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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 gives an overview of International Assistance requests approved in 2018-2019, and Part III contains the status of the International Assistance budget for the biennium 2020-2021 as of 31 May 2021.

The present document also contains an Annex listing the International Assistance requests approved for the biennium 2020-2021 as of 31 May 2021, as well as the final list of those approved during the biennium 2018-2019.

Draft Decision: 44 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.
2. In the 2020 cycle, the International Assistance panel examined 37 requests, out of which 5 were above US\$ 30,000. Four of them were recommended for revision; two revised versions have been received for a lower amount and, hence, were for decision by the Chairperson. The fifth request was recommended for non-approval and is subsequently submitted to the Committee for decision (see below).
3. In the 2021 cycle, the International Assistance panel examined 36 requests, out of which 6 were above US\$ 30,000. One of them was recommended for approval by the panel held in January 2021, while the other five were recommended for revision. Four revised versions have been received, of which two have been recommended for approval and are subsequently submitted to the Committee for decision (see below), while the other two have been recommended for revision.

CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

N°	Region	State Party – Name of activity	Amount requested (US\$)	Amount recommended for approval (US\$)
Request recommended for non-approval – Natural heritage				
1	Africa	Madagascar – Support for the removal of the Atsinanana Rainforests property from the List of World Heritage in Danger as decided by the World Heritage Committee	167,575	0
Request recommended for approval – Cultural heritage				
2	Asia-Pacific	Lao PDR – Support for Heritage Impact Assessment to protect World Heritage in Lao PDR	74,500	44,500
3	Asia-Pacific	Sri Lanka – Reparation and strengthening of the staircases to the frescos, the visitor platform, the wind-corridor metal bridge and the fragmented rock slabs of the lion staircase of the Sigiriya rock of the Sigiriya Ancient City	91,212	91,212

N°	Region	State Party – Name of activity	Amount requested (US\$)	Amount recommended for approval (US\$)
4	Eastern Europe	North Macedonia – Strengthening the Capacities to Manage the Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid Region: GIS Database Development Training for the Institute and Museum-Ohrid	55,000	55,000

Funds available under the Conservation & Management Assistance-Natural heritage budget as of 31 May 2021: US\$ 126,972

Funds available under the Conservation & Management Assistance-Cultural heritage budget as of 31 May 2021: US\$ 143,963

REQUEST N°1
Conservation & Management Assistance
Natural Heritage
Africa

State Party: Madagascar (*Least Developed Country*)

Name of activity: Support for the removal of the Atsinanana Rainforests property from the List of World Heritage in Danger as decided by the World Heritage Committee

Amount requested: US\$ 167,575

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2020: contributions paid in February 2021.

Previous contributions from the World Heritage Fund for this property in the past ten years: US\$ 100,000 approved by the World Heritage Committee in 2010.

Background:

The Atsinanana Rainforests were inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2007. Despite the ecosystem values and services provided to the population, this site is still subject to human pressures that have threatened its integrity. These include illegal logging of precious woods, illegal mining, land clearing and poaching. Therefore, in 2009, following the political crisis in the country and increase in the felling of precious woods and poaching in two components of the property, the entire property was inscribed as World Heritage in Danger.

Four indicators have been identified for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger:

- Indicator 1: Illegal exploitation of precious wood has been stopped in all 6 components of the property.
- Indicator 2: The rate of land clearing in the 6 components of the property does not exceed 0.01 % per year (percentage of the surface area of the park).
- Indicator 3: No signs of significant poaching of lemurs and other key species within the property.
- Indicator 4: Areas that have been heavily degraded by agricultural clearing and illegal logging are being reclaimed and ecological restoration is underway.

In 2018, these threats are assessed as low for Marojejy and Andringitra, medium for Zahamena, Ranomafana and Andohahela, and remain high for Masoala.

- In Ranomafana National Park

During the political crisis in 2009, gold mining in swampy areas within the park's buffer zone increased, destroying the habitats of endemic waterfowl and amphibians. Frequent patrols by mixed brigades, formed by the Madagascar National Parks (MNP) team, forest services, mining service and Armed Forces, have been conducted and have helped to reduce this type of illegal exploitation. Other pressures such as illegal logging, cutting of precious woods (rosewood), coal mining and poaching have also been observed within the park. Among these pressures, coal mining poses a significant threat. According to the report of the Regional Directorate of Environment and Sustainable Development in 2018, one thousand hectares of natural forests were destroyed by coal mining in the Park's protection zone (outside the

protected area). Miners have attempted to enter the buffer zone of the park, which poses a threat to the property.

- In Zahamena National Park

The practice of traditional slash-and-burn agriculture is the main type of agricultural development in the Eastern Region. Forest clearing is therefore considered the main method of appropriation of arable land. The population is engaged in traditional irrigated rice cultivation, but the area under cultivation is still insufficient. In addition, mining operations lead to the disturbance of different types of habitats targeted for conservation and disappearance of the Park's natural resources. Adaptation to traditional farming techniques, insufficient production materials and a serious lack of socio-economic infrastructure lead to the local population being entirely dependent on natural resources and constitute the main threat to the Park. The impoverishment of the population is becoming so alarming that the promotion of sustainable development is becoming one of the key factors in the success of the conservation of Zahamena National Park. On a structural level, the inadequacy of technical frameworks and financial support and the poor state of access roads are factors that block the rural development process and sustainable management for the conservation of natural resources. Eight communes in three districts have been selected for the project, based on pressure data collected in 2018.

Given that Madagascar is a developing country, appropriate resources cannot be fully assured for systematic monitoring of the property. It is therefore very important to support this project in order to implement the recommendations of the World Heritage Centre, contribute to achieving these 4 indicators and thus guarantee the state of conservation of the property. More specifically, the project aims to respond to recommendations 1 and 3 of the joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN Reactive Monitoring mission to the Atsinanana Rainforests, Republic of Madagascar, 28 September - 2 October 2015:

- Take measures to support monitoring activities at the property and in particular to support the development of local economic activity that is compatible with conservation; and
- Develop an action plan in collaboration with the responsible authorities to eliminate artisanal mining, particularly in these two parks.

This project also contributes to implementing the decisions of the World Heritage Committee, which request that the State Party strengthens control and law enforcement measures against these illegal activities in the Atsinanana Rainforests. Furthermore, it also requests that the State Party develops a costed action plan for the implementation of the corrective measures.

Objectives:

The overall objective of the project is to:

"Maintain the integrity of the park in terms of the principle of integrating the local population and stakeholders in the conservation of biodiversity for sustainable development, while strengthening law enforcement against illegal activities in the components of the property".

The specific objectives are as follows:

- Raise awareness and education among the local population about the economic and ecological potential of the property;
- Increase the annual income of the target population in the peripheral zone by creating adequate Income Generating Activities (IGAs) and economic promotion at the sites;
- Control pressures to improve in-situ conservation of biological diversity, including habitats where threatened species of outstanding universal value survive;
- Reduce illegal exploitation of forest resources in the Atsinanana Rainforests;
- Ensure the effective implementation of the activities of MNP in the management of the 6 protected areas, components of the property, Atsinanana Rainforests and UNESCO World Heritage;

- Advocate during the World Heritage Committee session to remove the property "Atsinanana Rainforests" from the List of World Natural Heritage in Danger.

Through this project, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MESD) will be able to ensure its role in reducing the process of degradation of natural resources and sustainability of management for the preservation of the protected areas. The project also contributes to the implementation of national forest policies and strategies:

- Updated National Forest Policy: Intensifying the fight against deforestation and forest degradation (objective 1.3)
- National Strategy on Biodiversity Conservation: Minimising direct pressures on biological diversity and the need to maintain the status of biological diversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity (strategic goals)
- REDD+ Strategy: Sustainable management and enhancement of forest resources (strategic orientation 3) with the aim of significantly reducing deforestation, controlling forest degradation and increasing coal stocks (objective 3), through an approach based on sustainable and responsible management of resources.

Duration of the project:

Estimated to 12 months

Expected results:

<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Means of verification</i>
Biodiversity sustainability is ensured by controlling pressures	Sustainability Index: "Good": <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in the number of mixed special brigade patrols • Decrease in area cleared • Fewer cases of mining 	Sustainability Index: "Good": <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in the number of mixed special brigade patrols • Decrease in area cleared • Fewer cases of mining • Results of the viability analysis by MIRADI (Adaptive Management Software for Conservation Projects) or KEA (Key Ecological Attributes) • SMART Report
The implementation of income-generating agricultural activities, working in tandem with the beneficiary local population.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of beneficiary households • Number of participants in capacity building 	Monitoring and Evaluation Report + Photos
Areas heavily degraded by agricultural clearing and illegal mining are reclaimed and restored	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area restored • 75% of people in target areas are aware and educated on biodiversity conservation 	Awareness report + Restoration plan and report photos
Forest offences are reduced	Number of cases of forest offences tried	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission reports • Judgement reports
The effective management by MNP of the six components of the property is ensured	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNP AWP objectives achieved • Decreasing scale of threat to the property • Decrease in annual deforestation rate (%) 	Annual report of MNP's activities

<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Means of verification</i>
	• Area of restored/reforested forest (ha)	
The advocacy for the removal of the "Atsinanana Rainforests" property is made to the World Heritage Committee	Participation of Madagascar in the session of the World Heritage Committee	Mission Report

Budget:

Total activity budget (in US\$):	167,575
National or other contributions (in kind): rolling stock, computer equipment and human resources	N/A
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$):	167,575
1. Organization	4,837
Arrange a meeting	1,298
Strengthening the capacities of beneficiaries	1,081
Supporting farmers in the installation of ponds	135
Launch meeting or stakeholder meeting	1,404
Preparation and communication	656
Organisation of the trip	263
2. Personnel / consultancy services (fees)	71,294
Developing irrigated perimeters	4,054
Developing the catchment areas	5,406
Popularising the habitat restoration technique	811
Track maintenance (with small bridge) Antanandava to Ankosy (in km)	3,649
Poultry allocation	1,892
Supporting farmers in the production of improved poultry yards	8,703
Technical support for farmers	216
Improving product quality through processing	2,162
Ensuring supply	1,642
Strengthening the technical capacities of farmers	540
Fry endowment	101
Habitat restoration/enrichment	2,317
Agroforestry plots/market gardening/cash crop plots	3,515
Patrol planes	1,226
Mixed Special Brigade	3,971
Implementation of economic promotions and incentives for conservation action plans	25,739
National expert for capacity building of security officers	5,350
3. Travel	26,382
Fuel	7,309
Plane ticket	3,789
Other means of transport (boats, motorbikes, etc.)	3,684
Transportation of seized products (fuel, truck rentals)	8,400
International Travel - Travel to China	3,200
4. Accommodation & meals	47,645
Missionary per diem	34,176

Carriers in the bush	3,389
Daily subsistence allowances	10,080
5. Equipment	6,800
Weeders (100 units)	324
Sprayers (50 units)	337
Pro camera (2 units)	2,162
Portable video projector	1,081
Portable generator set	270
Mobile Speakers	811
Office chairs (3 units)	406
Equipment: Rain boots, raincoat, badge, backpacks	1,409
6. Evaluation & reporting	3,530
Ensure monitoring-evaluation	2,919
Production technical guide	85
Writing and printing the report	526
7. Miscellaneous	7,087
Management fees	5,000
Internal movement and guidance	1,316
Unexpected expenses	771

Recommendation by the International Assistance panel (22 January 2020)

Request to be submitted to the Committee for non-approval due to the extent of the revisions to be made to the request, which would result in an entirely different project. In addition, the results of the request that was previously approved by the Committee for this property have not been evaluated or taken into account in the preparation of this request. Finally, the State Party is not up to date with its contributions to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2019.

The State Party is encouraged to evaluate the results of the previous request (No. 2128) and submit a new request focusing on the fight against illegal logging and trade of rosewood, which is the main reason for the property's inscription on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Additional comments (May 2021)

The contributions to the World Heritage Fund have been settled in February 2021.

Another International Assistance request for the Rainforests of the Atsinanana for an amount of US\$ 77,356 was submitted in 2020 for the 2021 funding cycle. It has been recommended for revision by the panel of 29 January 2021. The State Party wished to thoroughly rework this application in order to resubmit it by 31 October 2021, as part of the 2022 funding cycle.

REQUEST N°2
Conservation & Management Assistance
Cultural Heritage
Asia-Pacific

State Party: Lao PDR (*Least Developed Country*)

Name of activity: Support for Heritage Impact Assessment to protect World Heritage in Lao PDR

Amount requested: US\$ 74,500

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2020: contributions paid.

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

Background:

A large dam project has been approved 25km upstream of the Town of Luang Prabang World Heritage property. Currently, forest clearance, relocation of villagers and construction of access roads have already commenced at the site, and construction is on-going now.

The Mekong River Commission has issued an evaluation in December 2019 (http://www.mrcmekong.org/assets/RSF9/Summary-of-2nd-Draft-TRR_nmcs.pdf) which notes that the city of Luang Prabang would be flooded in case of the dam break event. Aside from the dam failure risk, even in the event of normal dam operations, the Procedures for Notification Prior Consultation and Agreement Study issued by the Mekong River Commission also points out potential threats from narrowing the Mekong River, causing higher flow velocities and increasing the sediment load. This may exacerbate river bank erosion along the Mekong, which has already been identified as an on-going threat facing Luang Prabang. In addition, concerns about other ecological factors (such as fish populations), social factors (in terms of affected relocations) and other downstream effects have also been identified.

Such adverse impacts will affect the OUV of the Town of Luang Prabang.

In response to this issue, the State Party of Lao PDR should undertake urgently a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for this project. The HIA should in principle be commissioned by the Ministry of Energy and Mines, as the main proponent of the dam project. Since the Ministry is not familiar with the HIA principles and standards, this proposed activity will support the foreseen HIA with targeted interventions and input from the heritage perspective so that it can be undertaken in compliance with international standards. The project will also allow for expert input to review the HIA report, so that the HIA feeds into and improves the preventive measures and technical standards of the hydropower design and operational standards.

In addition, the State Party is currently preparing another World Heritage nomination for the Hin Nam No National Park (an extension to Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park). Around the nominated areas at the edge of the buffer zones, five potential development projects have been identified, including a railway development project, a coal mining power plant project and a special economic zone. These proposed projects could negatively impact on the potential OUV and the adequate protection and management of the integrity of the site. In particular, potential impacts could include disruption of the connectivity of the forest landscape and

habitats/ecosystems, pollution, and increased risks of illegal logging, poaching and encroachment with the better access to the site.

As a secondary priority, the project will also aim to undertake technical review and consultations regarding the proposed projects that may affect the Hin Nam No Tentative List site. These projects are still in the proposal phase, and therefore are less of an imminent threat than the Luang Prabang dam. However, the sheer number and variety of projects may pose a cumulative threat to various aspects of the site's proposed OUV and attributes in the future. As the protection measures and management system are being designed for the site now, the HIA and/or Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) perspectives will help to ensure that these are developed in a more robust manner, and that any potential negative impacts are avoided or mitigated at this project design stage.

The final component of this activity is to build up the long-term institutional framework for impact assessments that will benefit the protection of World Heritage in Lao PDR on an on-going basis. Lao PDR currently has the EIA systems and legislation in place under the lead of Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources. However, expert reviews have indicated that these EIA systems should be further strengthened in terms of planning procedures, provision of secondary regulations, number of trained and skilled personnel, public consultation, follow-up and monitoring. Moreover, the Law on National Heritage (December 2005) which is the basis for protecting a wide range of immovable, movable as well as living heritage, does not make provisions for HIA.

Objectives:

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the national system in Lao PDR for assessing and mitigating impacts to heritage, particularly World Heritage.

The specific objectives include:

- Providing urgent technical support to the competent authorities to ensure that the HIA study in Luang Prabang World Heritage property is conducted in line with international standards, by 3 key interventions:
 - Review the terms of reference of the HIA study to be commissioned by the Ministry of Energy and Mines
 - Identify and bring on board experts to provide technical input into the HIA study.
 - Independently review the completed HIA study to ensure compliance with international standards and comprehensive protection of OUV and attributes.
- Providing technical inputs regarding HIA concerns for various proposed projects in the vicinity of the Hin Nam No Tentative List site
 - Experts will conduct desk review and site study to understand the on-the-ground situation and potential impacts from the heritage perspective.
 - Trigger the HIA process for these proposed projects.
- Supporting the development of HIA system in Lao PDR:
 - Raising awareness about international standards for Impact Assessments among relevant national stakeholders and private sector, with specific reference to the cases of Luang Prabang and Hin Nam No. International HIA experts will be invited to join by online modality in the events.
 - Reviewing current legal and regulatory framework in Lao PDR for Environmental Impact Assessments and Strategic Environmental Assessments with a view to developing standards, provisions and mechanisms for HIAs as appropriate.

- Formulating recommendations on standards, provisions and mechanisms for HIAs in the context of Lao PDR and undertaking policy advocacy towards the adoption and implementation in the future. This will involve both online desk work as well as hybrid (online/onsite) technical consultations.
- National training for policy and technical counterparts in Lao PDR on the recommended HIA standards, provisions and mechanisms

Duration of the project:

Estimated to 24 months

Expected results:

<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Means of verification</i>
Improved awareness about international standards for Heritage Impact Assessments	Number of stakeholders	Activity report
Ensure that the HIA for Luang Prabang is conducted in line with international standards	Comprehensiveness of HIA TOR Quality and appropriateness of proposed mitigation measures	Expert review
HIA process triggered at Hin Nam No in line with international standards	National commitment for HIA at Hin Nam No	Expert review
Improved awareness about international standards for Heritage Impact Assessments Number of stakeholders Activity report	Completion of the recommendations	Review of the recommendations
Counterparts with knowledge about new HIA recommendations	Number of counterparts trained	Workshop report
Sub-regional State Parties benefitting from knowledge from the new HIA recommendations in Lao PDR	Number of other SP counterparts trained	Workshop report

Budget:

Total activity budget (in US\$):	85,300
National or other contributions (in kind): meeting venues and other logistical and organizational support in convening activities, workshops, consultations	10,800
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$):	74,500
1. Organization	18,000
Inception national workshop to raise awareness	3,000
First provincial meeting in Luang Prabang to review study visit findings	2,000
2nd Luang Prabang provincial consultation to review the HIA study results	2,000
First provincial meeting in Hin Nam No to review study visit findings	2,000
Technical consultation meetings to review draft standards, provisions and mechanisms for HIAs	6,000
National training workshop for policy and technical counterparts	3,000
2. Personnel / consultancy services (fees)	40,500
International expert to review HIA Luang Prabang dam project (30 days)	9,000

International expert to review current legal and regulatory framework and technical input (40 days)	12,000
National expert to support the review current legal and regulatory framework (30 days)	4,500
National expert to assist in triggering the HIA for Hin Nam No development projects (30 days)	4,500
International expert to conduct the HIA workshop (10 days)	3,000
Coordination between the national experts and international experts, consolidating all inputs (30 days)	7,500
3. Travel	5,200
International experts to Luang Prabang dam project (3 people)	1,200
National experts to Luang Prabang dam project (2 people)	800
Coordinator to Luang Prabang dam project (2 people)	800
International experts to Hin Nam No site visits (2 people)	1,200
National experts to Hin Nam No site visits (1 person)	600
National experts to Hin Nam No visits (1 person)	600
4. Accommodation & meals	10,000
International experts in Luang Prabang (3 people)	3,000
National experts in Luang Prabang (2 people)	2,000
Coordinator in Luang Prabang (1 person)	1,000
International experts in Hin Nam No (2 people)	1,600
National experts in Hin Nam No (2 people)	1,600
National experts in Hin Nam No (1 person)	800
5. Equipment	0
None	
6. Evaluation & reporting	500
Dissemination and policy advocacy of the proposed HIA standards	500
7. Miscellaneous	300
Communications	300

Recommendation by the International Assistance panel (29 January 2021)

Request to be submitted to the Chairperson for approval for a maximum amount of US\$ 30,000 for the components on Luang Prabang, under the Conservation & Management assistance-Cultural heritage budget.

It is recommended that some flexibility be granted within the budget lines dedicated to travel and meetings, in order to accommodate possible adjustments in the implementation of the activities made necessary by the sanitary context related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The remaining amount will be submitted to the World Heritage Committee for approval under the Conservation & Management assistance-Cultural heritage budget.

In the meantime, the State Party would be asked to provide a dollar estimate of its in-kind contribution.

Additional comments (May 2021)

The State Party estimated its in-kind contribution valued at US\$ 10,800.

REQUEST N°3
Conservation & Management Assistance
Cultural Heritage
Asia-Pacific

State Party: Sri Lanka (*Lower Middle Income Country*)

Name of activity: Reparation and strengthening of the staircases to the frescos, the visitor platform, the wind-corridor metal bridge and the fragmented rock slabs of the lion staircase of the Sigiriya rock of the Sigiriya Ancient City

Amount requested: US\$ 91,212

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2020: contributions paid.

Previous contributions from the World Heritage Fund for this property in the past ten years: US\$ 13,800 approved in 2011 for the conservation of the wall paintings

Background:

The Central Cultural Fund (CCF) is a 35-year old institution that has been working on the preservation and management of 6 World Heritage Sites and 22 other heritage sites in Sri Lanka. All of the sites Sigiriya brings in more than 80% of CCF's revenue. These earnings from Sigiriya are distributed amongst other sites and in managing the CCF in general.

Indeed, Sigiriya Ancient City receives an average of 150,000 visitors per day during its 'peak-months' from October to December and February to March every year. Each and every visitor shall be walking through, under and/or climbing the elements designated for reparation and strengthening under this project. The deterioration of the metal structures is due to aging and not to lack of maintenance. Their current condition is a threat to the safety of visitors to the site. But due to their pivotal position on the visitors' routes to the famous frescoes and summit of the rock, their reparation and strengthening activities have been almost impossible without closing the site for public.

However, the current Covid-19 pandemic that has brought the visitor attendance to Sigiriya almost to zero and dramatically reduced CCF's earnings (currently the CCF is relying on its savings and grants from the State Treasury) provides also an opportunity to launch the necessary reparation and strengthening activities, since this 'no-tourist' condition makes it possible to close those sections of the site that necessitate maintenance and work repair.

The features designated for reparation and strengthening are as follows:

1. Two 7-meter-tall old spiral staircases to the frescoes. One staircase is more than 75 years old, and the other one is about 25 years. This activity has been recommended by the Geological Survey & Mines Bureau of Sri Lanka. [Activity 1];
2. The 75-year old Visitors Platform installed at the fresco pockets. The need for redesigning this platform has been recommended by an ICCROM mission in 2016. What is intended in this project is strengthening the platform [Activity 2];
3. The 12- meter long old metal bridge attached to the rock at the "Wind-Corridor", which links the path along the "Mirror Wall" to the stairs leading to the "Lion's Paw Terrace". This activity has been recommended by the Geological Survey & Mines Bureau of Sri Lanka. [Activity 3]; and

4. The fractured rock slabs of the “Lion Staircase” at the “Lion’s Paw Terrace”, which is the entrance to the steep-climb towards the summit of the rock. This activity has been recommended by the Geological Survey & Mines Bureau of Sri Lanka. [Activity 4].

The works associated with the Sigiriya frescoes will be done manually using hand drilling so that the degree and level of vibration caused during drilling is kept to minimum. The material used in structural works will be stainless steel and hilty gum which was used to fix the steel members to drilled holes. This substance is an ecofriendly gum which is not harmful to frescos or the rock. The colour of the steel structures will be darkened as it is already done. The steel structures shall not remain in their original glossy surface – they will be made to blend with the environment.

Objectives:

The main objective of this project is to ensure visitor safety to Sigiriya Ancient City. Seeing the frescoes and scaling the rock through the “Lion Staircase” are the two activities that everyone aspires to achieve at Sigiriya. As such repairing and strengthening the spiral metal staircase, metal viewing platform, metal bridge at the ‘Wind-Corridor’, and fractured rock slabs of the “Lion Staircase” are mandatory for visitor safety.

Duration of the project:

Estimated to 6 months

Expected results:

<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Means of verification</i>
Giving a sense of safety and confidence (for Activity n°1 to 3)	No rusted and unstable parts	Visiting the site and physically experiencing the staircase, platform and bridge and scrutinizing images before and after
Stopping the detachment-movements of rock slabs from the main rock (for Activity n°4)	Stabilisation of the fragmented rock slabs	Scrutinizing the technical procedures used in the activity and studying images before and after.

Budget:

Total activity budget (in US\$):	107,992
National or other contributions (in kind): venue, office expenses, secretarial assistance, national expert, coordinator, domestic travel costs, accommodation and meals, evaluation, reporting and printing	16,780
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$):	91,212
1. Organization	91,212
<u>Field investigations and Related Cost (i) Spiral Staircase</u>	<u>44,558</u>
- Total cost for materials	19,583
- Field investigation and related costs	12,697

- Professional charge (30%), Contingencies (10%), NBT (2.04%), VAT (15%)	12,278
<u>Field investigations and Related Cost (ii) Wind corridor</u>	<u>13,681</u>
- Total cost for materials	2,561
- Field investigation and related costs	6,728
- Professional charge (30%), Contingencies (10%), NBT (2.04%), VAT (15%)	4,392
<u>Field investigations and Related Cost (iii) Fresco Pocket Platform</u>	<u>18,973</u>
- Total cost for materials	4,853
- Field investigation and related costs	8,263
- Professional charge (30%), Contingencies (10%), NBT (2.04%), VAT (15%)	5,857
<u>Field investigations and Related Cost (iv) Fixing of Fractured Rock Slab</u>	<u>14,000</u>
- Total cost for materials	2,187
- Field investigation and related costs	7,240
- Professional charge (30%), Contingencies (10%), NBT (2.04%), VAT (15%)	4,573
2. Personnel / consultancy services (fees)	0
None	
3. Travel	0
None	
4. Accommodation & meals	0
None	
5. Equipment	0
None	
6. Evaluation & reporting	0
None	
7. Miscellaneous	0
None	

Recommendation by the International Assistance panel (23 April 2021)

Request to be submitted to the World Heritage Committee for approval for an amount of US\$ 91,212 under the Conservation & Management assistance budget, after the following elements are received (deadline: 31 May 2021):

- Budget breakdown to be clarified (and possibly adjusted), in particular what is included under the items "Venue" and "Other" and whether the national experts are government employees or not, since no government employees can receive fees under the International Assistance;
- additional information on the protection of the mural paintings during the execution of the works.

If these elements are received by 31 May 2021 and are deemed satisfactory by the Secretariat and Advisory Bodies, the request will be submitted for approval to the World Heritage Committee as stated above.

If these elements have not been provided by 31 May 2021, the request will have to re-submitted for a next cycle.

The requested elements have been received on 27 May 2021 and deemed fine by the Secretariat and Advisory Bodies.

REQUEST N°4
Conservation & Management Assistance
Cultural Heritage
Eastern Europe

State Party: North Macedonia (*Upper Middle Income Country*)

Name of activity: Strengthening the Capacities to Manage the Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid Region: GIS Database Development Training for the Institute and Museum-Ohrid

Amount requested: US\$ 55,000

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2020: contributions paid.

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

Background:

The Institute and Museum-Ohrid is a key institution in the management of the cultural heritage in the region which possesses a huge amount of data. Their regular updating is becoming an overwhelming task with the current organizational condition and equipment. The current system for recording, inventory and information management of cultural heritage does not work and is not compatible with modern technologies on an international level.

Moreover, in a recent survey of all institutions concerned with the protection of cultural heritage on whether they have a system (model) for documentation of cultural heritage which can be widely used, most of them replied that they did not. Also to the question "have they accepted the policy, procedure, standard for photographs and digital images?", most of them responded that they did not. This is the case with the Institute and Museum-Ohrid, which has inspired the idea behind this proposal.

Finally, accurate geographical information is needed to effectively manage the site especially given its transnational existence, expanding development, tourist accommodations, and large infrastructure projects. This is also necessary given the extensive area of the property.

The proposed capacity building project aims to build the institution's ability with regard to GIS skills. Such assistance from international experts would build on the knowledge and experience of expert staff within the Institute and the Museum-Ohrid, which plays a central role in the protection of the cultural heritage in Ohrid region.

First of all, the capacity of human resources, the rulebooks and software solutions for inventory and recording used, as well as the tools for monitoring the status of the cultural heritage in the UNESCO region will be considered, after which a proposal for their improvement will be given. All this will be done with the support of international experts experienced in using modern techniques and technologies.

The capacity building project will also include experts from other national institutions, such as the Directorate for the Protection of Cultural Heritage, which are directly involved in the management of the property. Additionally, the Ohrid Museum will include experts from the Republic of Albania, and where appropriate from the municipalities. The Ohrid Museum, as

coordinator of the project, will continue to work closely with the Commission for the Management of the Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid Region and share all relevant outcomes, including the GIS Platform, and expertise in order to improve the integrated management of the heritage site.

Objectives:

The project's main objective is to strengthen the capacity of the staff of the Institute and Museum-Ohrid to improve the management of the culture heritage spread across the territory of the Ohrid region, in light of the finding outlined in the Reactive Monitoring mission (2017) and in line with the World Heritage Committee Decision **41 COM 7B.34** (Krakow, 2017 and Baku, 2019).

As part of the project, a goal would be to review old documentation from immovable cultural heritage (architecture) to be classified and scanned (digitized) including from protected archaeological sites, their selection and organization by priority supporting easier inventory and archiving. This documentation is necessary, not only as record, but as tool for management and in particular monitoring.

The specific objectives include:

- review and arrangement of the existing documentation;
- digitalization by applying modern techniques and technologies with standardized procedures for inventory of cultural heritage that will be compatible with the existing systems of the institution, as well as with the national system for electronic register;
- creating of GIS platform of Immoveable Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region;
- training of experts from North Macedonia and Albania, as well as Ohrid Museum and employees on inventory, digitisation and use of GIS platform for Immoveable Cultural Heritage;
- Presentation of the GIS Platform to the Commission for the Management of the Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid Region and the North Macedonia-Albania Joint Management Committee.

Duration of the project:

Estimated to 18 months

Expected results:

<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Means of verification</i>
Review and arrangement of the existing documentation and its digitalisation with standardized procedures for inventory of the cultural heritage and compatibility with the internal systems of the institution, as well as with the common national system for electronic registry.	Establish standardized procedures for inventory of cultural heritage that will be compatible with European systems for electronic registry of cultural heritage.	Report on the compatibility of the procedures for inventory of cultural heritage with the European systems for electronic records of cultural heritage.
Creating of GIS platform of Immoveable Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region.	With the engagement of an external expert who will coordinate with the creation of the GIS platform of the Immoveable Cultural Heritage an archeological sites of the Ohrid region using open source software and filling it with data according to European standards for that area.	Successful operation of GIS platform with updated data for the entire Immoveable Cultural Heritage and archaeological sites in the Ohrid region.

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Training of experts and employees on inventory, digitization and use of GIS platform for Immovable Cultural Heritage	Training of local experts who constantly maintain and update the GIS platform	A larger number of local experts who carry out the inventory, documentation and digitization according to European standards and entering the data in the GIS platform will be the verification of the successfully implemented project.

Budget:

Total activity budget (in US\$):	65,972
National or other contributions to: office expenses, secretarial assistance, audio-visual equipment, company which will create the GIS platform, domestic travel costs, per diem, reporting, printing, distribution, miscellaneous	10,972
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$):	55,000
1. Organization	3,000
Venue	1,890
Office Expense	500
Translation	500
Simultaneous Interpretation	110
2. Personnel / consultancy services (fees)	39,700
International expert for inventory and digitization of Immovable Cultural Heritage (4 weeks)	8,000
International expert for inventory and digitization of archaeological sites (4 weeks)	8,000
National expert for inventory, records and digitisation of Immovable Cultural Heritage (4 weeks)	4,000
National expert for GIS platform (4 weeks)	4,000
Other - Selected company that will create and fill the GIS platform with the list of real cultural heritage and archaeological sites of the Ohrid region using open source software and will hold training for future users of the GIS application	15,700
3. Travel	4,500
International travel costs (return plane ticket for 2 people for 4 trips)	4,000
Other (local bus or taxi)	500
4. Accommodation & meals	4,000
Accommodation (US\$ 30 / day for 2 people for 28 days)	1,600
Meals (US\$ 45 / day for 2 people for 28 days)	2,400
5. Equipment	2,800
Computer service	2,000
Camera 360°	800
6. Evaluation & reporting	500
Evaluation	300
Editing, layout	200
7. Miscellaneous	500
Other	500

Recommendation by the International Assistance panel (23 April 2021)

Request to be submitted to the World Heritage Committee for approval for an amount of US\$ 55,000, under the Conservation & Management assistance-Nature budget as authorized by paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines.

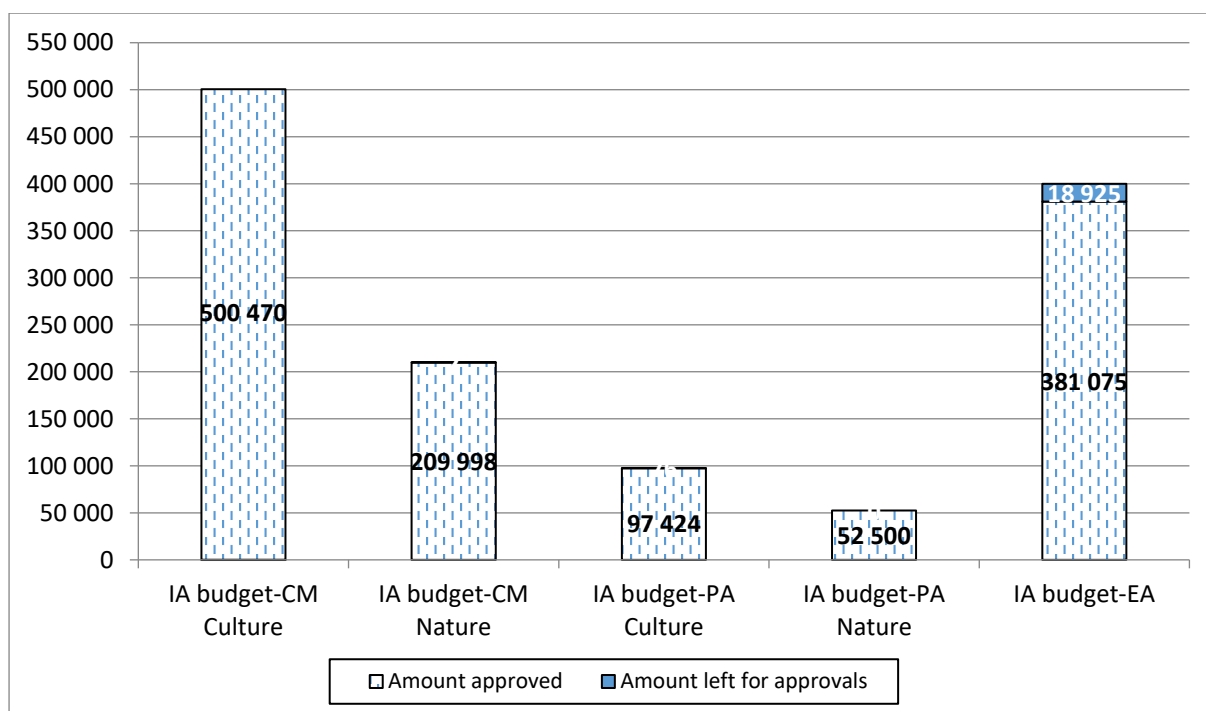
It is also recommended that some flexibility be granted within the budget lines dedicated to travel and meetings, in order to accommodate possible adjustments in the implementation of the activities made necessary by the sanitary context related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The panel also recalls that government employees cannot receive a salary through the International Assistance.

The profile of the national experts to be involved in the project would need to be further clarified in a dialogue between the World Heritage Centre and State Party at the time of implementation, as well as the work of the international experts, which could be distributed throughout the project (e.g. two missions instead of a single one at the very beginning of the implementation of the project).

II. OVERVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2018-2019

4. The 2018-2019 International Assistance budget approved by the World Heritage Committee at its 41st session (Krakow, 2017) amounted to US\$ 1,150,000, i.e. US\$ 600,000 for Conservation & Management Assistance, US\$ 150,000 for Preparatory Assistance and US\$ 400,000 for Emergency Assistance. By Decision **43 COM 13**, paragraph 2, the Committee at its 43rd session (Baku, 2019) approved budget adjustments within the World Heritage Fund to increase the Conservation & Management Assistance budget line by US\$ 110,468.
5. As can be seen in the chart below, there was nothing left for approvals at the end of the biennium 2018-2019, except a small amount under Emergency Assistance.



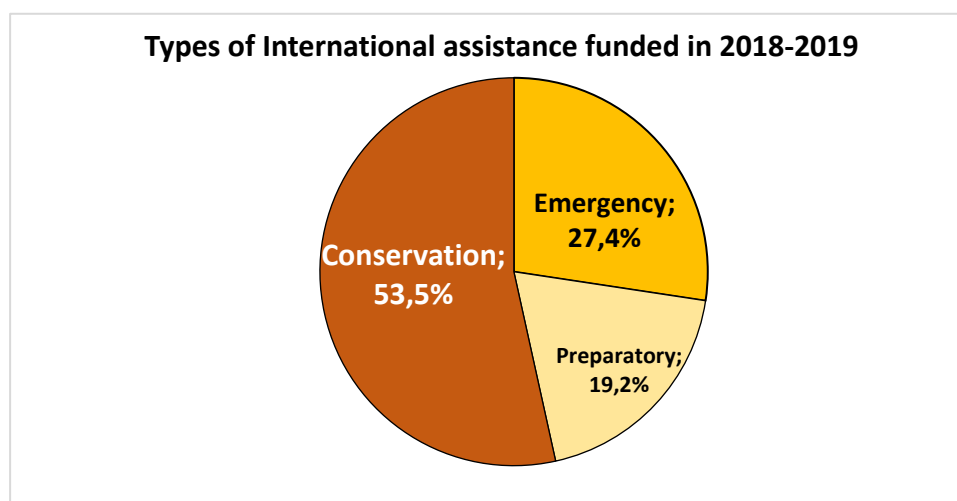
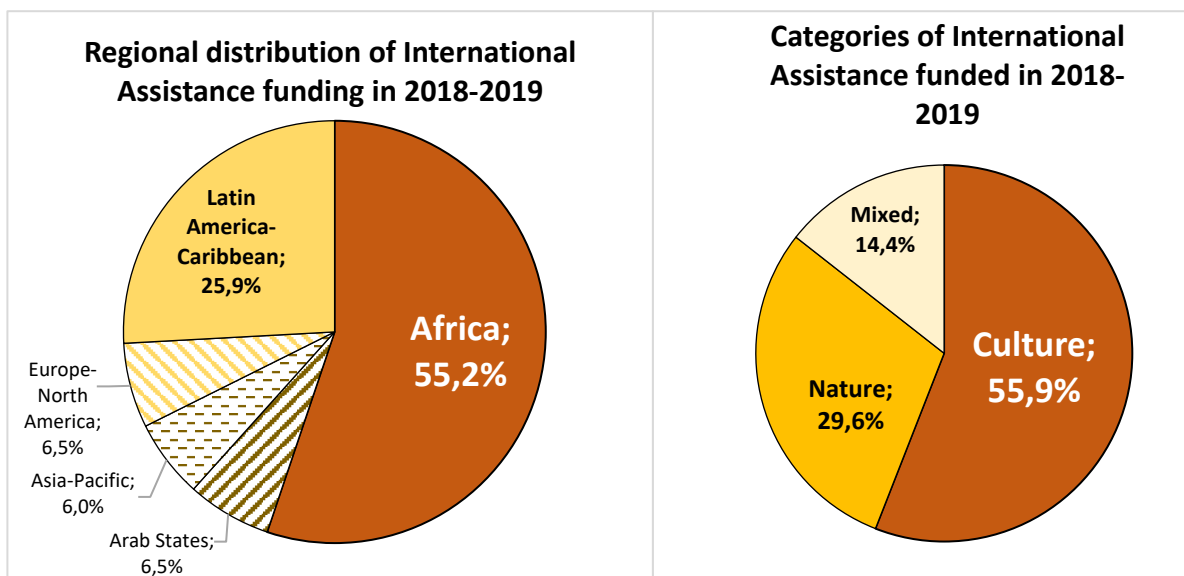
Figures in US dollars.

PA = Preparatory Assistance; CM = Conservation & Management Assistance; EA = Emergency Assistance

6. In addition, four requests and a part of a fifth one were approved under the additional funds dedicated to International Assistance and left from previous years, for a total amount of US\$ 149,845. With this addition, the total amount approved in 2018-2019 was US\$ 1,391,312.
7. The full list of requests approved in 2018-2019 can be found in Annex C. The main features of these approvals are given below. An analysis illustrates the predominance of the Africa region with 58.5% (24 out of 41) of all the International Assistance requests approved.

Approvals in 2018-2019

Region	Number of approved requests	Amount approved (in US\$)
Africa	24	767,680
Arab States	3	90,000
Asia & Pacific	3	83,461
Europe & North America	3	90,405
Latin America & Caribbean	8	359,766
Total	41	1,391,312



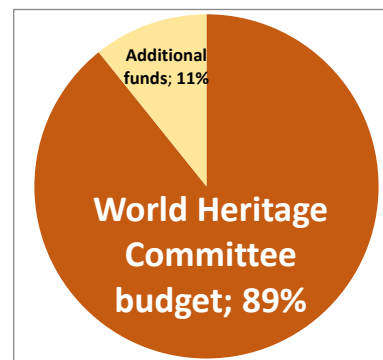
Largest amount approved: US\$ 96,850 for Emergency Assistance / Africa + SIDS: “Minimising impacts of the invasive yellow crazy ant *Anoplolepis gracilipes* at the Vallée de Mai UNESCO World Heritage site, to preserve its outstanding universal value” (Seychelles).

Average amount approved per request: US\$ 33,934.

Contributors

In addition to the budget voted by the World Heritage Committee, additional funding provided in previous years was used for the approval of International Assistance requests as follows:

Approved under the budget voted by the World Heritage Committee	1,241,467
Approved under additional funds	149,845
TOTAL APPROVED	1,391,312



States Parties

During the biennium 2018-2019, the World Heritage Fund financed **41** International Assistance requests totalling US\$ 1.39 million for **30 countries**, including 17 countries (56.6%) from Africa and 14 (46.6%) Least Developed Countries (in bold):

- Africa (17): **Comoros**, Côte d'Ivoire, **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, **Djibouti**, **Ethiopia**, Ghana, **Lesotho**, **Malawi**, **Mali**, **Mozambique**, **Niger**, **Senegal**, Seychelles, **South Sudan**, **Togo**, **Uganda** and Zimbabwe.
- Arab States (2): Palestine and Syrian Arab Republic.
- Asia & Pacific (3): **Bangladesh**, Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Viet Nam.
- Europe & North America (3): Armenia, Albania and Ukraine.
- Latin America & Caribbean (5): Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Peru.

World Heritage properties

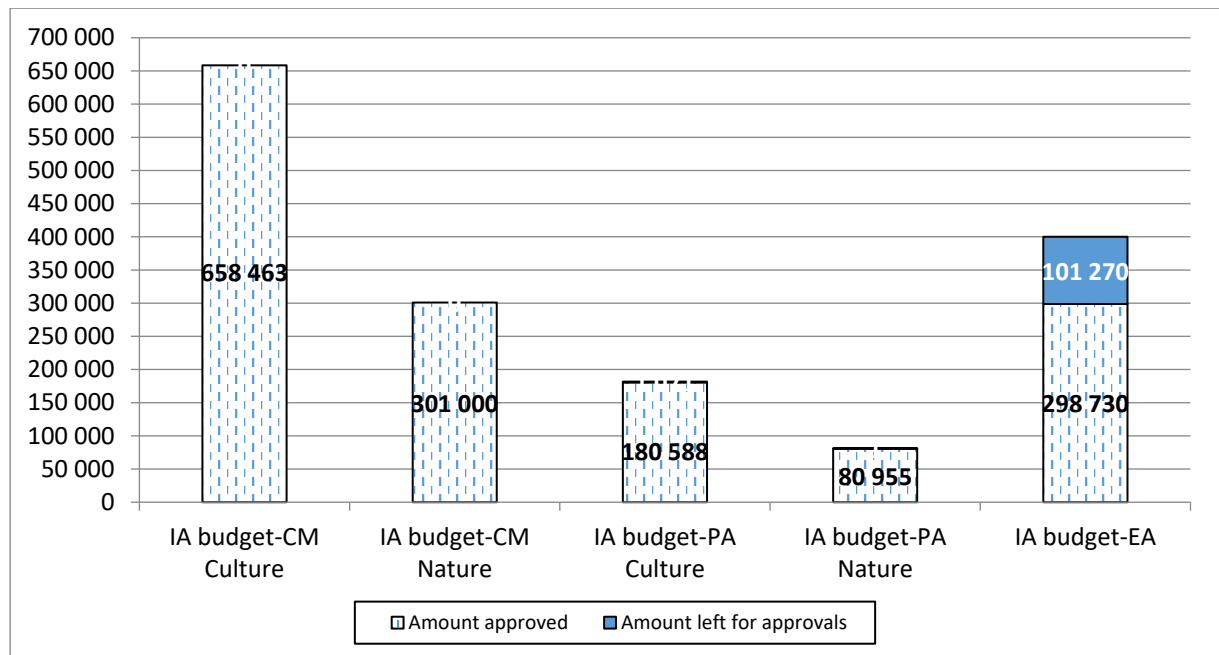
The following **30 World Heritage properties** received International Assistance in 2018-2019, including **10** (i.e. 33.3%) which are on the List of World Heritage in Danger (in bold):

- 19 in Africa: Taï National Park (Côte d'Ivoire), **Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve** (Côte d'Ivoire), **Garamba National Park** (Democratic Republic of the Congo), **Kahuzi-Biega National Park** (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Simien National Park (Ethiopia), Tiya (Ethiopia), Forts and Castles, Volta, Greater Accra, Central and Western Regions (Ghana), Maloti-Drakensberg Park (Lesotho), **Tomb of Askia** (Mali), **Old Town of Djenné** (Mali), **Timbuktu** (Mali), Chongoni Rock-Art Area (Malawi), Cliff of Bandiagara (Land of the Dogons) (Mali), Island of Mozambique (Mozambique), **Aïr and Ténéré Natural Reserves** (Niger), Historic Centre of Agadez (Niger), Bassari Country: Bassari, Fula and Bedik Cultural Landscapes (Senegal), Vallée de Mai Nature Reserve (Seychelles) and **Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi** (Uganda)
- 2 in Arab States: **Hebron/AI-Khalil Old Town** (Palestine) and **Ancient City of Bosra** (Syrian Arab Republic)
- 1 in Asia-Pacific: Ha Long Bay (Viet Nam);
- 2 in Europe and North America: Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokastra (Albania) and Kyiv: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra (Ukraine);
- 6 in Latin America and the Caribbean: Galápagos Islands (Ecuador), Antigua Guatemala (Guatemala), Archaeological Monuments Zone of Xochicalco (Mexico),

Earliest 16th-Century Monasteries on the Slopes of Popocatepetl (Mexico), Historic Centre of Mexico City and Xochimilco (Mexico) and Historic Centre of Puebla (Mexico).

III. STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2020-2021 AS OF 31 MAY 2021

8. The International Assistance budget approved for the biennium 2020-2021 by Decision **43 COM 14** has increased by 40% compared with the 2018-2019 budget, reaching US\$ 860,000 for Conservation & Management Assistance (instead of US\$ 600,000) and US\$ 190,000 for Preparatory Assistance (instead of US\$ 150,000). This is the first time since the biennium 2006-2007 that the International Assistance budget - without Emergency Assistance - exceeded US\$ 1 million (it was US\$ 1.5 million in 2006-2007). As far as Emergency Assistance budget is concerned, the has remained stable for the past 14 years, at US\$ 400,000 for the biennium.
9. Nevertheless, in view of the number of requests received and recommended for approval, it has been necessary to proceed with some budget reallocations within the World Heritage Fund in order to increase both the Conservation & Management Assistance and the Preparatory Assistance budgets. The Conservation & Management Assistance increased by US\$ 99,464 and the Preparatory Assistance budget by US\$ 72,613. Details on these reallocations can be found in Document WHC/21/44.COM/14, part II.D.
10. Despite these reallocations, 3 Preparatory Assistance requests for nomination files which were recommended for approval by the International Assistance panel of 23 April 2021 could not be submitted to the Chairperson for lack of funding: these are from Sri Lanka, Palestine and Peru respectively. The total amount of the shortfall in funding for these projects that could not be provided funds for the biennium was US\$ 68,300. These projects have been publicized on the webpage of the MarketPlace (<https://whc.unesco.org/en/marketplace/>).
11. Following the International Assistance requests approved / recommended for approval in 2020-2021, as of 31 May 2021, the 2020-2021 Conservation & Management Assistance and Preparatory Assistance budgets have been fully used / earmarked. See details in chart below:



Figures in US dollars.

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12. The amount still available for approval under Emergency Assistance until the end of the biennium may not be sufficient, as there are currently two requests for Emergency Assistance in the pipeline (one for Sudan and one for Fiji). Therefore, the Committee may wish to authorize an increase of the Emergency Assistance budget for 2020-2021 from US\$ 400,000 up to a maximum of US\$ 524,000. This increase by US\$ 124,000 maximum would allow for the approval of at least 3 requests before the end of 2021, if the need arises.
13. From 2010 to 2021, contributions received chronologically from Italy, India, the Republic of Korea, Finland, the Philippines, Turkey, Germany, Viet Nam and from private sector partnerships to the World Heritage Fund for a total amount of **US\$ 885,395** (without support costs) made it possible to approve around 39 requests. 43% of these 39 requests were from Least Developed Countries and 59% were from Africa. The latest contribution was received from the World Heritage site of Hoi An in Viet Nam in the beginning of 2020. The Committee, by Decision **43 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**¹. It may wish to reiterate this appeal.
14. It should also be noted that around 60% of the International Assistance requests for any annual funding cycle are received by the World Heritage Centre between 28 and 31

¹ These options were as follows:

- Option 1: Increasing the standard percentage used in the calculation of the contributions to the World Heritage Fund from 1% to 2%,
- Option 3.1: Increasing the contributions by a flat rate of US\$3,300 per property inscribed,
- Option 3.2: Increasing the contributions by an additional 4% of the current assessed contribution per property inscribed,
- Option 3.3: Increasing the contributions by an additional amount per property inscribed, according to a percentage increasing with the number of properties inscribed,
- Option 3.4: Increasing the contributions by an additional amount per property inscribed, according to a percentage decreasing with the number of properties inscribed,
- Option 4: Increasing the contributions on the basis of the number of tourists arrivals at World Heritage Sites,
- Option 5: Contributing per activity;

October, i.e. very close to the annual deadline of 31 October. It would be beneficial for States Parties to contact the Secretariat well ahead this deadline to get advice either on the topic or on the technicalities of their requests, in order to have better chances to receive a positive recommendation at the first panel in January every year.

IV. DRAFT DECISION

Draft Decision: 44 COM 13

The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Having examined Document WHC/21/44.COM/13,*
2. *Decides not to approve the International Assistance request from Madagascar entitled “Support for the removal of the Atsinanana Rainforests property from the List of World Heritage in Danger as decided by the World Heritage Committee”;*
3. *Encourages the State Party of Madagascar to evaluate the outcomes of the implementation of the previous International Assistance request approved in 2010 for the Rainforests of the Atsinanana, and to submit a new International Assistance request focused on the fight against illegal logging and trade of rosewood which are the main reasons for retaining the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger;*
4. *Decides to approve the following International Assistance requests:*
 - a) *“Support for Heritage Impact Assessment to protect World Heritage in Lao PDR” (Lao PDR) for an amount of US\$ 44,500 under the Conservation & Management-Culture budget. Flexibility is granted within the budget lines dedicated to travel and meetings, in order to accommodate possible adjustments in the implementation of the activities made necessary by the sanitary context related to the Covid-19 pandemic ;*
 - b) *“Reparation and strengthening of the staircases to the frescos, the visitor platform, the wind-corridor metal bridge and the fragmented rock slabs of the lion staircase of the Sigiriya rock of the Sigiriya Ancient City” (Sri Lanka) for an amount of US\$ 91,212 under the Conservation & Management-Culture budget;*
 - c) *“Strengthening the Capacities to Manage the Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid Region: GIS Database Development Training for the Institute and Museum-Ohrid” (North Macedonia) for an amount of US\$ 55,000 under the Conservation & Management-Nature budget, as authorized by paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines. Flexibility is granted within the budget lines dedicated to travel and meetings, in order to accommodate possible adjustments in the implementation of the activities made necessary by the sanitary context related to the Covid-19 pandemic. The profile of the national experts to be involved in the project will be further clarified in a dialogue between World Heritage Centre and State Party at the time of implementation, as well as the work of the international experts, which could be distributed throughout the project;*
5. *Decides that the Emergency Assistance budget for 2020-2021 can be increased by a maximum amount of US\$ 124,000 from the operating reserve in order to reach a maximum of US\$ 524,000, if the initial budget of US\$ 400,000 is not sufficient;*
6. *Recalling Decision 43 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;*

7. Encourages States Parties considering preparation of International Assistance requests to contact the World Heritage Centre for advice either on the topic and/or on the technicalities of their International Assistance requests well ahead the annual deadline of 31 October.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS IN 2020-2021 (as of 31 May 2021)

A. 41 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2020-2021

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
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (26 requests)				688 528		
Culture (21 requests)				552 057		
AFR	Eritrea	Development of a Local Development Plan for Asmara: A Modernist City of Africa World Heritage Property	Asmara: A Modernist African City <i>(on the World Heritage List since 2017)</i>	29 950	1 March 2021	International Assistance budget
AFR	Ethiopia	To continue to work towards the identification of accessible limestone sources in Amhara regional state and the development of costed feasibility study for building a small scale permanent lime kiln in Amhara Region	N/A	4 527	9 March 2020	International Assistance budget
AFR	Gambia (the)	Strengthening the valorisation of the Stone Circles of the Senegambia	Stone Circles of Senegambia <i>(on the World Heritage List since 2006)</i>	29 760	3 March 2020	International Assistance budget
AFR	Kenya	Strengthening governance and management structures at the Lamu Old Town World Heritage Site	Lamu Old Town <i>(on the World Heritage List since 2001)</i>	29 660	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget
AFR	Mali	Emergency works for temporary stabilization of the houses of the old fabric of Djenné exposed to collapse	Old Towns of Djenné <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1988 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2016)</i>	4 925	9 July 2020	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	Senegal	Project for the development and promotion project for Saloum Delta	Saloum Delta (<i>on the World Heritage List since 2011</i>)	29 120	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget
AFR	Tanzania (United Republic of)	Elimination of waves and tides scouring action, restoration of stairs at Husuni Palace and community awareness educational programme	Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1981</i>)	29 832	12 May 2020	International Assistance budget
AFR	Tanzania (United Republic of)	Review and update of the Management Plan Framework for Kondoa Rock Art World Heritage Site in Tanzania	Kondoa Rock Art Sites (<i>on the World Heritage List since 2006</i>)	30 000	12 May 2020	International Assistance budget
AFR	Tanzania (United Republic of)	The Review and the Update of the Integrated Management Plan for the Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara to accommodate the Current Site Management Systems	Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1981</i>)	29 560	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget
ARB	Syrian Arab Republic	Documentation & Emergency Structural Intervention in Qa'lat Salah EI-Din	Crac des Chevaliers and Qal'at Salah EI-Din (<i>on the World Heritage List since 2006 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2013</i>)	30 000	3 March 2020	International Assistance budget
ARB	Syrian Arab Republic	Safeguarding the Damascus Wall and the adjacent Urban Fabric (the area between Bab al-Salam and Bab Touma)	Ancient City of Damascus (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1979 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2013</i>)	30 000	29 October 2020	International Assistance budget
ARB	Tunisia	Finalization of the Protection and Presentation Plan (PPMV) of "Dougga" Thugga Cultural Site	Dougga / Thugga (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1997</i>)	29 500	3 March 2020	International Assistance budget

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ARB	Tunisia	Establishing a safeguarding and presentation plan - PSMV	Medina of Tunis (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1979</i>)	30 000	12 May 2020	International Assistance budget
APA	Afghanistan	Public Awareness Project on The Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of Bamiyan Valley and Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam	Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley (<i>on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2003</i>) Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam (<i>on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2002</i>)	10 000	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget
APA	Bangladesh	Training and capacity building for long-term management and best practice conservation for the preservation of cultural heritage sites and World Heritage properties in Bangladesh	N/A	29 669	1 March 2021	International Assistance budget
APA	Lao PDR	Support for Heritage Impact Assessment to protect World Heritage in Lao PDR	Town of Luang Prabang (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1995</i>)	30 000	9 March 2021	International Assistance budget
APA	Pakistan	Conservation and Management Assistance requests- Training & Research - "Monuments Conservation & Management Training Program"	N/A	30 000	28 May 2021	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
APA	Uzbekistan	Restoration and conservation of Abdullakhan Madrasa	Historic Centre of Bukhara <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1993)</i>	30 000	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget
APA	Vanuatu	A Geotechnical Study and Risk Assessment of Fels Cave, Chief Roi Mata's Domain, Vanuatu	Chief Roi Mata's Domain <i>(on the World Heritage List since 2008)</i>	27 675	3 March 2020	International Assistance budget
LAC	Mexico	The tradition for conservation: the use of Talavera (glazed ceramic tile) in antique buildings	Historic Centre of Puebla <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1987)</i>	27 880	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget
LAC	Paraguay	MERCOSUR Thematic Consultation: Governance, management and use of Heritage of Religious Interest	N/A	29 999	12 May 2020	International Assistance budget
Nature (5 requests)				136 471		
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire	Support for the strengthening of surveillance and the fight against illegal gold panning in Comoé National Park	Comoé National Park <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1983)</i>	24 425	12 May 2020	International Assistance budget
AFR	DR Congo	Project to identify villages within the PNKB in the Nzovu and Mumbili sectors at low altitude	Kahuzi-Biega National Park <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1980 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1997)</i>	29 055	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget
AFR	Senegal	Project to strengthen the protection and presentation of the Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary	Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1981)</i>	28 956	12 May 2020	International Assistance budget
AFR	South Africa	Develop and implement a Disaster Risk Management Plan as described in the Disaster Management Act , 57 of 2002 , and the National Disaster Management Framework of 2005 , for	Vredefort Dome <i>(on the World Heritage List since 2005)</i>	24 035	29 October 2020	International Assistance budget

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		the Vredefort Dome World Heritage Site				
AFR	Zimbabwe	Finalisation of the Mana Pools National Park, Sapi and Chevore Safari Areas Management Plan	Mana Pools National Park, Sapi and Chewore Safari Areas (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1984</i>)	30 000	12 May 2020	International Assistance budget
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (11 requests)				231 562		
Culture (6 requests)				119 998		
AFR	Benin	Support for the finalization of the extension file of Koutammakou, the land of the Batammariba	Koutammakou, le pays des Batammariba (extension) (<i>on the Tentative List since 2020</i>)	4 998	2 December 2020	International Assistance budget
AFR	Cameroon	Inventory of cultural heritage in and around the sites associated with the site of the Ancient Slave Port of Bimbia with a view to documenting and strengthening the nomination file for inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List	Le Port d'esclaves de Bimbia et ses sites associés (<i>on the Tentative List since 2018</i>)	29 800	12 May 2020	International Assistance budget
AFR	Cameroon	Finalization of the management plan for the Cultural Landscape of Diy-Gid-Biy	Le paysage culturel de Diy Gid Biy des Monts Mandara (extension du Paysage culturel de Sukur) (<i>on the Tentative List since 2020</i>)	5 000	2 December 2020	International Assistance budget
APA	Cambodia	Preparatory assistance for the nomination dossier of the Archaeological site of Koh Ker	Koh Ker: Archeological site of Ancient Lingapura Or Chok Gargyar (<i>on the Tentative List since 2020</i>)	30 000	12 May 2020	International Assistance budget

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AFR	Zimbabwe	Development of a nomination dossier for the Naletale Cluster of Madzimbabwe	Naletale Cluster of Dzimbabwes (<i>on the Tentative List since 2018</i>)	20 200	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget
APA	Afghanistan	Preparatory Project for Nomination of Herat City in World Heritage List	City of Herat (<i>on the Tentative List since 2004</i>)	30 000	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget
Nature (1 request)				29 725		
APA	Lao PDR	Preparation of Nomination Dossier for Hin Nam No National Protected Area - a transboundary extension to the Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park (Viet Nam)	Hin Nam No National Protected Area (<i>on the Tentative List since 2019</i>)	29 725	3 March 2020	International Assistance budget
Mixed (4 requests)				81 839		
AFR	Djibouti	Completion of a feasibility study of a Tentative List site with a view to preparing a first nomination file	N/A	27 980	12 May 2020	International Assistance budget
AFR	Rwanda	Updating of the Tentative List of Rwanda and establishment of the National Committee for World Heritage	N/A	4 950	9 March 2020	International Assistance budget
APA	Cambodia	Updating the Tentative List of Natural and Cultural Properties in Cambodia Suitable for Inclusion on the World Heritage List	N/A	28 909	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget
LAC	Paraguay	Updating and Harmonization of the Indicative List of the country	N/A	20 000	12 May 2020	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
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (4 requests)				298 730		
Culture (1 request)				75 000		
AFR	Uganda	Emergency assistance to tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi World Heritage site in Uganda	Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi (<i>on the World Heritage List since 2001 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2010</i>)	75 000	29 October 2020	International Assistance budget
Nature (3 requests)				223 730		
AFR	Senegal	Fight against the Avian Influenza Epizootic in the Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary and its satellite areas	Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1981</i>)	73 930	9 March 2021	International Assistance budget
AFR	Uganda	Reconstruction of Management infrastructure destroyed by floods and landslides to enhance the Conservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of Rwenzori Mountains National Park World Heritage Site	Rwenzori Mountains National Park (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1994</i>)	75 000	3 July 2020	International Assistance budget
APA	Viet Nam	Proposal for emergency assistance to flood damage in World Natural Heritage Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park	Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park (<i>on the World Heritage List since 2003</i>)	74 800	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget

B. 7 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS NOT APPROVED IN 2020-2021

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (4 requests)					
Culture (2 requests)					
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire	Educational kit of the Historic City of Grand-Bassam	Historic Town of Grand-Bassam (<i>on the World Heritage List since 2012</i>)	3 March 2020	This project is not a priority for this site which has recently faced severe flooding.
EUR	Ukraine	Architectural and archaeological research and museification of ancient objects within the baptistry of St. Sophia Cathedral in Kyiv	Kyiv: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1990</i>)	1 March 2021	This activity does not contribute to address any of the threats identified for the property.
Nature (1 request)					
AFR	Madagascar	Awareness-raising project for the appropriation by the Malagasy population of UNESCO's World Natural Heritage in Madagascar	Rainforests of the Atsinanana (<i>on the World Heritage List since 2007 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2010</i>)	3 March 2020	This project is not a priority for this site inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger for several years. In addition, the State Party had submitted 3 requests for the same property; it would be preferable to submit only one in relation to the corrective measures adopted by the Committee.
Mixed (1 request)					
AFR	Madagascar	Project to improve the quality of training provided at the National Training Centre for Forest Technicians (CNFTF) for the sustainable management of forest ecosystems	Rainforests of the Atsinanana (<i>on the World Heritage List since 2007 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2010</i>)	3 March 2020	This project is not a priority for this site inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger for several years. In addition, the State Party had submitted 3 requests for the same property; it would be preferable to submit only one in relation to the corrective measures adopted by the Committee.

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (3 requests)					
Culture (2 requests)					
APA	Micronesia	Revision of the Mangyol Cultural Site Project Application	Yapese Disk Money Regional Sites (<i>on the Tentative List since 2004</i>)	3 March 2020	The resubmission of a transboundary nomination deferred by the Committee in 2011 under a single State Party would exclude some key aspects of the site.
EUR	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Preparatory works having prospective character in the old city of Blagaj (Stjepan-grad) near Mostar	The natural and architectural ensemble of Blagaj (<i>on the Tentative List since 2007</i>)	3 March 2020	The State Party has currently an ongoing Upstream request for another site (Vjetrenica cave).
Nature (1 request)					
EUR	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Preparation of Nomination File for Inscription of Martinbrod Waterfalls on the Unesco World Heritage List	Complex of travertine waterfalls in Martin Brod - Una National Park (<i>on the Tentative List since 2019</i>)	3 March 2020	The State Party has currently an ongoing Upstream request for another site (Vjetrenica cave).

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C. 41 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
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (25 requests)				743 774		
Culture (16 requests)				485 908		
AFR	Ethiopia	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	Malawi	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	Mali	Restoration and enhancement of the Tomb of Askia in Gao	Tomb of Askia (<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
AFR	Mali	Protection and enhancement of the property 'Old Towns of Djenné'	Old Towns of Djenné (<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

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	Mali	Validation meeting of the management and conservation plans of the four World Heritage sites in Mali	Tomb of Askia; Timbuktu; Old Towns of Djenné (<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	Mozambique	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	Niger	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	Historic Centre of Agadez (<i>on the World Heritage List since 2013</i>)	42 385	10 July 2019	International Assistance budget
AFR	Senegal	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	Uganda	Restoration of the Bujjakukula (Gate House) at the Kasubi Royal Tombs of Buganda Kings	Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi (<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/AI-Khalil Old Town)	Hebron/AI-Khalil Old Town (<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
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	Kyiv: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1990</i>)	29 945	6 February 2018	International Assistance budget
LAC	Guatemala	Conservation, revitalization and sustainable cultural development of the Temple of la Limpia e Inmaculada Concepcion de la Antigua Guatemala	Antigua Guatemala (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1979</i>)	69 791	10 July 2019	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

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
Nature (7 requests)				219 045		
AFR	Democratic Rep. of the Congo	Habitat Management and Key Species Monitoring in Garamba National Park	Garamba National Park (<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	Democratic Rep. of the Congo	Organization of the overflight	Kahuzi-Biega National Park (<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	Taï National Park (<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	Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (<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	Niger	Elaboration of a development and participative management plan for the Air and Ténéré Natural Reserve (RNNAT)	Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves (<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	Ha Long Bay (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1994</i>)	29 750	17 May 2018	International Assistance budget

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LAC	Ecuador	Optimising usage control and monitoring for the conservation and management of pelagic ecosystems in the Galápagos Marine Reserve	Galápagos Islands (<i>on the World Heritage List since 1978</i>)	59 975	10 July 2019	International Assistance budget
Mixed (2 requests)				38 821		
AFR	Lesotho	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	Mali	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
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (10 requests)				266 463		
Culture (3 requests)				86 545		
AFR	Comoros	Assistance in assembling the nomination file of 'Sultanats Historiques des Comores' as a UNESCO World Heritage Site	Sultanats Historiques des Comores (<i>on the Tentative List since 2007</i>)	29 970	17 May 2018	International Assistance budget
APA	Bangladesh	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 the Tentative List since 2012</i>)	30 000	10 May 2019	Additional funds earmarked for International Assistance

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Nature (1 request)				22 279		
AFR	Djibouti	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 the Tentative List since 2015</i>)	22 279	6 February 2018	International Assistance budget
Mixed (6 requests)				157 639		
AFR	South Sudan	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	Togo	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 the 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

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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (6 requests)				381 075		
Culture (4 requests)				180 000		
ARB	Syrian Arab Republic	Recovery plan for Ancient City of Bosra	Ancient City of Bosra <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
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
Nature (2 requests)				171 075		
AFR	Ethiopia	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
AFR	Seychelles	Minimising impacts of the invasive yellow crazy ant <i>Anoplolepis gracilipes</i> at the Vallée de Mai UNESCO world Heritage site, Seychelles to preserve its outstanding universal value	Vallée de Mai Nature Reserve <i>(on the World Heritage List since 1983)</i>	96 850	10 July 2019	International Assistance budget

D. 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
CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (8 requests)					
Culture (8 requests)					
AFR	Eritrea	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	Kiribati	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>) Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz (<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	Kyiv: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-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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PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (6 requests)					
Culture (3 requests)					
AFR	Cabo Verde	Strengthening the management capacity of the Tarrafal concentration camp	Camp de concentration du Tarrafal (<i>on the 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	Eritrea	Qohaito Cultural Landscape: technical improvement of the map and management	Qoahito Cultural Landscape (<i>on the 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 the 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.
Nature (1 request)					
EUR	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Preparation of the nomination dossier for candidature of Vjetrenica Cave to the World Heritage List of UNESCO	Vjetrenica cave (<i>on the 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.
Mixed (2 requests)					
AFR	Malawi	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 the 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	South Sudan	Production of maps and photographic material for South Sudan potential World Heritage sites	Boma-Badingilo Migratory Landscape; Deim Zubeir – Slave route site; Sudd wetland <i>(on the Tentative List since 2017)</i>	6 February 2018	It would be premature to map sites for which the potential Outstanding Universal Value has not been defined yet.