

**Administration for Cultural Heritage Protection of the Republic of Karelia
Branch office "Petroglyphs of Karelia"
of the budgetary institution "National museum of the Republic of Karelia"**



**THE WORLD HERITAGE SITE "PETROGLYPHS OF THE ONEGA LAKE AND THE WHITE SEA"
(RUSSIAN FEDERATION, C 1654)**

State of conservation of the property in 2021-2022

Petrozavodsk 2022

I. Summary

The report provides information on the activities for the conservation of the World Heritage Site (hereinafter – the WHS) "Petroglyphs of the Lake Onega and the White Sea" and implementation of the recommendations of the World Heritage Committee identified at the 44th session of UNESCO.

At the end of 2021, the procedure for forming the management structure of the World Heritage site "Petroglyphs of the Lake Onega and the White Sea" was launched.

At the first stage, as part of the budget institution "National Museum of the Republic of Karelia", the branch "Petroglyphs of Karelia" was established in the amount of 3 staff units.

In 2021, in order to implement the World Heritage Committee 44 COM 8B.44 recommendations the Administration for the Cultural Heritage Protection of the Republic of Karelia together with the "Petroglyphs of Karelia":

- the Management Plan for the World Heritage Site "Petroglyphs of the Lake Onega and the White Sea" (hereinafter referred to as the Management Plan) has been adjusted;

- the new institution structure "Center for the Management, Conservation and Study of Petroglyphs of Karelia" has been developed, with taking into account the gradual formation of the institution during 2022-2027;

- the Action Plan ("roadmap") for the WHS "Petroglyphs of the Lake Onega and the White Sea" (2021-2027) has been developed;

- the Regulation on the Coordinating Council has been developed;

- Conservation Monitoring Program and a Conservation Plan of the WHS have been developed;

- Risk Reduction Plan for the WHS has been developed;

- Program for complex (interdisciplinary) scientific research of the WHS has been developed;

- the cartographic materials of the buffer zones of the WHS components have been corrected.

Within the framework of the first meeting of the Coordinating Council for the Management of the WHS "Petroglyphs of the Lake Onega and the White Sea" held in December 24, 2021, the above documents were reviewed and approved.

In 2022, from the funds allocated in the Republic budget for the branch "Petroglyphs of Karelia", state contracts for the development of the Petroglyphs data and analytical system and the conduct of comprehensive research work on monitoring the WHS and the buffer zone were signed.

By the end of 2022 (short-term perspective), in accordance with the Action Plan ("roadmap") for the development of the WHS "Petroglyphs of the Lake Onega and the White Sea" (2021-2027), it is planned to create an independent State autonomous institution of the Republic of Karelia "State Center for the Management, Conservation and Study of Petroglyphs of Karelia" (hereinafter – Center) with the functions transfer for working with the WHS. The statutory documents for the creation of the Center have been developed.

The final formation of the Center structure with the Head Office in Petrozavodsk and branches in the Pudozhsky and Belomorsky districts with staffed and infrastructural facilities will be completed by 2027 (long-term perspective).