

Focus 2

Monitoring Indicators for Periodic Reporting



At the end of the session, trainees:

- ✓ Will have a clear view about the foreseen use of Monitoring Indicators for Periodic Reporting to improve follow-up on progress made by States Parties in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention
- ✓ Will be able to recognize the underlying logic and the Analytical Framework of Periodic Reporting Monitoring Indicators
- ✓ Will be able to relate Monitoring Indicators to the process of management planning and to the monitoring system of the World Heritage properties





Module outline

- I. Aim of the Analytical Framework for Periodic Reporting
- II. Six thematic areas of the Analytical Framework for Periodic Reporting
 - i. State of Conservation of World Heritage properties
 - ii. Management
 - iii. Governance
 - iv. Synergies
 - v. Sustainable development
 - vi. Capacity development

III. Monitoring at the World Heritage property level

- i. Monitoring and evaluation at the property level
- ii. Monitoring and reporting at the property level
- iii. Selection of key indicators







Monitoring Indicators



Monitoring Indicators are used to gauge the level of effective observance by State Parties to the *Convention* and of the 1972 Recommendation.

The World Heritage Committee has agreed on the following topics for Monitoring Indicators:

- State of conservation
- Management effectiveness
- Adequacy of the legal framework and governance mechanisms
- Adequacy of resources
- Contribution to sustainable development
- Implementation of World Heritage Committee policies
- Capacity development

Monitoring Indicators cover the key elements of the implementation of the World Heritage Convention

They are set up in order to:

- Reinforce the **results reporting framework**
- Improve **follow-up on progress** made by States Parties in the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*
- Provide the Committee with an effective overview of results for decision-making



Monitoring Indicators are used as analytical tools:

- to evaluate:
 - the application of the *World Heritage Convention* by the State Party
 - whether the World Heritage values of the properties inscribed on the World Heritage List are being maintained over time
 - and this by recording changing circumstances and state of conservation of the properties
- to facilitate the exchange of information and experiences between States Parties concerning the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* and World Heritage conservation

An indicator is:

- a **variable** (its value changes) with characteristics of quality, quantity and time
- used to measures (objective calculation of value) directly or indirectly:
 - key elements (inputs, processes, outputs, outcomes)
 - changes in a situation, that have been induced by an activity or a set of activities
 - the progress made in addressing it







I. Aim of the Monitoring Indicators for Periodic Reporting

Clarification: monitoring and evaluation process



- Implementation is in the form of actions such as **executing plans** to respond to threats, increasing local participation or strengthening financial management
- This phase involves the construction of the results



results are being achieved as planned and identify **bottle-necks and red flags**



Capacity development

• Indicators to measure the existence, effectiveness of and participation in capacity building strategies and programmes

biodiversity related conventions and

normative instruments

State of Conservation of World Heritage properties

• Indicators to assess temporal patterns in the status and trends of the OUV and factors affecting the property, the integrity and

Sustainable development

 Indicators to measure whether the application of the Convention is contributing to environmental sustainability, inclusive development, and inclusive economic development, as well as the fostering of peace and security

Management

 Indicators to measure the effectiveness of site management, the adequacy of financial and human resources and budget

 Indicators to measure the adequacy of the legal framework for heritage protection, the nature and level of involvement of key stakeholders (transparency of processes), action plan(s) to promote heritage, legislation for heritage protection



Clarification: Evaluating management effectiveness





Relationship of tools in the toolkit to the WCPA Management Effectiveness Framework (page 79)

Managing Natural World Heritage, UNESCO (2012)



Clarification: Applying the *Enhancing our Heritage Toolkit* to Cultural World Heritage sites



Similarities between cultural heritage planning and the WCPA Framework (page 90)

Enhancing our Heritage Toolkit: Assessing management effectiveness of natural World Heritage sites UNESCO (2012)



Sustainable development

 How the world heritage management and preservation contributes to environmental sustainability, inclusive social development, and inclusive economic development, as well as the fostering of peace and security

Legal framework and national policy

- Adequacy of the legal framework for heritage protection
- Involvement of key stakeholders
- **Policies for heritage protection**, in accordance with other UNESCO Recommendation, strategies and policy documents

Factors affecting the property

 Factors that are currently affecting or have strong potential to affect the property, both positively and negatively

Management response

- How the reviewing process of the management system includes the development of responses to the different challenges recorded by the monitoring system, in order to maintain the OUV of the property
- The **capacity to respond** depends on the available resources (i.e. staff time, budget, knowledge, etc.)

Management response Factors affecting the property Legal framework and national policies Sustainable development



Clarification: Management responsiveness



Managing Cultural World Heritage, UNESCO (2013)

Page 60): "The following considerations help to explain why a heritage management system needs to be responsive if it is to be effective:

- *Embracing diversity*: Each heritage management system will be, to some extent, unique because of being shaped by the specific needs of the heritage in its care, the cultural context and wider social, economic ad environmental factors. In the case of World Heritage see the Operational Guidelines (Para 110, Part 3.3. of Managing Cultural Heritage).
- *Clarity and coordination*: A management system is cyclical, evaluating its process and achievements so as to adjust its ongoing activities and to inform the next cycle. Interacting with other management systems or their components, it provides a coordinated and effective management outcome with regard to the values of the heritage and, in the case of World Heritage, the OUV.
- *Risk preparedness*: A management system needs to be sufficiently flexible to deal with unforeseeable events, such as natural disasters or fluctuations in the financial or human resources available to it.
- A participatory approach: A shared understanding of the property and its significance by all stakeholders and their involvement in management processes can radically change how the functions of a management system are discharged. It makes heritage processes more responsive and delivers outputs and outcomes that are better aligned with the actual needs of the property and its stakeholders. It also promotes a constructive role for heritage to contribute to society and to sustainable development (see Part 2.3.).
- **The role of heritage in sustainable development**: Establishing an active role for heritage in sustainable development delivers numerous reciprocal benefits, enabling the management system to balance different and competing needs more effectively, and to locate new forms of support which are likely to reinforce the heritage values (see Part 2.3.)."





Periodic Reporting Objectives:

(2) To provide an assessment as to whether the World Heritage OUV of the properties inscribed on the World Heritage List are being maintained over time

Periodic Reporting Objective:

(3) To provide updated information about the World Heritage properties to record the changing circumstances and state of conservation of properties







II. Six thematic areas of the Analytical Framework for Periodic Reporting Monitoring Indicators, **theme II: Management**





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Financial resources

 Percentage of State Parties that consider the available budget for World Heritage to be adequate to meet the current conservation, protection and presentation needs

Human resources

• Percentage of State Parties that consider **available human resources as adequate** to meet the current needs of cultural and/or natural heritage conservation, protection and presentation

Management systems/plans

- Number of properties with a management plan or appropriate management system
- Number of properties where **management system is being fully implemented** and monitored
- Number of properties where **management system/plan is adequate** to maintain site's OUV





Improved management effectiveness



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Management coordination

• Number of properties where there is **adequate coordination between all bodies/levels** involved in the management of the property

Monitoring

- Number of properties with a **formal programme of monitoring**
- Number of properties where indicators have been i) defined, and ii) in use

Management impact

- Number of properties where **management activities** (as a factor) are **having a positive current impact**
- Number of properties where management activities (as a factor) are having a
 i) negative current impact, and ii) negative potential impact

Management response

• Number of properties where actions are being taken to address priority management needs identified in the Periodic Reporting questionnaire







Improved management effectiveness









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- Of the States Parties that have ratified/joined MEAs, UNESCO conventions and programmes, the percentage that maintain communication between World Heritage Focal Points, and focal points of other programmes/conventions (results displayed by programme/convention

- Number of World Heritage properties with **multiple designations** : the percentage where there is communication on a regular basis ; the percentage which have an integrated management plan;

- Number of State Parties using the provisions of the **2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape** to set policies or strategies for the protection of their cultural and natural heritage

- Number of State Parties using the **Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties** to set national policies or strategies for the protection of their cultural and natural heritage

- Number of State Parties using the **Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties** to set national policies or strategies for the protection of their cultural and natural heritage

Stenghten synergies and cooperation



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Objectives





- Number of properties where the management system/plan for the World Heritage property includes a strategy with an action plan, to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived economic, socio-cultural and environmental impacts

- Number of properties where the benefits of tourism are shared with local communities

- Number of State Parties considering that inscription of properties on the World Heritage List contributes to achieving the objectives of the World Heritage Sustainable Development Policy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- Number of State Parties that effectively integrate the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage as a strategic element in national sustainable development policies and strategies

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Objectives



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Sustainable tourism and benefits to local communities

Effective contribution to the **2030 Agenda**





- Percentage of **total annual public expenditure** on the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of cultural/natural heritage

- Percentage of total annual public expenditure spent on the **identification**, **conservation**, **protection** and **presentation** of cultural/natural heritage is allocated from **national/federal**, **provincial/regional and local levels**

- Number of State Parties where an explicit **gender balanced contribution and participation** has been considered in the **entire process** (tentative lists, nominations, inscriptions)

- Number of properties with a management system comprising a formalised framework for women's participation

- Number of properties with education and awareness programmes targeting women

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Objectives



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Goal 11.4: Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage





Gender balance/equity



- Number of properties having **site-specific capacity building plans** or programmes that develop local expertise and that contribute to the transfer of skills for the conservation and management of the World Heritage property

- Number of States parties having a **national capacity building strategy** for World Heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management

- Number of State Parties having an **implemented national strategy for** capacity development

- **Top 5 capacity building needs identified by State Parties** for conservation, protection and presentation of cultural heritage

Capacity building



Periodic Reporting

Objectives







Periodic Reporting: Result reporting framework

- Monitoring Indicators set in the Periodic Reporting analytical framework, measured after the completion of a Periodic Reporting Cycle (6 years), to gauge the level of effective observance by State Parties to the Convention and of the 1972 Recommendation
- Monitoring for Periodic Reporting presented to the World Heritage Committee

Property level

- Monitoring to assess the state of conservation & interpretation of the site in a given year and measure change over time, aimed to provide detailed data to the site managers so that they can improve the protection, interpretation and management of the site
- Monitoring for **reporting** , evaluation and planning



Evaluating at the property level

- Monitoring and evaluation are increasingly viewed as critical components of protected area management
- The major applications of the assessment of management effectiveness are:
 - Adaptive management to improve performance within protected areas
 - Accountability to assist reporting by site managers
 - Improved project planning to review approaches and apply lessons learned

Reporting at the property level

- Effective monitoring and reporting aligned directly to World Heritage values and key management issues
- Selecting a 'key' set of indicators relating to the primary World Heritage values and which reflect significant or strategic aspects of the World Heritage property



III. Monitoring at the World Heritage property level Selection of key indicators

	Factor 1		Factor 2		
World Heritage attribute 1	Risk assessment				
World Heritage attribute 2			7		
World Heritage attribute 3					
World Heritage attribute					
 Priority and scattering Priority and scattering the issue Vulnerability fator Potential impact 	ctors	re	lanagement esponse anning		 Monitoring and evaluation system





