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Cultural Landscape of Bali Province: the Subak system as a Manifestation of the Tri Hita Karana Philosophy (Indonesia) (C 1994rev)

1. Executive Summary of the report

This report addresses the issue raised by the World Heritage Committee in its decision 44 COM 7B. 143. The Decision has its focuses on the monitoring the uses of recent provisions for Customary Villages to access new income opportunities to support Subak activities, development HIA mechanism, that are linked to the property's management system and the need for the ongoing protection of the OUV of the Subak-Bali Cultural Landscape Manifestation of the Tri Hita Karana. In its management there are some differences between the management of Subak and Customary Villages, where Subak has its own independent systems. As for an example in Tabanan Regency the Subak Governing Bodies were appointed by the decision of Regent of Tabanan. The Tabanan Regency provided the Board of Subak Governing Bodies with monthly honorarium as well as financial support to help them to undertake religious ceremony held at each temple.

2. Response to the Decision of the World Heritage Committee

- 1) *Having examined Document WHC/21/44. COM/7B,*
- 2) *Recalling Décision 43 COM 7B.63, adopted at its 43rd session (Baku, 2019),*
- 3) *Commends the State Party for the progress made with the implementation of its previous decisions and encourages continued work to implement effective mechanisms for the management and protection of the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the property;*
- 4) *Welcomes in particular the updates provided by the State Party concerning its current priorities for this property and the various financial, cultural and physical measures that are planned and implemented by Bali Province and the Tabanan and Gianyar Regencies to support farming communities and increase the resilience and sustainability of the farming landscape, and requests the State Party to monitor the uses of recent provisions for Customary Villages to access new income opportunities to support subak activities;*

Bali Provincial and Regencies have implemented a number of initiatives, including policies aimed at bolstering the Subak Governing Bodies, to support farming communities.

The Tabanan Regency has released a number of regulations that help Subak farmers maximize their consumption and production of rice. These policies are also reflected in the Bali Governor Regulations Number 99 of 2018 concerning Marketing and Utilization of Agricultural, Fishery, and Local Bali Industry Products, which mandates a certain percentage of local agricultural product use in hotels, restaurants, and catering services across the Bali Province as well as increased local agricultural product sales in retail establishments.

The Bali Provincial Government has also released Bali Provincial Regulations Number 8 of 2019 regarding the Organic Agriculture System to guarantee the supply of agricultural products, preserve ecosystems, expand the number of farmers and agricultural lands, as well as to give farmers and agricultural producers business certainty.

In order to strengthen the Subak institution, the Traditional Society Development Service of Bali Province began re-registering the existence of Subak in each of Bali's Regencies in 2021 and has continued to do so in accordance with the standards established by the Subak Principal Council of Bali Province in 2022. Additionally, financial support has been provided by the Traditional Society Development Service of Bali to enhance the implementation of Subak throughout the entire province of Bali.

- 5) *Also welcomes the State Party's indication that the draft National Strategic Area Spatial Plan should be completed by the end of 2021, and also encourages the State Party to finalise the process of designating the property as a National Strategic Area as soon as possible;*

The discussion for harmonizing the Draft of Presidential Regulations on the National Strategic Subak Bali Landscape Area will be carried out by inserting it into the program of drafting Presidential Regulation in 2023.

- 6) *Notes that the State Party is currently developing technical guidelines on Heritage Impact Assessments (HIA) that will apply to all of Indonesia's cultural World Heritage properties, further encourages the State Party to carry out the work in conformity with the ICOMOS Guidance on HIAs for World Heritage cultural properties, and also requests the State Party to continue developing specific HIA mechanisms that are linked to the property's management System and can explicitly address the need for the ongoing protection of the OUV of the cultural landscape;*

To help with the cultural heritage impact assessment, the Directorate General of Culture officially released a concise book on operational directives in December 2021. This

book is oriented to the ICOMOS guidelines 2011. The book will be upgraded based on Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessment in A World Heritage Context (2022).

- 7) *Further requests the State Party to conduct HIAs for all new development within the property and its setting, particularly at Jatiluwih, and to provide documentation on new development projects and the associated HIAs to the World Heritage Centre for review by the Advisory Bodies, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines, before making any decision that would be difficult to reverse;*

Currently, the development inside Subak Bali landscape property area is still in conformity with the tradition of the local community (awig-awig) and there is no violations of paragraph 172 operational guidelines.

Moreover, the development carried out in the Cultural Landscape of Bali Province still refers to the Bali Provincial Regulations Number 8 of 2015 concerning *the Direction of the Provincial System Zoning Regulation*, which contains the Sacred Areas and the Regional Spatial Planning Regulations of the five regencies included in the delineation's area of Subak Bali Landscape.

For further details related to community activities, a Detailed Spatial Plan in several districts is currently being prepared, so that any future development activities will be more focused.

3. Other current conservation issues identified by the State(s) Party(ies) which may have an impact on the property's Outstanding Universal Value

There are no other current conservation issues identified by the State(s) Party(ies) which may have an impact on the property's Outstanding Universal Value.

4. In conformity with Paragraph 172 of the *Operational Guidelines*, describe any potential major restorations, alterations and/or new construction(s) intended within the property, the buffer zone(s) and/or corridors or other areas, where such developments may affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, including authenticity and integrity.

There are no other development plans that could negatively impact the OUV.

5. Public access to the state of conservation report

The State Party agrees that the full state of conservation report can be made publicly available via the WH Centre's Information System