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29 May 2019

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World Heritage Centre

Introduction and Concept of Outstanding Universal Value

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Paragraph 49 of the Operational Guidelines

“Outstanding universal value means cultural and/or natural significance which is so exceptional as to transcend national boundaries and to be of common importance for present and future generations of all humanity. As such, the permanent protection of this heritage is of the highest importance to the international community as a whole. The Committee defines the criteria for the inscription of properties on the World Heritage List”.

Paragraphs 77 and 78 of the Operational Guidelines

77. The Committee considers a property as having Outstanding Universal Value (see paragraphs 49-53) if the property meets one or more of the following criteria.

Nominated properties shall therefore.....

78. To be deemed of Outstanding Universal Value, a property must also meet the conditions of integrity and/or authenticity and must have an adequate protection and management system to ensure its safeguarding.

The 3 pillars of Outstanding Universal Value

(Note: Authenticity is not applicable to natural properties)

OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE

MEETS CRITERIA

INTEGRITY AND AUTHENTICITY

PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

Illustration of the three pillars of Outstanding Universal Value. All three must be in place for a property to meet the requirements of the World Heritage List

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The 3 pillars of Outstanding Universal Value

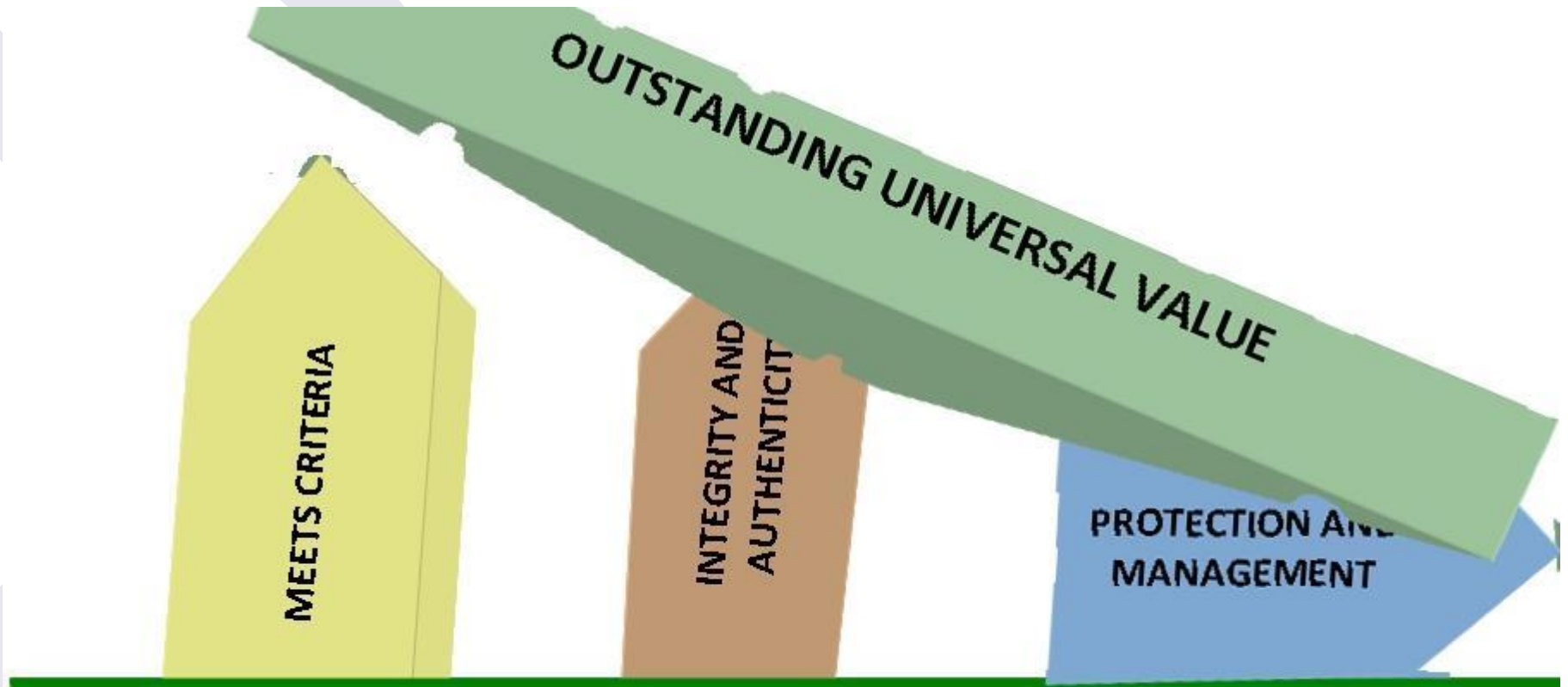


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OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE

Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage

- identification
- protection
- conservation
- presentation
- transmission to future generations

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Khangchendzonga National Park, India



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Matching the criteria
(why is this place important?)



Criterion (iii)

*The property represents the **core sacred region of the Sikkimese and syncretistic religious and cultural traditions** and thus bears unique witness to the coexistence of multiple layers of both Buddhist and pre-Buddhist sacred meanings in the same region.*

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Integrity

(Does it tell the whole story?)

*The property encompasses a unique mountain system comprising of peaks, glaciers, lakes, rivers and an entire range of ecologically-linked biological elements, which **ensures the sustainability of unique mountain ecosystem functions** [...]*

*[...]The **key human-made features that shape the sacred geography** embedded in the Sikkimese belief systems, **are included in the property**[...].*

Authenticity (Is it truthful?)

'Authenticity only applies to cultural properties and to the cultural aspects of 'mixed' properties, if their cultural values truthfully and credibly expressed through a variety of attributes'

*The **authenticity of the cultural attributes** within the boundary of the property has been preserved [...] The **continued reverence, maintenance** of chortens, gompas and several sacred shrines **associated with revered natural features and still-performed rituals** attest that they bear credible witness to the property's Outstanding Universal Value[...].*

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Protection and management requirements

What is needed to assure its future ?

It should outline the **framework for protection of OUV**:

- protection mechanisms
- management systems
- management plans
- effective legal protection
- relationship with stakeholders or user groups...

*- The protected area status of Khangchendzonga National Park under the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** [...]. The property comprises **state-owned land** and has been protected as a National Park since 1977, whilst the **buffer zone** is protected as a Forest Reserve.*

*- The property is managed by the **Sikkim Forest, Environment and Wildlife Department** under the guidance of a **management plan** with a vision to conserve key attributes whilst promoting cultural and educational values and the advancement of scientific knowledge [...]*

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The importance of Statements of Outstanding Universal Value



A Statement of OUV is of **great benefit** to all involved in the conservation of the property as:

- it allows a clear understanding of **why the property is considered to be of OUV**;
- can give **direction to management** through indicating what attributes of the property need to be maintained;
- can guide the **assessment of the state of conservation of the property**; and
- is an **essential reference point for monitoring**, for the World Heritage Committee and the Advisory Bodies.



Conserve and transmit to future generations

State of Conservation

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Conservation

at the heart
of the *World Heritage Convention*

(Articles 4 & 6)

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Reactive Monitoring



Article 11.4: Provisions for monitoring
in case of danger

1980: → *Operational Guidelines*

Chapter IV: “Reactive Monitoring”

Statutory framework



- Paragraph **169**
→ cycle; deadlines
- Paragraph **172**
→ projects
- Paragraph **174**
→ third-party information



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SOC Report format



- Background information
- Current conservation issues
- Analysis and Conclusions of the Secretariat and the Adv. Bodies
- Draft Decision

Monitoring the state of conservation of World Heritage properties

Scientific and technical advice for the Committee's decision-making

Joint work with the World Heritage Centre

Tools

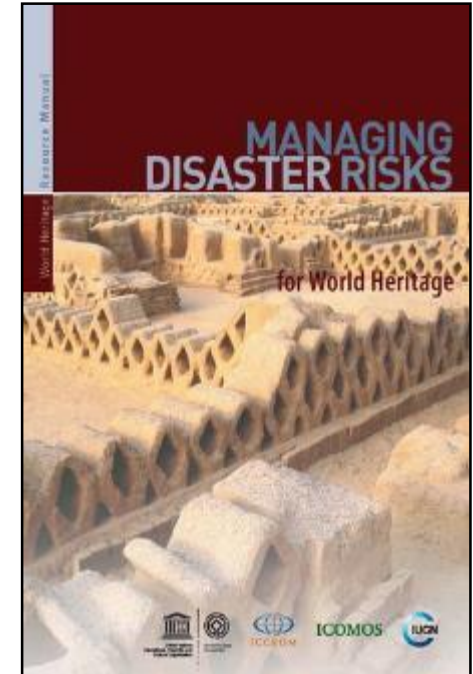
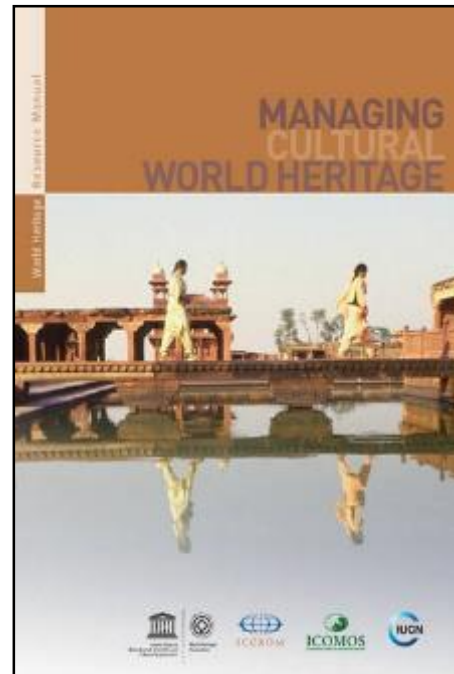
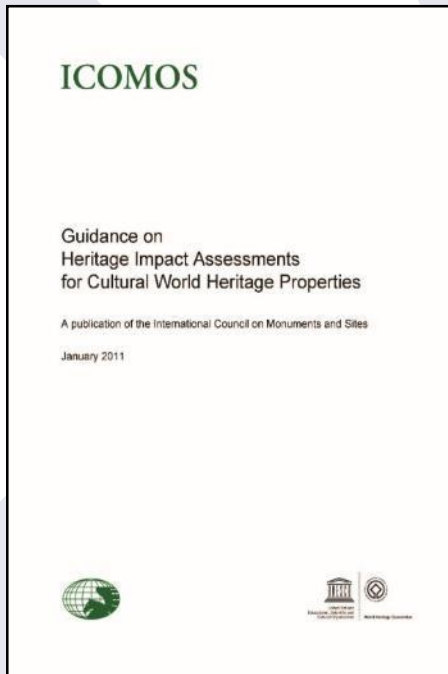
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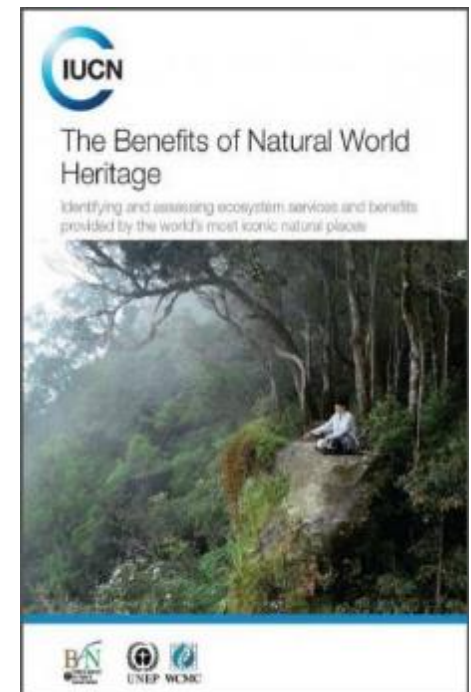
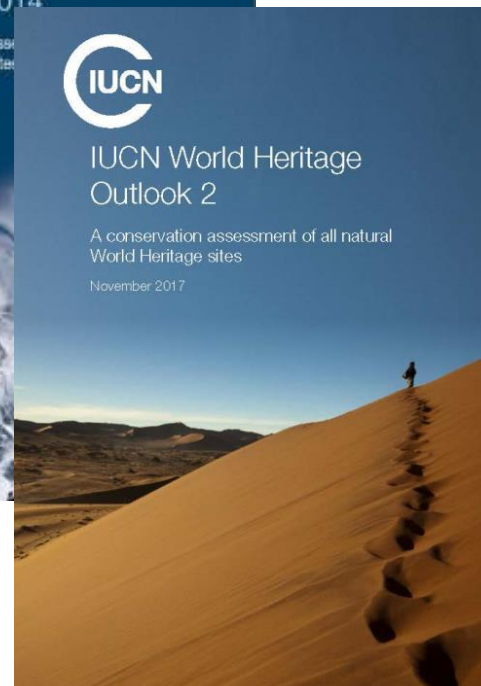
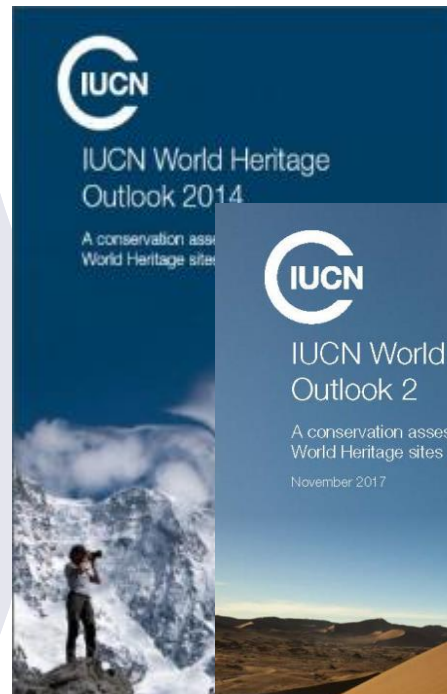
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Monitoring the state of conservation of World Heritage properties



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Inscription

on the List of World Heritage in Danger

is

a call for action



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What's next?

- Set of corrective measures
- Timeframe



“DSOCR”:

Desired state of conservation
for removal from the List in Danger

- Prepared by the State Party, WHC and the ABs
- Adopted by the Committee



“DSOCR”:

Defined state of conservation that a property must reach in order to demonstrate that it is no longer threatened by serious and specific danger

- Indicators to monitor OUV
- Rationale for the indicators selected
- Method of verification for each indicator
- Timeframe

Example: Los Katíos National Park (Colombia)

- 2009: DL on request of SP
- Main issues: illegal logging, unauthorized settlements, fishing and hunting, threat from major infrastructure projects

DSOCR (2012):

- 3 indicators for addressing existing threats
- 2 indicators for avoiding potential threats

Example: Los Katíos National Park (Colombia)

- DL used by SP to its benefit:
 - Increased political awareness
 - More funds channelled to address threats to property
 - Increased (inter)national support
- 2015: property removed from DL



Related documentation

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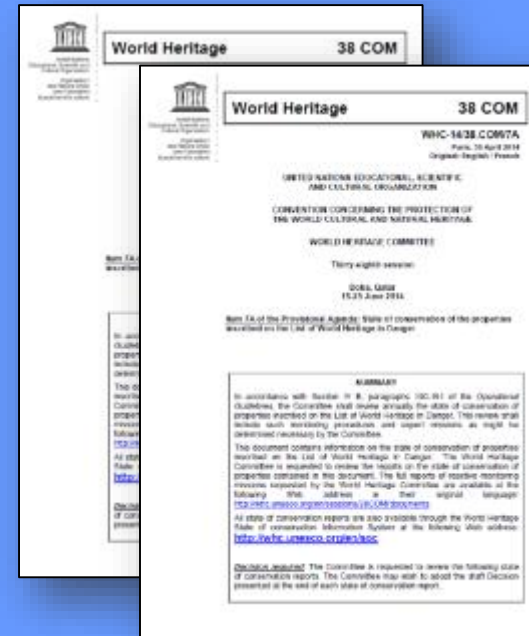
States Parties reports



Mission reports



Previous Decisions



**SOC Reports
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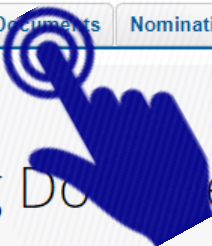
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Description Documents Nominations

Working Documents

PDF General information WHC/19/43.COM/INF.1

PDF Provisional Agenda WHC/19/43.COM/3A



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State of Conservation Information System (SOC)

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The Information System offers you a trove of reliable data on the state of conservation of World Heritage properties since 1979 and the threats they have faced in the past, or are currently facing. Through this tool, you can get access to thousands of reports and decisions adopted by the World Heritage Committee, as part of one of the most comprehensive monitoring systems of any international convention.

Property name / State Party / Region / SOC Id

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Property

States Parties

List of Threats

Category

- Cultural
- Natural
- Mixed

Regions

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Period

Other Threats



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Committee Decisions



- **No action** required
- Implementation of **specific measures**
- Need for a State Party **report**
- Need for a **mission**
- **etc.**

Committee Decisions



- **Inscription** on the List in Danger
- **Removal** from the List in Danger
- **Deletion** from the **World Heritage List**



Rainforests of the Atsinanana (Madagascar)
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Requirements for inscription and Evaluation process

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Requirements for inscription of properties on the World Heritage List

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Paris, May 2019

ICOMOS





Justification for inscription, application of criteria, integrity and authenticity

Comparative analysis

Criteria

Integrity

Authenticity
(cultural properties)

Paragraphs in Operational Guidelines

§ 78 and 143-149, and in particular
132

§ 77

§ 78 and 143-149, and in particular
87-95

§ 79-86



OK - Good



Adequate – Can be improved



Not demonstrated at this stage



Not OK – Not adequate

Conservation, protection and management

Boundaries

Paragraphs in Operational Guidelines

§ 99-107

Protection

§ 96-98

Conservation

§ 132

Management

§ 108-118

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OK - Good

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Adequate – Can be improved

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Not demonstrated at this stage

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Not OK – Not adequate







Evaluation of New Nominations of natural and mixed World Heritage properties

May 2019



FOUR PRINCIPLES GUIDE IUCN'S EVALUATIONS

- Highest standards of assessment based on independent expert analysis and field assessment, and consistent with the Operational Guidelines;
- Partnership with the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and ICCROM, and UNEP-WCMC;
- Promotion of World Heritage properties as “flagships” of conservation;
- Use of IUCN and other specialist networks - including with IUCN World Commission for Protected Areas, Species Survival Commission as well as new agreements with the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) and International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG)



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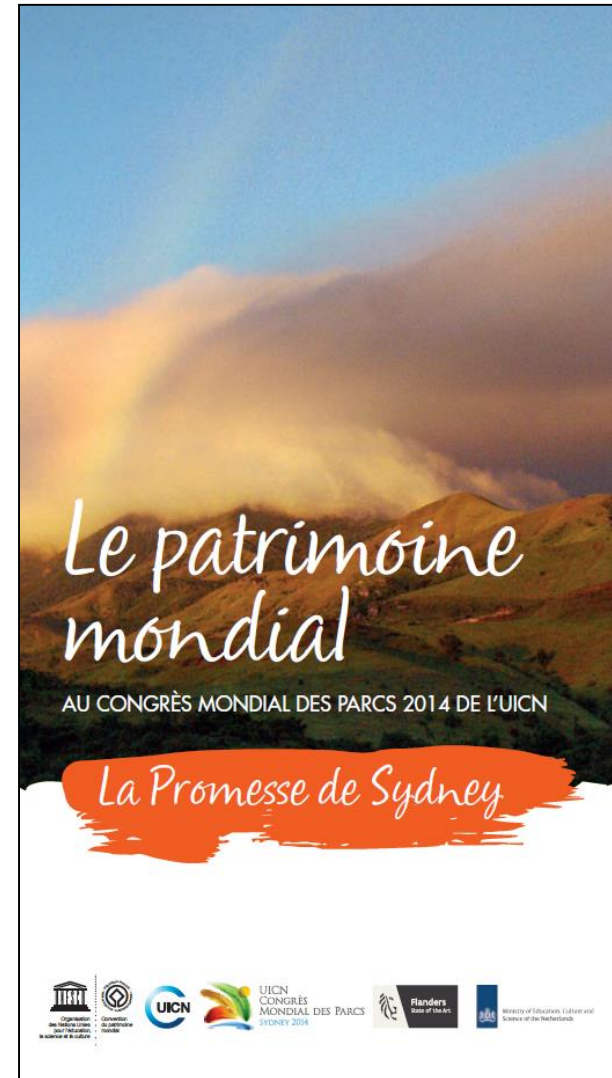
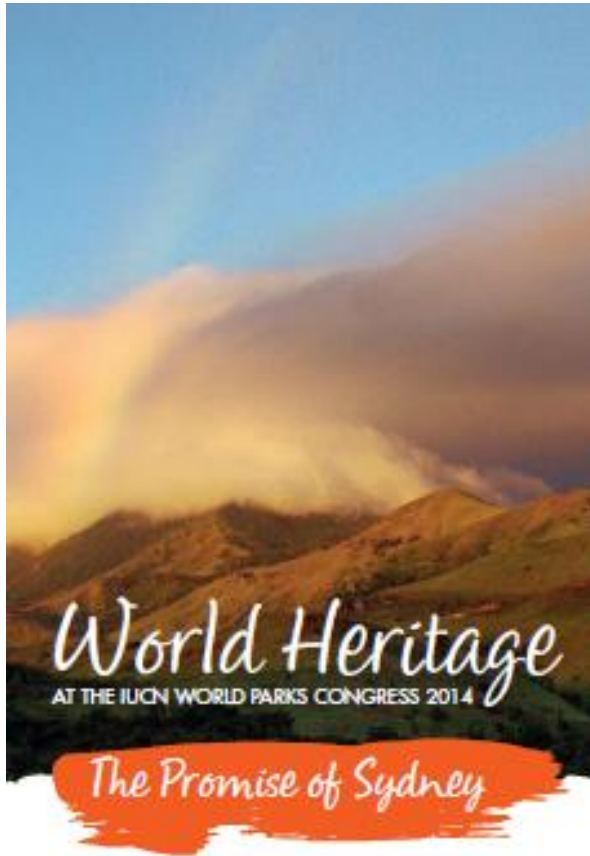
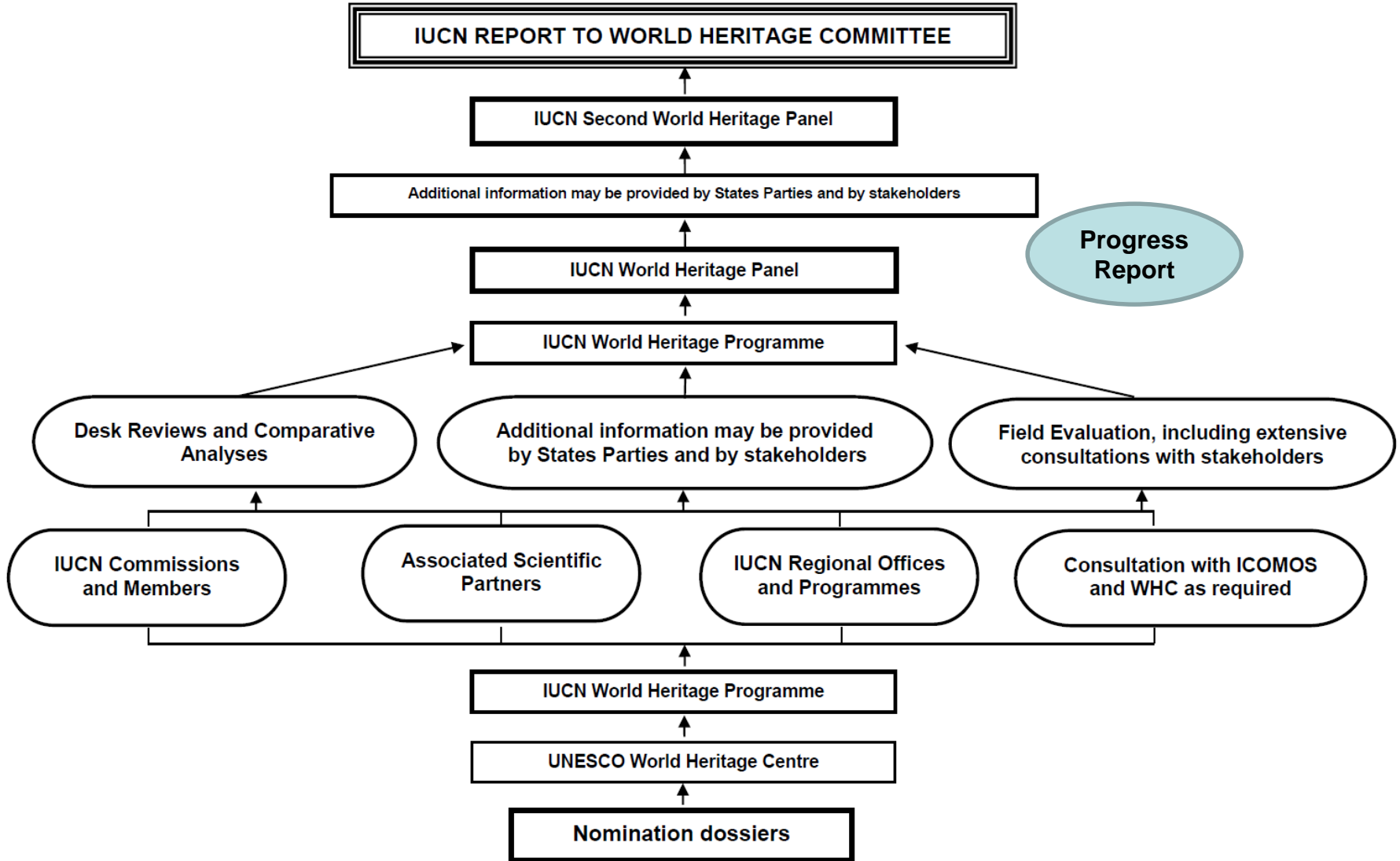
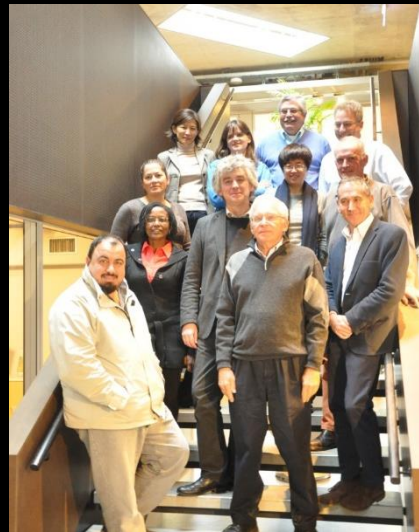
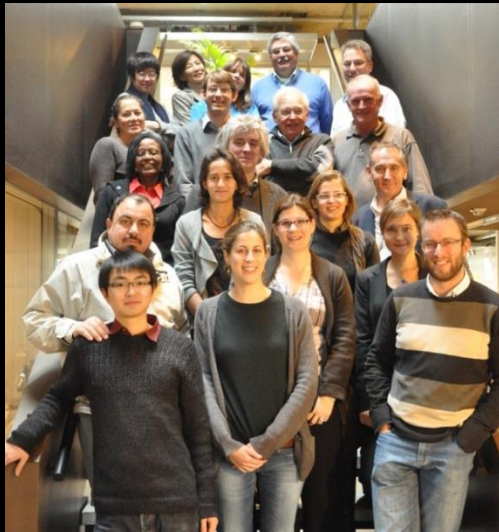




FIGURE 2: SUMMARY OF IUCN EVALUATION PROCEDURE







Related documentation

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Heritage and Water: experts call for enhanced inter-sectoral cooperation at UNESCO International Water Conference
16 May 2019

World Migratory Bird Day, 11 May 2019
10 May 2019

"Protecting biodiversity is as vital as fighting climate change", UNESCO ...
8 May 2019

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World Migratory Bird Day, 11 May 2019

10 May 2019
Enter the #MyAfricanHeritage Instagram video contest

Events | **more events**

26 June - 4 July 2019
World Heritage Site Managers Forum 2019

3-4 June 2019
UNESCO-Africa-China Forum on World Heritage Capacity Building and Cooperation

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43rd session (2019)
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Description Documents **Nominations**

Nominations proposed

Nominations proposed for examination in 2019

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Result

38	1	13	5
Proposed for Review	Significant modifications to the boundaries	Minor Boundary Modifications	Withdrawn

Year: 2019

State Party	Name of Property	Dossier	Criteria
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Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Educación, la Ciencia y la Cultura

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		Nomination Text	
		Annexes	
		Maps and Drawings	
		Management Plan	
		Advisory Body Interim Report	
		Supplementary Information	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Megalithic Jar Sites in Xiengkhuang – Plain of Jars (1587)	Executive Summary	(iii)
		Nomination Text	
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Myanmar	Bagan (1588)	Executive Summary	(iii)(iv)(vi)
		Nomination Text	
		Annexes A and B	
		Annexes C to Y	
		Maps	
		Management Plan	
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Panama	Colonial Transisthmian Route of Panamá (1582)	Executive Summary	(ii)(iv)(v)(vi)
		Nomination Text	
		Annex	

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Chapter 1. Identification of the Property

1. Identification of the Property

1.a Country

Japan

1.b State, Province or Region

Osaka Prefecture

1.c Name of the Property

Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group: Mounded Tombs of Ancient Japan

1.d Geographical Coordinates to the Nearest Second

The property that the Government of Japan hereby nominates for inscription on the World Heritage List, the Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group: Mounded Tombs of Ancient Japan, is located in the western part of the Kinki region, which is approximately at the center of Honshu, the main island of Japan.

This is a serial property consisting of 45 component parts with 49 mounded tombs. The location of the component sites is shown in Table 1-1.

1.e Maps and Plans, Showing the Boundaries of the Nominated Property and Buffer Zone

The maps showing the location and the boundaries of the nominated property and its buffer zone are provided at the end of this chapter.

Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group 1

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ICOMOS

2019

Evaluations of Nominations of Cultural and Mixed Properties

ICOMOS report for the World Heritage Committee
43rd ordinary session, Baku, 30 June - 10 July 2019

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Paris, 20 May 2019
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CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF
THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Forty-third session

Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan
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Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda: Establishment of the World Heritage List
and of the List of World Heritage in Danger

8B. Nominations to the World Heritage List

SUMMARY

This document presents the nominations to be examined by the Committee at its 43rd session (Baku, 2019). It is divided into three sections:

- Part I Changes to names of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List
- Part II Examination of nominations of natural, mixed and cultural sites to the World Heritage List
- Part III Record of the physical attributes of each site being discussed at the 43rd session

The document presents for each nomination the proposed Draft Decision based on the recommendations of the appropriate Advisory Body(ies) as included in documents WHC/19/43.COM/INF.8B1 and WHC/19/43.COM/INF.8B2, and it provides a record of the physical attributes of each site being discussed at the 43rd session. The information is presented in two parts:

- a table of the total surface area of each site and any buffer zone proposed, together with the geographic coordinates of each site's approximate centre point; and
- a set of separate tables presenting the component parts of each of the 23 proposed serial sites.

Decisions required:

The Committee is requested to examine the recommendations and Draft Decisions presented in this Document, and, in accordance with paragraph 153 of the Operational Guidelines, take its Decisions concerning inscription on the World Heritage List in the following four categories:

- a) properties which it inscribes on the World Heritage List;
- b) properties which it decides not to inscribe on the World Heritage List;
- c) properties whose consideration is referred;
- d) properties whose consideration is deferred.



WHC/19/43.COM/INF.8B2

IUCN World Heritage Evaluations 2019

IUCN Evaluations of nominations of natural and mixed properties to the World Heritage List



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Role of the World Heritage Committee

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Operational Guidelines

- para. 23.** Committee decisions are based on objective and scientific considerations, and any appraisal made on its behalf must be thoroughly and responsibly carried out. The Committee recognizes that such decisions depend upon:
- carefully prepared documentation;
 - thorough and consistent procedures;
 - evaluation by qualified experts; and
 - if necessary, the use of expert referees.

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Operational Guidelines

para. 24. The main functions of the Committee are, in co-operation with States Parties, to:

a) identify, on the basis of Tentative Lists and nominations submitted by States Parties, **cultural and natural properties of Outstanding Universal Value** which are to be protected under the *Convention* and to inscribe those properties on the World Heritage List

Role of the World Heritage Committee

The World Heritage Committee

can take **4** types of decisions regarding nominations:

- **Inscribe** the property on the World Heritage List
- **Refer** the nomination back to the State Party
- **Defer** the examination of the nomination
- **Not to inscribe**

Questions and Answers

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