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THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

**WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

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**Item 13 of the Provisional Agenda: International Assistance**

**13. Examination of International Assistance requests**

## **SUMMARY**

This document comprises three parts. Part I is related to International Assistance requests within the purview of the World Heritage Committee. Part II contains the status of the International Assistance budget for the biennium 2018-2019 as of 31 May 2019; and Part III concerns the revision of the International Assistance process in the Operational Guidelines.

The present document contains also an Annex listing the International Assistance requests approved for the biennium 2018-2019 as of 31 May 2019.

**Draft Decision: 43 COM 13**, see Point IV.

## I. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS FOR DECISION BY THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

1. In accordance with Paragraph 241 of the *Operational Guidelines*, decisions on International Assistance requests above US\$ 30,000 are made by the World Heritage Committee, while decisions on requests below US\$ 30,000 are made by the Chairperson. In the 2019 cycle, the International Assistance panels examined 33 requests, out of which 8 were above US\$ 30,000. Four of them were recommended for revision and no revised versions have been received so far. One was recommended for a lower amount and was subsequently approved by the Chairperson. The remaining 3 requests above US\$ 30,000 are submitted to the Committee for decision (see below).

### CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

N°	Region	State Party – Name of activity	Amount requested (US\$)	Amount recommended for approval (US\$)
<b>Request recommended for approval – Natural heritage</b>				
1	Latin America	<b>Ecuador</b> – Optimising usage control and monitoring for the conservation and management of pelagic ecosystems in the Galápagos Marine Reserve	59,975	59,975
<b>Requests recommended for approval – Cultural heritage</b>				
2	Africa	<b>Niger</b> – Request for International Assistance for the evaluation of the 2012-2018 management plan and the preparation of the new management plan (2019-2024) for the Historic Centre of Agadez	42,385	42,385
3	Latin America	<b>Guatemala</b> – Conservation, revitalization and sustainable cultural development of the Temple of la Limpia e Inmaculada Concepcion de la Antigua Guatemala	69,791	69,791

**Funds available for a possible approval of requests under the Conservation & Management Assistance-Nature budget as of 31 May 2019:** US\$ 61,683

**Total amount for approval by the Committee:** US\$ 59,975

**Comments by the Secretariat:** sufficient funds available; US\$ 1,708 will be left under the Conservation & Management Assistance-Nature budget.

**Funds available for a possible approval of requests under the Conservation & Management Assistance-Culture budget as of 31 May 2019: US\$ 0**

**Total amount for approval by the Committee: US\$ 112,176**

**Comments by the Secretariat:** insufficient funds available. According to paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines, it is possible to use the US\$ 1,708 remaining under the natural heritage budget; however US\$ 110,468 are still missing if the Committee wishes to approve both requests from Niger and Guatemala. Therefore a budget reallocation is proposed as follows in order to increase the budget line dedicated to “International Assistance – Conservation & Management”:

Headings under WHF	Amount under WHF 2018-2019 (in US\$)	Reallocation proposed (in US\$)	New amount under WHF 2018-2019 (in US\$)
International Assistance – Conservation & Management	600,000	+ 110,468	710,468
Cooperation with other Conventions & Organizations	10,000	- 5,000	5,000
Information Management System	63,000	- 32,000	31,000
Periodic Reporting - Global	125,000	- 30,000	95,000
Periodic Reporting - Asia	10,000	- 10,000	0
<i>Funds from savings on prior year's obligations*</i>		- 33,468	

\* Cf BFM financial statement at year-end 2018, Statement I.

A summary of these 3 requests is presented in the next pages. The full text is available with the Secretariat.

**REQUEST N° 1**

**Conservation & Management Assistance**

**Natural Heritage  
Latin America**

**State Party:** Ecuador (*Upper Middle Income Country*)

**Name of activity:** Optimising usage control and monitoring for the conservation and management of pelagic ecosystems in the Galápagos Marine Reserve

**Amount requested:** US\$ 59,975

**Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2018:** contributions paid in 2018.

**Previous contributions from the World Heritage Fund for this property in the past ten years:** none.

**Background:**

In 2014, a new management plan for the Galápagos Protected Area and Marine Reserve was released, representing a radical shift from the previous management framework, where the concept of maintaining "ecosystem services" was introduced and specific attention to different habitat types. Of the habitats identified, offshore seamounts (i.e. 'bajos' – a collective term for shoals, subtidal ledges and seamounts) and open waters represent a significant management challenge for the Galápagos National Park Directorate (GNPD), as there is a general lack of baseline for these systems and the inclusion of highly mobile and migratory species (e.g. marine turtles, manta rays, sharks, billfish). The original multi-use zoning scheme from 2001 was focused on the coastal fringe to 2 nm extending from land and over ~15 years of monitoring of the Galápagos Marine Reserve (GMR) has been focused on shallow subtidal rocky reefs. The revised multi-use zoning, released in November 2017, includes the offshore areas extending to the limits of the GMR. For the implementation of the new management plan and monitoring programme for the different coastal-marine habitats, there is an immediate need for technical assistance in establishing baseline information and monitoring protocols for 'bajos' and open water ecosystems. As part of the GMR governance, the optimization of the surveillance and control activities of the GNPD and the establishment of indicators for compliance are vital for the long-term successful management of the Galápagos Marine Reserve World Heritage Area.

**Objectives:**

1. Technical review and analysis of existing data and information sources relevant to 'bajos' and open water ecosystems, including control and surveillance activities.  
There is a need to review and analyse existing data sources relevant to 'bajos' and open water ecosystems, including information relevant to the distribution and abundance of threatened and emblematic pelagic species (e.g. seabirds, manta rays, sea turtles), fisheries resources (e.g. tuna, billfish), and tourism activities (i.e. direct and indirect use of 'bajos' and pelagic areas). As part of the GNPD's control and surveillance operations, there is a need information on the vessel movements of tourist and fisheries vessels (both artisanal vessels within and industrial vessels outside the GMR). At present, this information base is not formally linked to other data sources within the GNPD (e.g. fisheries statistics, tourism

itineraries and activities) and a formal analysis of this information is necessary for understanding human pressures on the pelagic ecosystem and where the current gaps are for ongoing control and surveillance activities.

2. Review of monitoring options, feasibility and cost-benefit for 'bajos' and open water ecosystems, including the monitoring of indicators of ecosystem services and control and surveillance of the GMR.

The recent development of indicators and a monitoring plan for the coastal and shallow water marine habitats (e.g. mangroves, sandy bottoms, rocky shores) of the GMR has provided a template for developing a similar integrated monitoring plan for 'bajos' and open water ecosystems. As there are considerable logistic constraints in the monitoring of temporally and spatially dynamic ecosystems over the large spatial extent of the GMR, there is a need for a cost-benefit analysis to assist the GNPD in developing a monitoring plan for indicators of ecosystem services. As the control and surveillance of the GMR represent a key management activity for the GNPD, an analysis of this activity can provide information to support the ecosystem monitoring as part of an integrated monitoring plan.

3. Development and testing of integrated monitoring and surveillance plan for 'bajos' and open water ecosystems.

Based on the outcomes of the data collection and review of monitoring options (objectives 1 and 2 above), the development and testing of the integrated monitoring plan will provide the basis for GNPD to 'operationalise' the collection of data for the monitoring of ecosystem indicators for 'bajos' and open water ecosystems and integration with control and surveillance activities. This will provide specific training to GNPD staff involved in the control and surveillance work and development of monitoring protocols to allow for the routine data collection. Complementary information obtained from collaborating scientists, naturalist guides, and citizen scientists will also be tested as part of the integrated monitoring plan for 'bajos' and open water ecosystems in the GMR.

**Duration of the project:**

Estimated to 7 months

**Expected results:**

<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Means of verification</i>
Technical review collates existing data and information sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of datasets identified and collated</li> <li>• Workshop for the presentation of data sets and analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic report outlining datasets collated and analyses</li> <li>• Presentations, attendance records and minutes from data workshop</li> </ul>
Review of monitoring options, feasibility and cost-benefit indicates optimum strategy for integrated monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of options reviewed, measures of feasibility and cost-benefit analysed</li> <li>• Validation workshop held</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic report outlining options and analyses of feasibility and cost-benefit</li> <li>• Presentations, attendance records and minutes from validation workshop</li> </ul>
Development and testing provides validation to integrated monitoring plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of field campaigns trailing different methods for ecosystem monitoring and surveillance</li> <li>• Validation workshop for integrated monitoring plan, including methodologies, protocols and analyses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field reports for sampling campaigns</li> <li>• Presentations, attendance records and minutes from integrated monitoring plan workshop</li> <li>• Presentation of integrated monitoring plan with list of indicators, methodology, and optimised control and surveillance strategy</li> </ul>

**Budget:**

<b>Total activity budget (in US\$):</b>	<b>99,650</b>
<b>National or other contributions (in US\$):</b>	<b>39,675</b>
<b>Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$):</b>	<b>59,975</b>
<b>1. Organization</b>	<b>20,625</b>
Vessel costs (oceanic) for 10 days	15,750
Vessel costs (coastal) for 10 days	4,875
<b>2. Personnel / consultancy services (fees)</b>	<b>36,000</b>
International expert for 20 weeks	20,000
National expert for 20 weeks	16,000
<b>3. Travel</b>	
None	
<b>4. Accommodation &amp; meals</b>	
None	
<b>5. Equipment</b>	<b>2,400</b>
GPS equipment (3 units)	1,050
Field video cameras (3 units)	1,350
<b>6. Evaluation &amp; reporting</b>	
None	
<b>7. Miscellaneous</b>	<b>950</b>
Local communication (radio, press releases, newspaper)	950

**Recommendation by the International Assistance panel**

17 April 2019

Request to be submitted to the World Heritage Committee for approval for an amount of US\$ 59,975 under the Conservation & Management assistance-Nature budget.

**REQUEST N° 2**  
**Conservation & Management Assistance**  
**Cultural Heritage**  
**Africa**

**State Party:** Niger (*Least Developed Country*)

**Name of activity:** Request for International Assistance for the evaluation of the 2012-2018 management plan and the preparation of the new management plan (2019-2024) for the Historic Centre of Agadez

**Amount requested:** US\$ 42,385

**Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2018:** contributions paid in April 2019

**Previous contributions from the World Heritage Fund for this property in the past ten years:** none.

**Background:**

The management and conservation plan for a World Heritage site is a necessary tool for planning and implementing the necessary actions identified in a participatory manner for its sustainable conservation and efficient management over a period of five years. It is also a guide for monitoring the site to preserve the values that underpin its inclusion in the World Heritage List.

The Historic Centre of Agadez is a living site with earthen buildings which, however, face many challenges and problems, including:

- Weather hazards, including the heavy rainfall recorded in recent years resulting in floods and the subsequent degradation or destruction of the monumental earthen houses within the ancient site;
- Risks related to other natural phenomena, such as silting, wind and water erosion, etc.;
- Non-compliance with the urban planning regulations within the classified ancient site;
- The non-application of laws and regulations relating to the protection of cultural heritage;
- Urban pressure characterized by inappropriate activities marked by the use of imported materials (breeze blocks, sheet metal, concrete, etc.) and the unhealthy conditions of the Historic Centre of Agadez.

The lack of material and financial resources of the local communities, who struggle to cope with the regular maintenance of their homes, has intensified the difficulties in conserving the remarkable earthen architecture in the area of the Historic Centre of Agadez.

The evaluation and review of the Management Plan, as well as the participatory development of a new document, would also make it possible to objectively diagnose the constraints and threats that could affect the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the site, and to then propose effective ways and means, as well as priority actions, to help maintain the OUV and strengthen the sustainable conservation of the site.

It is therefore a question of designing a reference tool that takes into account the concerns of all the stakeholders on a living site, in the context of urban development reconciling the need

to preserve the attributes of the site included on the World Heritage List and the imperative of harmonious urban growth while mitigating the problems of demographic urban pressure within the ancient area.

This request is also intended to address the need for a revised management and conservation plan every five years, in line with the Operational Guidelines.

Finally, there is also a need to raise awareness at all levels regarding the importance of setting up a new Agadez property Management Plan, as well as creating synergies between actions which, directly or indirectly, contribute to ensuring the protection Agadez's heritage. In particular, this entails raising awareness and mobilizing international technical and financial partners and the UN System agencies in Niger to take heritage into account in their various actions in the current and specific context of Agadez and Sahel.

**Objectives:**

- Assess the 2012-2018 conservation plan with the participation of all site stakeholders;
- Review, develop, and validate a new conservation and management plan for the five-year period from 2019 to 2024;
- Strengthen the capacities of the Conservation and Management Cell of the Old Town of Agadez (CECOGAZ);
- Support the implementation of the recommendations from the 2018 UNESCO/ICOMOS Advisory Mission;
- Raise awareness among the national and international technical and financial partners regarding the importance of the actions to be carried out in Agadez for heritage conservation.

**Duration of the project:**

Estimated to 12 months

**Expected results:**

<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Means of verification</i>
The 2012-2018 plan is assessed with the participation of stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of meetings held in consultation with stakeholders in Agadez and Niamey;</li> <li>- Number of people involved;</li> <li>- Number of partners having intervened.</li> </ul>	The report of the mission to assess the 2012-2018 Conservation and Management Plan (CMP)
A new management plan for the period from 2019 to 2024 is developed with the participation of all site stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Field mission by the team for the review and development of the CMP;</li> <li>- General and specific objectives identified and set out in the new Plan for 2019-2024;</li> <li>- Quantity and quality of activities identified and set out in the CMP document;</li> <li>- Budgets proposed and accepted by the stakeholders;</li> <li>- Final CMP document.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mission report</li> <li>- Minutes of the meetings organized with the stakeholders</li> <li>- The document of the Conservation and Management Plan for 2019-2024, adopted and validated by the State of Niger</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strengthening of the Conservation and Management Cell of the Old Town of Agadez (CECOGAZ)</li> <li>- Support for the implementation of actions recommended by the 2018 UNESCO/ICOMOS advisory mission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Measures proposed in the action plan;</li> <li>- State resources allocated to CECOGAZ.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action plan validated in the new CMP</li> <li>- Approved State budget</li> <li>- Resources allocated by the State</li> </ul>



<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Means of verification</i>
National and international technical and financial partners are informed of the importance of the actions to be carried out in Agadez in order to conserve its heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organization of an event for the submission of the new Management Plan and presentation of the Action Plan</li> <li>- Content of communications with technical and financial partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report and media coverage of the event</li> <li>- Attendance list of technical and financial partners and UN agencies</li> </ul>

**Budget:**

<b>Total activity budget (in US\$):</b>	<b>43,920</b>
<b>National or other contributions (in US\$):</b>	<b>1,535</b>
<b>Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$):</b>	<b>42,385</b>
<b>1. Organization</b>	<b>8,825</b>
Venue (rental of meeting rooms in Agadez for workshops, coffee breaks, and catering - 6 days)	1,505
Office expenses	1,320
Secretarial Assistance	1,200
Communication / visibility	4,800
<b>2. Personnel / consultancy services (fees)</b>	<b>21,040</b>
International Expert (heritage management)	6,670
International Expert (architect)	6,670
National expert	3,500
International Expert (writing of the management plan)	2,800
National expert (writing of the management plan)	1,400
<b>3. Travel</b>	<b>2,680</b>
International travel cost	1,800
Domestic travel costs	880
<b>4. Accommodation &amp; meals</b>	<b>7,090</b>
Perdiem (2 international experts for 12 days)	2,970
Perdiem (1 national expert + 1 driver for 2 missions)	1,600
Perdiem (Director of Cultural Heritage and Head of the Division for 2 missions)	1,500
Perdiem (local participants during workshops)	1,020
<b>5. Equipment</b>	
None	
<b>6. Evaluation &amp; reporting</b>	<b>2,750</b>
Layout, graphics, printing	2,750
<b>7. Miscellaneous</b>	
None	

## **Recommendation by the International Assistance panel**

17 April 2019

Request to be submitted to the World Heritage Committee for approval for an amount of US\$ 42.385, along with a request for reallocation of funds within the World Heritage Fund to the Conservation & Management-Culture budget.

**REQUEST N° 3**

**Conservation & Management Assistance**

**Cultural Heritage  
Latin America**

**State Party:** Guatemala (*Upper Middle Income Country*)

**Name of activity:** Conservation, revitalization and sustainable cultural development of the Temple of la Limpia e Inmaculada Concepcion de la Antigua Guatemala

**Amount requested:** US\$ 69,791

**Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2018:** contributions paid in 2018.

**Previous contributions from the World Heritage Fund for this property in the past ten years:** none.

**Background:**

The neighborhood where the old Convento de la Concepción is located was one of the first in the City of La Antigua Guatemala. It has managed to preserve through time part of the urban layout with which the city was created, as well as native residents that keep alive the cultural and religious traditions that make the people from La Antigua, from Guatemala and from other countries to participate in these celebrations. Within this neighborhood is located the monumental complex of the Convent of the Clean and Immaculate Conception.

The restoration of the monumental complex will provide spaces to promote the cultural and religious activities that are carried out year after year and to appreciate the architecture of the interior of the monumental set.

The restructuring of both vertical and horizontal load-bearing elements will give the stability needed for the walls, arches, vaults, lintels, ashlar, borders, etc.

The coatings to the walls will protect against progressive erosion. The removal of the microflora and macroflora will help to stop the accumulation of these elements in walls so that the monument will not continue to deteriorate. The enhancement of the edifice is of public and institutional interest, in order to stop the deterioration of its structure and ornamental elements that are part of the architecture of the sixteenth century of one of the first convents established in the city of La Antigua Guatemala.

In addition, the restoration and opening of the monument will provide the city with a new space for the development of cultural and academic activities, which will promote sustainable development of the world heritage city.

**Objectives:**

- Contribute to the preservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of La Antigua Guatemala, through the enhancement of the ancient Temple of the Clean and

Immaculate Conception, using criteria and principles of restoration indicated by the National Council for the Protection of Ancient Guatemala and strengthening cultural values in the population.

- Promote the sustainable development of the World Heritage site, providing an adequate space such as the ancient Temple of the Immaculate Conception, aimed at the development of cultural activities which will strengthen the social fabric, contribute to the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage, prevent the gentrification and foster a climate of security in the inhabitants of the colonial city.

**Duration of the project:**

Estimated to 12 months.

**Expected results:**

<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Means of verification</i>
Conservation of the northern wall of the temple	Diagnosis and plans (current status, damages and deterioration and intervention proposal)	Stabilized north wall
General cleaning	Extraction of microflora and macro flora	Walls free of the microflora and macroflora
Release of loose materials and / or in poor condition	Removal of unstable elements in the wall	Walls free from unstable elements
Consolidation of walls, lintels and ashlar	Guarantee the conservation of original flat surfaces, moldings, stuccos and ornamental elements.	Original planks, moldings, stuccos and preserved ornamental elements
Integration of homogeneous brick and stone wall materials.	Use of homogeneous materials such as clay brick and hand-made tiles, quarried stone, wood, etc.	Stability of the elements and conservation of the constructive typology of the wall of the northern area of the monumental complex.
Restructuring in the upper part of the wall	Integration of structural elements.	Structural stability of the wall of the northern area of the monumental complex.

**Budget:**

<b>Total activity budget (in US\$):</b>	<b>305,256</b>
<b>National or other contributions (in US\$):</b>	<b>235,465</b>
<b>Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$):</b>	<b>69,791</b>
<b>1. Organization</b>	<b>18,300</b>
Translation	300
Administration	6,000
Project coordination	12,000
<b>2. Personnel / consultancy services (fees)</b>	<b>26,550</b>
Temporary worker – assistant (36 weeks)	12,150
Temporary worker – mason (36 weeks)	14,400
<b>3. Travel</b>	
None	

<b>4. Accommodation &amp; meals</b> None	
<b>5. Equipment</b> Cement, clay bricks, lime clumps, hydrated lime, sands, iron bars, wire, nails, clay tiles, stone, gravel, wood Tools	<b>24,941</b> 21,441 3,500
<b>6. Evaluation &amp; reporting</b> None	
<b>7. Miscellaneous</b> None	

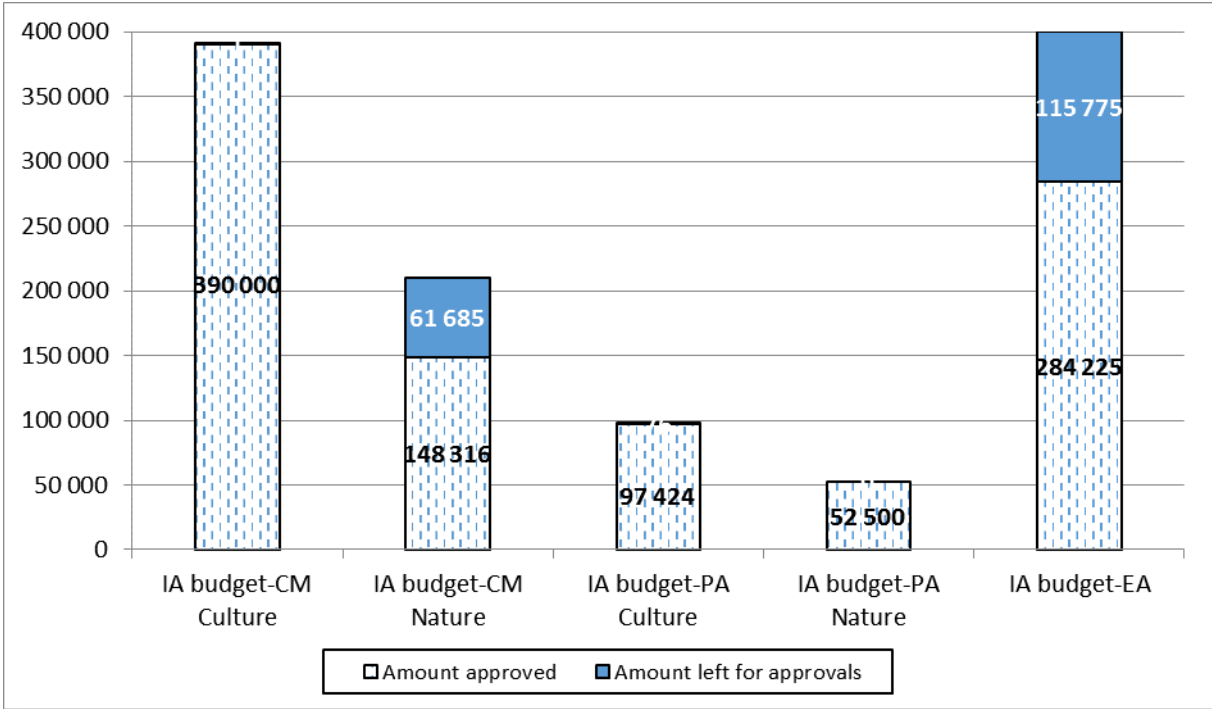
### **Recommendation by the International Assistance panel**

17 April 2019

Request to be submitted to the World Heritage Committee for approval for an amount of US\$ 69,791, along with a request for reallocation of funds within the World Heritage Fund to the Conservation & Management-Culture budget.

**II. STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2018-2019 AS OF 31 MAY 2019**

- 2. The International Assistance budget approved for the biennium 2018-2019 by Decision **41 COM 14** is the same as the 2016-2017 budget, i.e. US\$ 600,000 for Conservation & Management Assistance and US\$ 150,000 for Preparatory Assistance. Nonetheless, it should be recalled that this budget represents only 50% of the 2006-2007 budget for International Assistance, i.e. 12 years ago (US\$ 0.75 million in 2018-2019 against US\$ 1.5 million in 2006-2007), whereas the number of World Heritage properties inscribed has increased by 29,2% during the same period. The Emergency Assistance budget has remained stable for the past twelve years, at US\$ 400,000 for the biennium.
- 3. As can be seen from the chart below, as of 31 May 2019, the 2018-2019 Conservation & Management Assistance and Preparatory Assistance budgets have been fully used for requests recommended for approval, and US\$ 110,468 are missing under the Conservation & Management Assistance budget, as explained above in paragraph 1 of the present document.



Figures in US dollars.  
 PA = Preparatory Assistance; CM = Conservation & Management assistance; EA = Emergency assistance

- 4. Some additional funds earmarked for International Assistance have also been used to approve a few requests (see annex); however these funds come almost exclusively from savings made in the implementation of requests approved in previous years and not from new contributions.
- 5. From 2010 to 2018, contributions received from Italy, India, private partnerships, the Republic of Korea, Finland, the Philippines, Turkey, Germany and Viet Nam under the World Heritage Fund for a total amount of **US\$ 882,653** (without support costs) made it possible to approve more than 35 requests, out of which 43% were from Least Developed Countries and 59% from Africa. The Committee, by Decision **42 COM 13**, paragraph 4, has strongly appealed to all States Parties to contribute extra-budgetary

funds for International Assistance by choosing among the options described in Resolution **19 GA 8**. It may wish to reiterate this appeal.

### III. REVISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROCESS

6. Further to the recommendations made in 2017 by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) in its “Comparative Mapping Study of Forms and Models for use of Advisory Services by International Instruments and Programmes” (document [WHC/17/41.COM/INF.14.II](https://whc.unesco.org/doc/1741)) and in line with Decision **42 COM 13** paragraph 6 of the World Heritage Committee (Manama, 2018), a revision of the International Assistance process is proposed in document WHC/19/43.COM/11A, part C.

### IV. DRAFT DECISION

#### **Draft Decision: 43 COM 13**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/19/43.COM/13,
2. Approves the budget adjustments within the World Heritage Fund to increase the budget line “International Assistance – Conservation & Management” by US\$ 110,468, this amount being covered by the budget lines “Cooperation with other Conventions & Organizations” (for US\$ 5,000) “Information Management” (for US\$ 32,000), “Periodic Reporting-Global” (for US\$ 30,000) and “Periodic Reporting-Asia” (for US\$ 10,000), as well as by the funds from savings on prior year’s obligations (for US\$ 33,468);
3. Decides to approve the following International Assistance requests:
  - “Optimising usage control and monitoring for the conservation and management of pelagic ecosystems in the Galápagos Marine Reserve” (Ecuador), for an amount of US\$ 59,975 under the Conservation & Management-Nature budget;
  - “Request for International Assistance for the evaluation of the 2012-2018 management plan and the preparation of the new management plan (2019-2024) for the Historic Centre of Agadez” (Niger), for an amount of US\$ 42,385 under the Conservation & Management-Culture budget;
  - “Conservation, revitalization and sustainable cultural development of the Temple of la Limpia e Inmaculada Concepcion de la Antigua Guatemala” (Guatemala), for an amount of US\$ 69,791, namely US\$ 68,083 under the Conservation & Management-Culture budget and US\$ 1,708 under the Conservation & Management-Nature budget as authorized by paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines;
4. Recalling Decision **42 COM 13**, paragraph 4, strongly appeals to all States Parties to make voluntary contributions for International Assistance by choosing among the options described in Resolution **19 GA 8**.

## INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS IN 2018-2019 (as of 31 May 2019)

## A. 38 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2018-2019

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites on the Danger List)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Approved under
<b>CONSERVATION &amp; MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (23 requests)</b>				<b>601 623</b>		
<b>Culture (15 requests)</b>				<b>403 732</b>		
AFR	<b>Ethiopia</b>	Systematic assessment of causes and effects of surface degradation of the Tiya megalithic structures and waterlogged field of the property	Tiya ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1980</i> )	16 995	5 March 2019	International Assistance budget
AFR	Ghana	Preparation of a management plan for the Forts and Castles of Ghana	Forts and Castles, Volta, Greater Accra, Central and Western Regions ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2012</i> )	85 086	3 July 2018	International Assistance budget
AFR	<b>Malawi</b>	Review of management plan, capacity building and development of a new integrated management planning framework for Chongoni Rock Art World Heritage Site in Malawi	Chongoni Rock-Art Area ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2006</i> )	30 000	5 March 2019	International Assistance budget
AFR	<b>Mali</b>	Restoration and enhancement of the Tomb of Askia in Gao	<b>Tomb of Askia</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2004 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2012</i> )	24 585	6 February 2018	International Assistance budget



Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites on the Danger List)	Amount approved (in US\$)	Approval date	Approved under
AFR	<b>Mali</b>	Protection and enhancement of the property 'Old Towns of Djenné'	<b>Old Towns of Djenné</b> <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1988 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2016)</i>	24 580	6 February 2018	International Assistance budget
AFR	<b>Mali</b>	Validation meeting of the management and conservation plans of the four World Heritage sites in Mali	<b>Tomb of Askia; Timbuktu; Old Towns of Djenné</b> <i>(on the World Heritage List since 2004 and 1988 on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2016 and 2012)</i> ; Cliff of Bandiagara - Land of the Dogons <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1988)</i>	4 150	16 March 2018	International Assistance budget
AFR	<b>Mozambique</b>	Community Participation in the Management and Monitoring Processes at the Island of Mozambique World Heritage Site	Island of Mozambique <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1991)</i>	23 260	14 December 2018	International Assistance budget
AFR	<b>Senegal</b>	Mapping and training of tourist guides on Bassari, Bedik and Fula cultural landscapes	Bassari Country: Bassari, Fula and Bedik Cultural Landscapes <i>(on the World Heritage List since 2012)</i>	15 600	6 February 2018	International Assistance budget
AFR	<b>Uganda</b>	Restoration of the Bujjakukula (Gate House) at the Kasubi Royal Tombs of Buganda Kings	<b>Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi</b> <i>(on the World Heritage List since 2001 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2010)</i>	24 071	17 May 2018	International Assistance budget

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ARB	Palestine	Management plan and Conservation Plan for the World Heritage Site (Hebron/Al-Khalil Old Town)	<b>Hebron/Al-Khalil Old Town</b> <i>(on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2017)</i>	30 000	3 July 2018	International Assistance budget
ARB	Syrian Arab Republic	First phase of the master plan of Crac des Chevaliers	<b>Crac des Chevaliers and Qal'at Salah El-Din</b> <i>(on the World Heritage List since 2006 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2013)</i>	30 000	10 May 2019	Danger sites budget line
EUR	Albania	Development of Integrated Management Plan of Gjirokastra and Berat	Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokastra <i>(on the World Heritage List since 2005/2008)</i>	30 460	3 July 2018	International Assistance budget
EUR	Armenia	Management of World Heritage Sites in Armenia	n.a.	30,000	10 May 2019	International Assistance budget
EUR	Ukraine	Modernization of the Hydrogeological Monitoring System of the Territory of the Ensemble of Buildings of St. Sophia Cathedral and Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra	Kiev: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kiev-Pechersk Lavra <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1990)</i>	29 945	6 February 2018	International Assistance budget
LAC	Mexico	Risk assessment methodology implementation and preparation of a risk management plan for the Archaeological Monuments Zone of Xochicalco, World Heritage site	Archaeological Monuments Zone of Xochicalco <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1999)</i>	5 000	27 April 2018	International Assistance budget

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<b>Nature (6 requests)</b>				<b>159 070</b>		
AFR	<b>Democratic Rep. of the Congo</b>	Habitat Management and Key Species Monitoring in Garamba National Park	<b>Garamba National Park</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1980 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1996</i> )	30 000	17 May 2018	International Assistance budget
AFR	<b>Democratic Rep. of the Congo</b>	Organization of the overflight	<b>Kahuzi-Biega National Park</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1980 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1997</i> )	21 700	17 May 2018	International Assistance budget
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire	Strengthening surveillance against gold mining and poaching inside the Tai National Park	<b>Taï National Park</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1982</i> )	19 565	17 May 2018	International Assistance budget
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire	Elaboration of high resolution maps from SPOT images of the updated boundaries of the Mount Nimba Strict Reserve	<b>Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1981 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1992</i> )	28 061	10 May 2019	Additional funds earmarked for International Assistance
AFR	<b>Niger</b>	Elaboration of a development and participative management plan for the Air and Ténéré Natural Reserve (RNNAT)	<b>Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1991 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1992</i> )	29 994	10 May 2019	International Assistance budget (82.5%) Additional funds earmarked for International Assistance (17.5%)
APA	Viet Nam	The management effectiveness evaluation of Ha Long Bay - a World Natural Heritage site	<b>Ha Long Bay</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1994</i> )	29 750	17 May 2018	International Assistance budget

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<b>Mixed (2 requests)</b>				<b>38 821</b>		
AFR	<b>Lesotho</b>	Strengthening Sehlabathebe community conservation forum to enhance community involvement in the conservation and management of the Maloti Drakensberg Park World Heritage site	Maloti-Drakensberg Park <i>(on the World Heritage List since 2000, extension in 2013)</i>	14 056	6 February 2018	International Assistance budget
AFR	<b>Mali</b>	Restoration and post-crisis enhancement of Bandiagara Cliff (Land of the Dogons)	Cliff of Bandiagara - Land of the Dogons <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1988)</i>	24 765	3 July 2018	International Assistance budget
<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (10 requests)</b>				<b>266 463</b>		
<b>Culture (3 requests)</b>				<b>86 545</b>		
AFR	<b>Comoros</b>	Assistance in assembling the nomination file of 'Sultanats Historiques des Comores' as a UNESCO World Heritage Site	Sultanats Historiques des Comores <i>(on Tentative List since 2007)</i>	29 970	17 May 2018	International Assistance budget
APA	<b>Bangladesh</b>	Updating the Tentative List in Bangladesh	n.a.	26 575	10 May 2019	International Assistance budget
ARB	Palestine	Preparing the nomination dossier for Jericho Cultural Heritage Sites	Ancient Jericho: Tell es-Sultan <i>(on Tentative List since 2012)</i>	30 000	10 May 2019	Additional funds earmarked for International Assistance
<b>Nature (1 request)</b>				<b>22 279</b>		
AFR	<b>Djibouti</b>	Achievement of feasibility study for a nomination of 'Parc National de la forêt du Day' to the UNESCO World Heritage List	Parc National de la forêt du Day <i>(on Tentative List since 2015)</i>	22 279	6 February 2018	International Assistance budget

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<b>Mixed (6 requests)</b>				<b>157 639</b>		
AFR	<b>South Sudan</b>	Capacity building and implementation strategy for the World Heritage Convention in South Sudan	n.a.	29 900	17 May 2018	Additional funds earmarked for International Assistance
AFR	<b>Togo</b>	Updating of Togo's Tentative List	n.a.	29 503	10 May 2019	Additional funds earmarked for International Assistance
AFR	Zimbabwe	Development of Tentative List for Zimbabwe	n.a.	26 100	5 March 2019	International Assistance budget
APA	DPR Korea	Preparation of nomination of Mt. Kumgang and the Historical Relics in and around the Mountain focusing on upstream advice and guidance in the identification of the potential OUV	Mt. Kumgang and the Historical Relics in and around the Mountain ( <i>on Tentative List since 2000</i> )	27 136	17 May 2018	Additional funds earmarked for International Assistance
LAC	Honduras	Preparation of a Tentative list of cultural and natural properties suitable for inclusion in the World Heritage List of UNESCO	n.a.	20 000	17 May 2018	International Assistance budget
LAC	Peru	Preparation of the Tentative List of cultural, natural and mixed properties of Peru for inclusion in the World Heritage List	n.a.	25 000	17 May 2018	International Assistance budget
<b>EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (5 requests)</b>				<b>284 225</b>		
<b>Culture (4 requests)</b>				<b>180 000</b>		
ARB	Syrian Arab Republic	Recovery plan for Ancient City of Bosra	<b>Ancient City of Bosra</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1980 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2013</i> )	30 000	21 December 2018	International Assistance budget

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LAC	Mexico	Restauration of the Temple of “Nuestra Señora de Loreto” (Our Lady of Loreto) and the “Oratory of San Felipe Neri (La Profesa)” in the Historic Centre of Mexico City due to earthquake impacts	Historic Centre of Mexico City and Xochimilco ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1987</i> )	60 000	23 January 2018	International Assistance budget
LAC	Mexico	Stabilization and restauration of two 16th-Century Monasteries in Tlayacapan, Morelos and Tochimilco, Puebla due to earthquake impacts	Earliest 16th-Century Monasteries on the Slopes of Popocatepetl ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1994</i> )	60 000	23 January 2018	International Assistance budget
LAC	Mexico	Reconstruction and restoration of Puebla Basilica dome due to earthquake impacts	Historic Centre of Puebla ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1987</i> )	60 000	23 January 2018	International Assistance budget
<b>Nature (1 request)</b>				<b>74 225</b>		
AFR	<b>Ethiopia</b>	Fire emergency assistance in Simien Mountains National Park	Simien National Park ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1978</i> )	74 225	23 April 2019	International Assistance budget

**B. 14 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS NOT APPROVED IN 2018-2019**

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
<b>CONSERVATION &amp; MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (8 requests)</b>					
<b>Culture (8 requests)</b>					
AFR	<b>Eritrea</b>	Improved conservation and management of Asmara: a modernist city of Africa World Heritage site through an architectural design competition for Fiat Tagliero building and its surrounding public spaces	Asmara: a Modernist City of Africa ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2017</i> )	6 February 2018	This activity is not a priority for funding under the World Heritage Fund.
AFR	Kenya	Enhancing The Visitor Experience, Safety and Security at the Fort Jesus World Heritage Site Through Improved Interpretation and Presentation as well as Emergency Response	Fort Jesus, Mombasa ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2011</i> )	6 February 2018	This activity is not a priority for the site.
AFR	Seychelles	The power of culture : engaging youths in understanding their culture	n.a.	5 March 2019	Awareness-raising activities funded under International Assistance can be only for the Convention in general and not for specific sites (see § 241 of the Operational Guidelines).
APA	<b>Kiribati</b>	Conservation and management of heritage sites at Kanton (Abariringa) in the Phoenix Island	Phoenix Islands Protected Area ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2010</i> )	5 March 2019	The project focusses on an inventory of cultural assets, which cannot be considered as a priority for a site inscribed under natural criteria. Moreover, awareness-raising activities funded under International Assistance can be only for the Convention in general and not for specific sites (see § 241 of the Operational Guidelines).

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APA	Uzbekistan	Management of the World Heritage properties in Uzbekistan	Samarkand – Crossroad of Cultures ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2001</i> ) <b>Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz</b> ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2000 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2016</i> )	17 May 2018	The revised version did not take into account the recommendation of the panel of January 2018 (which asked for a focus on capacity building activities).
EUR	Belarus	The preparation and development of the management plan for the World Heritage site the Architectural, residential and cultural complex of the Radziwill family at Nesvizh, the Republic of Belarus	Architectural, Residential and Cultural Complex of the Radziwill Family at Nesvizh ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 2005</i> )	6 February 2018	According to the replies of the State Party to the Periodic Reporting questionnaire, there is currently a management plan in force for this property.
EUR	Bulgaria	World Heritage for the world audience – Research for a better management (WARM)	n.a.	6 February 2018	This activity is rather similar to another one (International Assistance request n°2763) already approved in 2016.
EUR	Ukraine	Purchase of the trailing lift (hoist) with a telescopic boom Dinolift 150T	Kiev: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kiev-Pechersk Lavra ( <i>on the World Heritage List since 1990</i> )	3 July 2018	This activity is not a current priority at the site and other funding could be sought (either the 'Special Fund' whose creation was recommended by the 2017 reactive monitoring mission or European institutions).



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<b>PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (6 requests)</b>					
<b>Culture (3 requests)</b>					
AFR	Cabo Verde	Strengthening the management capacity of the Tarrafal concentration camp	Camp de concentration du Tarrafal ( <i>on Tentative List since 2016</i> )	5 March 2019	The funding of management activities for a site on a Tentative List does not fall within International Assistance (see paragraph 241 of the Operational Guidelines).
AFR	<b>Eritrea</b>	Qohaito Cultural Landscape: technical improvement of the map and management	Qoahito Cultural Landscape ( <i>on Tentative List since 2011</i> )	6 February 2018	The objective of the request should not be the mapping of the site but an assessment of the potential of the 'Qohaito Cultural Landscape' for World Heritage listing. The scope of the revision needed is therefore so wide that it would entail the submission of a completely new request.
EUR	Belarus	Organization of an advisory mission of international experts in cultural and natural heritage sites for completion of 'Augustow Canal' file for submission to UNESCO World Heritage List	Augustow Canal ( <i>on Tentative List since 2004</i> )	6 February 2018	The nomination dossier submitted in 2008 for this site was evaluated for non-inscription and an International Assistance request on this same topic was not approved in 2016.
<b>Nature (1 request)</b>					
EUR	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Preparation of the nomination dossier for candidature of Vjetrenica Cave to the World Heritage List of UNESCO	Vjetrenica cave ( <i>on Tentative List since 2004</i> )	6 February 2018	The issues related to the transboundary nature of the site already noted in the non-approval of a similar request in 2013 have not been clarified.
<b>Mixed (2 requests)</b>					
AFR	<b>Malawi</b>	Development of Nomination Dossiers. 2.1. Malawi Slave Routes and Dr. David Livingstone Trail. 2.2. Lake Chilwa Wetland	Lake Chilwa Wetland; Malawi Slave Routes and Dr. David Livingstone Trail ( <i>on Tentative List since 2011</i> )	6 February 2018	The objective of the request should be an assessment of the potential of the cultural site 'Malawi Slave Routes and Dr. David Livingstone Trail' for World Heritage listing. The revision needed is therefore so extensive that it would entail the submission of a completely new request.

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AFR	<b>South Sudan</b>	Production of maps and photographic material for South Sudan potential World Heritage sites	Boma-Badingilo Migratory Landscape; Deim Zubeir – Slave route site; Sudd wetland (on Tentative List since 2017)	6 February 2018	It would be premature to map sites for which the potential Outstanding Universal Value has not been defined yet.