



**WORLD HERITAGE SITE «KIZHI POGOST»
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REPORT

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Kizhi Pogost
• inscribed on the World
Heritage List in 1990



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1. SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

Throughout 2018 the Kizhi museum has followed the recommendations of the ICOMOS Advisory mission (March 2018) as well as the decisions of the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee (July 2018). The recommendations related to various aspects of the WHS “Kizhi Pogost” conservation.

Concerning restoration of the Kizhi Pogost monuments:

1. Restoration works on the Church of the Transfiguration have been carried out in strict compliance with the recommendations of all previous ICOMOS missions including the ICOMOS Advisory mission (March 2018), namely:
 - monitoring of the state of binding posts and their connection joints is organized, additional activities to ensure the normal settlement of the walls are planned;
 - monitoring of the state of the load-bearing quadrangle is organized, the safety structures (recommended by ICOMOS experts), which are to be put into operation only in the case if there emerge deformations exceeding the permissible level are mounted;
 - no chemicals are used when working on the monument;
 - they have developed a plan of step-by-step activities aimed at strengthening of the quadrangle bearing the load of the “heaven” ceiling supporting ring involving minimal intervention and maximal preservation of the “heaven” structures original material. They have also developed the action plan on decision making concerning the restoration of the “heaven” paintings;
 - they have decided to refuse the proposal to restore a fragment of historical boarding discussed during the ICOMOS mission and not approved by the experts;
 - in order to make a decision on installation of a glass window in the floor of the church they will make a full-scale simulation and discuss options with specialists.
2. Development of the Church of the Intercession restoration project will start in 2019. They will consider two alternatives (reassembly and conservation of the monument). Both alternatives will be submitted to the World Heritage Center.

Concerning infrastructure development projects and creation of conditions for sustainable development of the buffer zone territory and the local community:

They have presented the infrastructure development projects as well as the HIA of these projects to the World Heritage Center and to the experts of the ICOMOS Advisory mission. The Kizhi museum does not plan any new developments on the island except for those submitted to the WHC. The ICOMOS Advisory mission report, accepting the reviewed projects in general, contains a number of recommendations that will be taken into account when developing the project documentation.

Currently, in accordance with the recommendations of the previous ICOMOS missions the State Party has started elaborating a draft plan for preservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site and development of the Kizhi territory (master plan). It will include all projects submitted to the WHC and ICOMOS with account of the ICOMOS Advisory mission recommendations and decisions of the UNESCO’s 42nd session. The master plan will be submitted to the WHC in 2020.

The museum applied to the Government of the Republic of Karelia in order to ensure the social and economic development of the territory in accordance with the decisions of the 42nd session. The plan for the sustainable development of the WHS “Kizhi Pogost” buffer zone territory will be carried out with account of amendments introduced in accordance with the received recommendations to the program “Main directions in social and economic development of the municipal unit “Medvezhiyegorsk municipal region”, within the boundaries of which the WHS “Kizhi Pogost” buffer zone is located. The work shall be completed in 2021. The program developed will be submitted to the WHC.

The project “Ethno-architecture of Fennoscandia in XXI century” (Karelia CBC Program) will be an important contribution to the implementation of this recommendation. Project activities will be carried out in 2019-2021. They comply with the WHS “Kizhi Pogost” Management plan in the sustainable development of the buffer zone territory.