulated	One Year	Central Cultural Fund, Department of Archaeology	Visitor Management is difficult during festive season and it can not be addressed easily by a management plan.
<b>4.8 Monitoring</b>					
4.8.1	No monitoring taking place in the World Heritage property or buffer zone	Proper monitoring system has to be implemented	3 years	Deapartment of Archaeology, Central Cultural Fund	no comments

### 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 **compromised** by factors described in this report

#### 5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property has been **compromised** by factors described in this report

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

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **impacted** by factors described in this report, but this situation is being **addressed through effective management actions**.

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

Other important cultural and / or natural values are being **partially degraded** but the state of conservation of the World Heritage property has not been significantly impacted

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

#### 5.4.1 - Comments

Although the technical conservation activities are effectively done, the broader view on overall conservation is needed specially among the site staff.

### 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	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	No impact
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	No impact
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	No impact
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

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

World Heritage status has influenced specially in tourism and the younger generation of the country is educated in their school education.

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

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff
Staff from other World Heritage properties
External experts
Others

### 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 exercise can be stated as very comprehensive. But when considering the special aspects related to Anuradhapura, the role of religious community is not adequately described. The priests are the owners of all the temples and they have a strong power in decision making. But there is less opportunity to describe it in the questionnaire.

### 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	Satisfactory
State Party	Unsatisfactory
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Satisfactory

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

#### • Geographic Information Table

Reason for update: need to update

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

Periodic reporting exercise leads the project managers to prepare a better check list for their work plans.