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Executive
Summary**State Party**

Yemen

State, Province and Region

Hadramawt

Name of Property

Socotra Archipelago

Geographical coordinates to the nearest second (*see maps at page 11*)

ID No.	Nome of the area	Discript	Corea Area (ha)		Buffer Zone (ha)		Coordinates
			Terrestrial	Marine	Terrestrial	Marine	
xxxx-001	Socotra	Hadramawt					N 12° 30' 00" - E 53° 50' 00"
			A: 242.903	a: 2.739	1: 64.845	840.325	
			B: 17.105	b: 7.157	2: 18.252		
				c: 578	3: 8.900		
				d: 1.106			
				e: 30.412			
				f: 764			
				g: 3.098			
				h: 14.187			
		sub-total	260.008	60.041	91.997	840.325	
xxxx-002	Abd Alkuri	Hadramawt					N 12° 11' 22" - E 52° 14' 21"
			11.858	a: 1.885		456.179	
				b: 2.351			
				c: 638			
		sub-total	11.858	4.874		456.179	
xxxx-003	Samha	Hadramawt	5.063	26.917		243.083	N 12° 09' 33" - E 53° 02' 32"
xxxx-004	Darsa	Hadramawt	544	17.624		109.374	N 12° 07' 25" - E 53° 16' 24"
xxxx-005	Kalfarun	Hadramawt	31	11.072			N 12° 26' 22" - E 52° 08' 08"
xxxx-006	Sabunya	Hadramawt	8	12.420		91.997	N 12° 38' 13" - E 53° 09' 26"
		TOTAL	277.512	132.948	91.997	1.648.961	
		TOTAL		410.460		1,740,958.00	

Textual description of the boundaries of the nominated property

The Archipelago is located in the North-Western Indian Ocean and includes the main islands of Socotra (or Soqotra), Abd al-Kuri, Samha and Darsa, as well as the smaller islets of Sabuniya and Kal Farun, and other rock outcrops.

The Nominated Property includes approximately 97,5% of the archipelago's total the land area, and the quasi-totality of marine areas, extending for 12 nautical miles around the group of islands.

Justification - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

The Socotra Archipelago is one of the most significant and well-preserved island ecosystems in the world, containing a unique assemblage of species and habitats, and representing one of the few surviving examples of local people living in a delicate balance with their natural environment.

Due to the archipelago's relative isolation until recent years, the traditional balance established between people and nature has remained relatively undisturbed, preserving endemic species and their eco-systems. The archipelago's remarkable integrity and comparatively outstanding level of conservation, offer an exceptionally valuable opportunity to study and learn from an exceptional combination of flora and fauna, with its associated unique culture, language and traditions.

Each of the archipelago's three inhabited islands exhibits its own high level of endemism, rendering the archipelago as a whole even more significant.

Criteria under which property is nominated

CRITERION X – THE NOMINATED PROPERTY SHALL CONTAIN THE MOST IMPORTANT AND SIGNIFICANT NATURAL HABITATS FOR IN-SITU CONSERVATION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINING THREATENED SPECIES OF OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF SCIENCE OR CONSERVATION.

The inscription of the Socotra Archipelago is proposed as a Natural Site as it contains one of the best-conserved and significant island habitats in the world. The site holds unquestioned global importance for in-situ conservation of biological diversity, and it hosts large numbers of rare and threatened endemic species of outstanding universal value (criterion X).

Due to its remote and peripheral location, and to historically difficult accessibility due to meteorological and sea conditions, the natural environment of Socotra has retained an impressive level of integrity till present date, making it the equivalent of a precious Noah's Arch, where ancient flora and fauna, as well as an associated unique culture and traditions, have survived until present day.

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