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Item 14 of the Provisional Agenda: International Assistance

14. 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 2020-2021, and Part III contains the status of the International Assistance budget for the biennium 2022-2023 as of 31 May 2023.

The present document also contains an Annex listing the International Assistance requests approved for the biennium 2022-2023 as of 31 May 2023, as well as the final list of those approved during the biennium 2020-2021.

Draft Decision: 45 COM 14, see point IV

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

- 1. By Decision **36 COM 13.I** (Saint-Petersburg, 2012), the World Heritage Committee established an annual cycle for granting International Assistance, with a deadline to receive all requests for Conservation & Management Assistance as well as Preparatory Assistance and to evaluate them in one main annual panel meeting. This decision was taken with a view to ensuring a fairer and more equitable distribution of International Assistance, while respecting the priorities that have been set in Paragraphs 236 to 240 of the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention.
- 2. For funding in 2022 and in 2023, the deadline for receipt by the World Heritage Centre of requests for Conservation & Management Assistance as well as Preparatory Assistance (over US\$ 5,000) was 31 October 2021 and 31 October 2022 respectively at the latest. All complete requests were evaluated by the International Assistance panel in January 2022 and January 2023.
- 3. 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.
- 4. In the 2022 cycle, the International Assistance panel examined 20 requests, out of which 6 were above US\$ 30,000. Three of them were recommended for approval by the panel held in January 2022, while the other 3 were recommended for revision. All three revised versions have been received, and all have been recommended for approval during the second International Assistance panel held in April 2022. Two of these requests are subsequently submitted to the Committee for decision (see below), while the third one was for decision by the Chairperson since it was revised at US\$ 30,000.
- 5. In the 2023 cycle, the International Assistance panel examined 34 requests, out of which six were above US\$ 30,000. One of them was recommended for approval by the panel held in January 2023 provided some additional information is provided, while the other five were recommended for revision. Two of the revised versions expected have not been submitted. Among the other four revised versions received, one was revised at US\$ 30,000 and was subsequently for decision by the Chairperson, one was recommended again for revision, one was sent back to a next cycle because the dues to the World Heritage Fund were still unpaid, and one is submitted to the Committee for decision (see below).

CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

N°	Region	State Party – Name of activity	Amount requested (US\$)	Amount recommended for approval (US\$)
Requests recommended for approval – Cultural heritage		350,940	336,065	
1	Africa	Côte d'Ivoire – Conservation and management of Sudanese style mosques in northern Côte d'Ivoire	95,133	85,058

N°	Region	State Party – Name of activity	Amount requested (US\$)	Amount recommended for approval (US\$)
2	Africa	Ghana – Preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for the Asante Traditional Buildings of Ghana	43,678	43,678
3	Arab States	Egypt – Training program about the preparation of site conservation plan	56,504	56,504
4	Asia- Pacific	Marshall Islands – Condition assessment of shipwrecks within the Bikini Atoll Nuclear Test Site	74,800	70,000
5	Asia- Pacific	Sri Lanka – Conservation of Ancient Siva Devale No 01 within the World Heritage site of Polonnaruwa Ancient City	47,500	47,500
6	Latin America & Caribbean	Haiti – Raising awareness of the population of the Park to the seismic threats to the Department of the North and the installation of a system of conservation, maintenance of the monuments and a compilation of technical specifications for earthquakeresistant reinforcement of the vernacular architecture of the PNH CSSR	33,325	33,325

Funds available under the Conservation & Management Assistance-Cultural heritage budget as of 15 June 2023: US\$ 298,806 Funds available under the Conservation & Management Assistance-Natural heritage budget as of 15 June 2023: US\$ 244,545

Conservation & Management Assistance Cultural Heritage Africa

State Party: Côte d'Ivoire (Lower Middle Income Country)

Name of activity: Conservation and management of Sudanese style mosques in

northern Côte d'Ivoire

Amount requested: US\$ 95,133

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2022: contributions paid.

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

Background:

The implementation of this project will provide responses to the recommendations made by the World Heritage Committee at its 44th session in its Decision **44 COM 8B.33** by which it inscribed the Sudanese style mosques in northern Côte d'Ivoire on the World Heritage List.

The implementation of this project will result in field missions, the analysis and processing of data collected in the field, and the development of elements of response to the recommendations, in particular through the elaboration of maps of new protected areas, capacity building for local masons with the third session of the training workshop for traditional masons, the improvement of conservation and management plans for mosques, the development of a roadmap to strengthen the traditional conservation practices, and conservation activities to address inappropriate interventions on the Kouto, Kaouara, Sorobango and Samatiguila mosques.

In conducting this project, the State Party intends to mobilize financial resources, in particular through the programming of a dedicated budget line in the OIPC budget for the year 2022. The resources obtained will make it possible to carry out field activities relating to the various recommendations with the participation of the concerned stakeholders (local grassroots management committees, territorial collectivities, regional and departmental directorates in charge of town planning, construction, local development and culture).

Objectives:

Phase 1 : Conservation and Management

- Specific objective 1: carry out conservation work to remedy inappropriate interventions on the mosques of Kouto, Kaouara, Sorobango and Samatiguila;
- Specific objective 2: complete the conservation plans for each mosque based on its current state of conservation and the necessary interventions;
- Specific objective 3: strengthen the protection of the buffer zones, by modifying the relevant local plans and regulations, in particular in relation to the currently authorized development;
- Specific objective 4: define a general conservation approach for the entire series, including proposals for major projects;

Specific objective 5: develop a roadmap to make traditional conservation practices sufficiently robust.

Phase II: Training, elaboration of architectural rules and extension of the buffer zone

- Specific objective 1: draft and adopt the plan of architectural prescriptions for the areas around the constituent elements of the series of Sudanese style mosques;
- > Specific objective 2: strengthen the capacities of local traditional masons;
- > Specific objective 3: expand the protected areas (protection perimeters and buffer zones) so that they encompass surrounding and functional urban spaces.

Duration of the project:

Estimated to 18 months

Expected results:

Expected results	Indicators	Means of verification
Restoration work is carried out to remedy the inappropriate interventions on the mosques of Kouto, Kaouara, Sorobango and Samatiguila.	Inappropriate interventions on the mosques of Kouto, Kaouara, Sorobango and Samatiguila are restored.	- restoration work reports - list of traditional masons
The conservation plans for each mosque based on its current state of conservation and necessary interventions are completed	An improved management system including the conservation plans of the mosques in the series based on their state of conservation.	- mission orders - attendance lists of stakeholders - mission reports
The protection of the buffer zones is reinforced by the modification of the relevant local plans and regulations, in accordance with currently authorized development	Local plans and regulations are revised to reflect the current development of the localities where the mosques in the series are located.	- prefectural decisions - departmental construction provisions for the respect of spaces determined as buffer zones
A conservation approach for the entire series of eight mosques is defined and includes proposals for major projects	A management system including a conservation plan for the eight mosques in the series	- specifications (architectural requirements)
Development of conservation practices are mitigating the decline	A roadmap of conservation practices is developed to reverse the current decline	- specifications - reports
A plan of architectural prescriptions for the spaces around the constituent elements of the series of Sudanese style mosques is drawn up and respected	Specifications laying down architectural requirements for the spaces around the constituent elements of the series of Sudanese style mosques	- mission orders - architectural firm's mission reports - specifications
Capacity building for 25 local traditional masons	25 traditional masons trained	- workshop report -photocopies of the identity documents (CNI) of the participants - certificates of participation
The new protection perimeters and buffer zones encompass the surrounding and functional urban spaces	8 maps of the new boundaries of the component parts of the property	- mission orders - boundary maps - mission report of geomaticians and urban planners

Budget:

NB. In the budget table below, Phase I corresponds to "drafting and validation workshop of management plans", and Phase II to "drafting and validation plan of architectural requirements".

Total activity budget (in US\$):	171,210
National or other contributions (in kind): a part of the organizational costs related to phase I, including works to remedy inappropriate interventions on mosques (US\$ 24,561), Malian supervisors and chief masons (US\$ 8,582), domestic travel costs (US\$ 11,910), accommodation and meals during phase II (US\$ 31,024)	76,077
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$):	95,133
1. Organization Phase I	55,709
Accommodation workshop participants: US\$ 62/40people/3days Meals during workshop: US\$ 18/40people/3days Coffee breaks during workshop (3 days) Transportation at workshop (30 participants) Venue rent and logistics for workshop (3 days) Office computers for workshop Communication Kit for workshop Perdiem Vehicle rental Fuel Living expanses: US\$ 96/3people/7days	7,440 2,160 3,162 1,590 1,881 878 5,509 720 8,000 1,470 1,300
Living expenses: US\$ 86/3people/7days Ceremonial fees Phase II Accommodation workshop participants: US\$ 62/25people/3days Meals during workshop: US\$ 18/25people/3days Coffee breaks during workshop Transportation at workshop Venue rent and logistics for workshop Office computers for workshop Kit for workshop Perdiem	1,806 1,564 4,650 1,350 3,162 1,060 1,881 676 450 5,000
2. Personnel / consultancy services (fees) Phase I	19,871
Architect (revision of protected areas and development of architectural requirements): US\$ 263 x 17 days **Phase II** Local traditional masons: US\$ 44/day for 14 days for 25 people	4,471 15,400
3. Travel Domestic travel costs: fuel	1,228 1,228
4. Accommodation & meals	17,445
Phase I Experts from Office ivoirien du patrimoine culturel: US\$ 86/day for 17 days for 5 people (a curator, a heritage manager, a sociologist, a historian,a cultural animator)	7,310
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Expert in urban planning (revision of protected areas and development of architectural requirements): US\$ 86/day for 30 days Expert in geomatics (revision of protected areas): US\$ 86/day for 30 days Phase II	2,580
Perdiem for participation, local masons	3,050
Perdiem for participation, organizational Committee	1,925
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5. Equipment Phase II	880
Equipment, materials and logistics mason workshop (bourrette, buckets, pearls, rice bran, sieve, construction helmet, drain oil, black earth, bafond clay, flocou, korokoro)	880
6. Evaluation & reporting N/A	0
7. Miscellaneous N/A	0

Recommendation by the International Assistance panel (26 April 2022)

Request to be transmitted to the World Heritage Committee for approval for an amount of US\$ 85,058 from the Conservation & Management assistance-Culture budget, replacing the "per diem" amounts of US\$ 8,000 and US\$ 5,000 (corresponding to the defrayment for the participants in the workshops) by the fixed amounts of US\$ 1,800 and US\$ 1,125 respectively.

Conservation & Management Assistance Cultural Heritage Africa

State Party: Ghana (Lower Middle Income Country)

Name of activity: Preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for the Asante

Traditional Buildings of Ghana

Amount requested: US\$ 43,678

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2022: contributions paid.

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

Background:

The project will address a crucial outstanding Decision of the World Heritage Committee at its 23rd session in 1999 (Marrakesh, Morocco) as per page 51 paragraph 2 and 3 of Working Document WHC-99/CONF.209/6 "it requested the Ghana Museums and Monuments Board to proceed with the preparation of an overall management plan…" for the Asante Traditional Buildings.

Lack of synergy amongst actors triggered by the prolonged absence of an integrated management plan for the property have exacerbated the impact of negative factors affecting both local values and the Outstanding Universal Value the property. The use of annual work plans by the Ghana Museums and Monuments Board have not been able to address long term priority actions and hence the need for a comprehensive management and action plan to close that gap.

This project will offer the opportunity to collate data and engage various actors including Traditional leaders, District Assemblies, users of the buildings, priests/priestesses, community members, and research institutions to develop actions aimed at addressing management deficiencies as well as factors that continuously affect the property. This will ensure a broad base participatory formulation of management actions which reflect community led intervention models.

The findings and recommendations of the working team will be presented to these stakeholders for validation/review. This will highlight the role of the local actors and allow for sharing of responsibilities. It will also help formulate an appropriate governance structure to support management actions to be outlined in the action plan.

The orientation component of this project will help community representatives on the working team to appreciate the core concepts of the 1972 World Heritage Convention including the element that constitute the Outstanding Universal Value, integrity and authenticity of the property. This knowledge will be useful in implementing the management plan by the various communities.

This project will be implemented in 3 phases, allowing short breaks between the sessions for reflection and evaluation.

The ten components of the Asante Traditional Buildings will benefit from the project. Site Managers of Forts and Castles, Volta, Greater-Accra, Central and Western Regions will also participate in this project and the experience acquired in formulating the management plan for that property will be useful in providing guidance during the formulation of a comprehensive management plan for the Asante Traditional Buildings.

Objectives:

- 1. To formulate and develop a comprehensive five-year conservation Management Plan and Action Plan for the Asante Traditional Building of Ghana by the end of October 2023.
- 2. To use the management planning process to build capacities of managers and elected community members and harness this knowledge to develop a comprehensive Management Plan for the serial property.
- 3. To establish and strengthen cooperation among stakeholders for managing these heritage properties and ensure effective protection of the property for present and future generations.
- 4. To establish the comprehensive set of attributes that carries the property's local and Outstanding Universal Value and develop actions aimed at preserving these attributes.

Duration of the project:

Estimated to 13 months

Expected results:

Expected results	Indicators	Means of verification
Current Management system assessed and gaps identified	Setting up a working team for the preparation of the management plan with participants from the Ghana museums and monuments Board and local stakeholders.	Written reports on the consultative meetings held and progress report of working team
An integrated Conservation Management Plan and detailed action plan prepared by the end of December 2024.	A detailed action plan developed involving all the relevant stakeholders Analysis of the identified conservation and management problems.	A detailed strategic action plan. Final Management Plan Document

Budget:

Total activity budget (in US\$):	45,257
National or other contributions (in kind):	1,579
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$):	43,678
1. Organization	2,994
Venue (hiring venue for a 3-day training workshop for working team + 1day stakeholders' validation/evaluation of working team's findings/reports)	•

Office expenses (stationary, supplies etc) Simultaneous interpretation (to cover 10 days community engagement and 1 day stakeholder validation of working team's findings	722 627
Secretarial assistance (to cover 10 days community engagement and 1 day stakeholder validation of working team's findings)	627
Audio-visual equipment (projectors and wireless device for image and audio transmission) to cover training workshop for working team	380
2. Personnel / consultancy services (fees) International Expert (in management planning to conduct training workshop and assist the working team to compile the management plan – 14 days)	10,560 4,900
Experts in earthen architecture - CRAterre to assist the team conservation management plan for the for the property (10 days)	3,000
National Expert (14 days)	2,660
3. Travel International travel cost (1 return ticket for 1 expert)	5,255 1,400
Domestic travel cost (1 return tickets from Accra to Kumasi for 1 expert)	150
Car rental to facilitate data gathering by working team and site visit by experts (15 trips)	3,705
4. Accommodation & meals	17,976
Perdiem for international expert (14 days) Perdiem for experts in earthen architecture – CRAterre	2,520 1,700
Perdiem for working team for a 3-day training workshop + 1 day stakeholders'	3,876
validation/evaluation of working team's findings/reports (working team composed of 7 GMMB staff +1 representative from each of the ten components/communities)	
Perdiem for working team for 10 days - data gathering and consultative meetings + 10 days for desk review and drafting of management plan	7,980
Meals for community/stakeholder consultative/sensitization meetings involving the local communities, Municipal and District Assemblies, Priest/Priestess, Users/custodians of the buildings etc. at the ten components/sites before starting	1,900
data gathering	
5. Equipment Field equipment for data gathering (drone images/aerial photographs to facilitate landscape/spatial analysis and planning around each of the ten components)	950 950
6. Evaluation & reporting	4,518
Evaluation: travel cost for 59 participants for stakeholders' validation workshop Evaluation: meals / refreshment for stakeholders' validation workshop	1,962 561
Reporting and editing of documents / management and action plan	1,425
Printing of 30 hardcopies of the final Management plan for actors (local communities, district assemblies, GMMB / Sector agencies and others stakeholders i.e. research institutions, local partners etc	570
7. Miscellaneous	1,425
Visas Community entry protocols	190 1,235
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Recommendation by the International Assistance panel (25 January 2022)

Request to be submitted to the Committee for approval under the Conservation & Management assistance-Cultural heritage budget for US\$ 43,678 or a bit less, depending on the clarifications provided by the State Party on the DSA for the international experts (which may result in an adjustment in the budget breakdown).

Additional comments (08 June 2022)

On 22 April, in response to the clarifications requested on the DSA for the international experts, the Ghana Museums and Monuments Board (GMMB) confirmed that the amount of US\$ 1,700 is not intended to be used for the international expert and requested to reallocate this amount to cover the DSA of an additional seven cultural officers, under whose jurisdiction the Ashanti Traditional Buildings are located, and three conservators in the Upper West and Central regional offices of GMMB. This would allow them to participate in the orientation/training component for site managers and local actors for the Asante Traditional Buildings which was initially omitted in the training workshop component.

The proposed reallocation stands in coherence with the overall budgeting proposed in the request and is deemed appropriate as it allows for an increase in the number of persons to be trained. It is therefore recommended to submit this request to the Committee for approval under the Conservation & Management assistance-Cultural heritage budget for US\$ 43,678, the US\$ 1,700 foreseen for the DSA for the international experts being reallocated to cover the DSA of an additional seven cultural officers, under whose jurisdiction the Ashanti Traditional Buildings are located, and three conservators in the Upper West and Central regional offices of Ghana Museums and Monuments Board.

Conservation & Management Assistance Cultural Heritage Arab States

State Party: Egypt (Lower Middle Income Country)

Name of activity: Training program about the preparation of site conservation plan

Amount requested: US\$ 56,504

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2022: contributions paid.

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

Background:

Abu Mena was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1979. Due to rising of the water table (caused by the agricultural developments surrounding the property), which is the main threat facing the property's integrity including the archaeological remains as a whole, the World Heritage Committee inscribed Abu Mena on the List of World Heritage in Danger in 2001 and requested an integrated conservation plan for the property.

In order to solve this issue, the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA) relied on the human resources on-site (the conservation team - the Projects Sector) in preparing the daily documentation and monitoring of the state of the archaeological remains at the site and implementing a draft short-term preventive maintenance plan for it. The conservation staff registers all aspects of the deteriorations resulting from rising of water table. Nevertheless, although they have a lot of information about the history of the state of conservation of the site, the staff is not trained in the methodology of how to prepare a conservation plan; moreover, it is a small team, which is not sufficient to carry out the required technical activities for research, scientific monitoring and conservation.

In addition, the periodic reports of the implementation of the World Heritage Convention indicate that Abu Mena conservation staff urgently needs a training program in the field of conservation to improve their skills and set up the conservation plan on the ground.

Such a training will be achieved through a participative, interactive, replicable and long-term process. To ensure the success of this project, MoTA will contact conservation experts to provide Abu Mena staff with the technical assistance and a wide experience on collecting the conservation data on Abu Mena's archaeological remains. The technical information collected during the program will be crucial for MoTA as it will provide corrective and realistic insights about the property, which will in turn inform the site Management Plan required by the World Heritage Committee. Finally, the experts and Abu Mena staff will analyze the data collected during the year (program time schedule) and they will prepare a final conservation plan for Abu Mena. At the same time, the technical data collected during the program will become the baseline data to evaluate and assess the state of conservation of Abu Mena.

During the first three months of the project, the conservators /experts will develop a training guidebook for the methodology on how to prepare a conservation plan. The experts will travel to Abu Mena for the first training activity where they will present Module I of the course. It is

expected that during the project the experts will travel 4 times to Abu Mena: in each trip, they will develop a different module of the course. At the same time, to support the conservators in this training process and to ensure the implementation of the training guidebook for the data collection, professional experts will provide technical assistance in Abu Mena during the project. Finally, the experts, in coordination with the conservation staff in Abu Mena, will analyze the information collected and submit a conservation plan with possible actions.

Objectives:

The overall objective of the project is to enhance the efficiency and capacity of the site manager and staff in Abu Mena in preparing the conservation plan and the data collection for the state of conservation, in order to obtain the baseline data on the current status of the archaeological remains of the property.

The specific objectives include:

- ➤ Build the capacities of site manager and related specialized personnel in the preparation of a conservation plan;
- Train a qualified specialized staff to enable them to deal with the factors affecting Abu Mena, in accordance with international standards;
- Understand and implement the recommendations of World Heritage Committee and Advisory Bodies associated with Abu Mena;
- Take effective corrective measures in order to ultimately remove the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger
- Expand the trained technical basis on the ground through sharing the participants' scientific and practical experiences with their colleagues in other Egyptian archaeological sites through the TOT program under supervision of MoTA and UNESCO;
- Conserve and maintain Abu Mena adequately through:
 - Documentation and data analysis to set up specialized baseline information for the state of conservation of Abu Mena;
 - Site assessment;
 - Establishment of a conservation strategy and effective conservation that involve a cycle of long-term and day-to-day actions to protect, conserve and present the cultural heritage property of Abu Mena;
 - Engage multiple stakeholders from the government, communities and the private sector in implementing sustainable conservation practices to reduce threats to the site.

Duration of the project:

Estimated to 12 months

Expected results:

Expected results	Indicators	Means of verification
Trained staff with updated knowledge in conservation plan methodology.	The implementation of 4 training modules (discussions - workshops - and practice).	10 Assessment reports for each trainee and their understanding and knowledge.
Printed guidebook of the conservation plan methodology.	Setting-up guidebook of the conservation plan methodology	500 copies of guidebook of the conservation plan methodology.

Expected results	Indicators	Means of verification
Specialized technical baseline information for the state of conservation of Abu Mena during the training program.	Establishment of the specialized technical baseline information	Final Report - Analysis of data on conservation plan and proposed conservation projects.
Activated and applicable conservation plan for Abu Mena.	Specific site conservation plan for Abu Mena.	Periodic report every 3 months about the progress and achievements of the conservation plan.

Budget:

Total activity budget (in US\$):	56,504
National or other contributions (in kind): N/A	0
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$):	56,504
1. Organization N/A	0
2. Personnel / consultancy services (fees) National expert (12 months) International expert (12 months)	33,600 14,400 19,200
3. Travel Travel to Burg Al- Arab (US\$ 764 per expedition for 1 trainer x 4 expeditions)	3,056 3,056
4. Accommodation & meals Accommodation and food - 2 trainers (US\$ 527 per trip for 2 trainers x 6 months)	9,162 9,162
5. Equipment Guidebook elaboration - Design Guidebook elaboration – Printing Data equipment – laptops (10 units) Data equipment – Total station loan (4 units)	3,442 96 32 2,550 764
6. Evaluation & reporting Evaluation (15 days) Reporting (2 experts) Printing Distribution (3 copies) 1,000 brochures of training programme results	3,428 600 2,000 500 200 128
7. Miscellaneous Meals x 4 sessions Material x 4 sessions	3,816 1,908 1,908

Recommendation by the International Assistance panel (25 January 2022)

Request to be submitted to the Committee for approval for US\$ 56,504 under the Conservation & Management assistance-Cultural heritage budget.

Before the funds are disbursed, some clarifications would be provided by the State Party on the aims and outcomes of the request, as well as on the status of the national experts (who should not be government employees).

Additional comments (04 May 2022)

On 18 March 2022, the State Party has submitted complementary information on the project's theoretical and practical components, that include capacity building and the elaboration of a comprehensive site conservation plan. The project's objectives and expected results have also been detailed. The status of the national experts will be clarified prior to the establishment of the contract.

Conservation & Management Assistance

Cultural Heritage Asia-Pacific

State Party: Marshall Islands (Upper Middle Income Country and Small Island

Developing State)

Name of activity: Condition assessment of shipwrecks within the Bikini Atoll Nuclear Test

Site

Amount requested: US\$ 74,800

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2021 but not as as 31 December 2022: contributions paid.

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

Background:

The Bikini Atoll Nuclear Test Site was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2010. In their decision (34 COM 8B.20) the World Heritage Committee stated that the main threats to the property were the 'effects of climate change and the presence of stocks of bombs and fuel in the underwater part of the property'. To protect and manage the property from these threats the World Heritage Committee stated that it was 'essential to ensure safety by dealing with any remaining militaty risks, to draw up a detailed inventory and to ensure regular monitoring of the constituent parts of the property'. The Committee further recommended that this management be achieved by constituting 'a coordinated international mission by the State Party dealing with the presence of bombs and fuel oil in the wrecks of the sunken vessels' and 'that a technical evaluation of these threats and a review of possible solutions be considered without delay'.

In their review of the Bikini Atoll Nuclear Test Site nomination (1339-ICOMOS-1684) ICOMOS consulted its International Scientific Committees on the Pacific Islands, on Underwater Cultural Heritage, and on Intangible Cultural Heritage. These advisory groups mirrored the concerns of the World Heritage Committee regarding the 'presence of stocks of bombs and fuel in the sunken vessels' but also noted the 'removal of metal (lead, copper, etc.) from the remains of the sunken vessels ' as specific threats to the nature of the property. To manage these threats ICOMOS considered it necessary for a 'full and detailed inventory of all elements of the property' to be created, and that it was essential the state of conservation of the property be monitored. Further, ICOMOS noted that in regard to the bombs and fuel 'as the only technical evaluation of this risk dates back to 1991, a new expert appraisal of these dangers and a review of possible solutions must be considered without delay'.

In response to these concerns, the 2010 Bikini Atoll Conservation Management Plan was commissioned. This document recognised the deterioration of the nuclear testing artifacts (including the ships) and the removal of artifacts as some of the key challenges and threats to the property. It was proposed that these threats would be mitigated through the use of international experts to 'conduct a baseline assessment of the state of conservation of the vessels' and through the monitoring of tourist divers. However, the 2010 Bikini Atoll Conservation Management Plan did not address the concerns of either the World Heritage

Committee or ICOMOS in regards to the presence of unexploded ordnance (UXO) or fuel on the vessels.

Due to a lack of resources and expertise, neither the baseline assessment/inventory proposed in the Conservation Management Plan nor the technical evaluation of the unexploded ordnance or fuel on the vessels that were requested 'without delay' in 2010 by both the World Heritage Committee and ICOMOS, have yet been undertaken. Further, no condition assessment or monitoring of these shipwrecks has been undertaken since 1991.

Moreover, divers report that the wrecks in Bikini Atoll are visibly deteriorating and can often be seen leaking oil. Corrosion scientists working in similar tropical locations estimate that the shipwrecks they are investigating will begin to collapse in the next 5-10 years, hastened by unsustainable diving practices and the impacts of climate change. To further illustrate the urgent nature of the requested project, satellite imagery has recorded numerous oil slicks coming from the wrecks with some measuring over 10 kilometres in length. There is also concern within the Historic Preservation Office that movable artifacts may have been removed from the wrecks since they were last professionally recorded in 1991.

Therefore, this request aims to support field research through technical assistance various experts to begin to assess the condition of the shipwrecks, inventory the location, number and types of movable artifacts, and record and evaluate the threat that UXO and possible remaining fuel on the wrecks pose.

Objectives:

- Conduct a condition assessment survey of selected shipwrecks within the Bikini Atoll Nuclear Test Site. This survey will focus on gathering data required to assess the conditiçon of the selected shipwrecks, the location and types of movable artifacts and the threat the UXO and fuel on the vessels pose. It is anticipated that at least five shipwrecks will be inspected. The specific wrecks will be chosen by discussion with members of the Kili Bikini Ejit (KBE) Local Council, staff from the rep. of Marshall Islands (RMI) Historic Preservation Office (HPO) and UNESCO National Committee.
- Increase the capacity of the KBE Local Council, RMI HPO and UNESCO National Committee authorities to manage the shipwrecks in Bikini Atoll World Heritage Site. This project will provide advice in the form of a technical inspection report and also a capacity building workshop that will present the results and management implications of the survey.

Duration of the project:

Estimated to 9 months

Expected results:

Expected results	Indicators	Means of verification
Complete field survey of selected shipwrecks in Bikini Atoll Nuclear Test Site	The field survey generates relevant data necessary for the creation of the technical report	Report of the field survey within the resulting technical report
Compile a technical inspection report	The consultants compile a technical inspection report with relevant information	Consultants' technical inspection report completed

Expected results	Indicators	Means of verification
	obtained through the field survey	and distributed to RMI stakeholders
Provide advice Kili Bikini Ejit (KBE) Local Council, RMI HPO and UNESCO National Committee	Technical inspection report completed by consultants and shared, and capacity building workshop held.	Consultant's report completed and distributed to RMI stakeholders and minutes from capacity building workshop finalised

Budget:

Total activity budget (in US\$):	139,700
National or other contributions (in kind): International expert (US\$ 11,900),	64,900
underwater cameras (US\$ 28,000) and technical diving equipment (US\$ 25,000)	
The in-kind assistance from the Historic Preservation Office is to provide	
transportation between Majuro, Kili, during consultation, as well as technical	
assistance as to translation and other logistic arrangements.	
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$):	74,800
1. Organization N/A	0
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2. Personnel / consultancy services (fees)	30,000
International expert (7 weeks, US\$ 1,200 per week)	20,400
International expert (2 weeks, US\$ 1,200 per week)	2,400
International expert (6 weeks, US\$ 1,200 per week)	7,200
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3. Travel	40,000
International travel cost	7,500
Domestic travel cost (Boat Charter & flights)	32,500
4. Accommodation & meals N/A	0
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5. Equipment	3,000
Diving Consumables	3,000
Diving Consumation	0,000
6. Evaluation & reporting	0
N/A	
7. Miscellaneous	1,800
Marine Park Fees (for 3 persons)	1,800
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Recommendation by the International Assistance panel (25 January 2022)

Request to be submitted to the Committee for approval for US\$ 70,000 under the Conservation & Management assistance-Cultural heritage budget (i.e. US\$ 74,800 less the amounts dedicated to diving equipment (US\$ 3,000) and marine park fees (US\$ 1,800)).

Conservation & Management Assistance

Cultural Heritage Asia-Pacific

State Party: Sri Lanka (Lower Middle Income Country)

Name of activity: Conservation of Ancient Siva Devale No 01 within the World Heritage

site of Polonnaruwa Ancient City

Amount requested: US\$ 47,500

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2022: contributions paid.

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

Background:

The Ancient Siva Devale No 01 within the World Heritage site of Polonnaruwa Ancient City has been built using decorated large granite blocks. The walls of the shrine have undergone various forms of shifts and movements due to differential settlements of the structure, causing the huge granite blocks, especially those at the upper levels of the walls, to collapse and scatter around the monument. A part of the wall collapsed due to heavy rain at the end of 2018, requiring immediate conservation interventions. To prevent further collapse, the Central Cultural Fund decided to dismantle the most unstable part of the building with the intention of reassembling it after strengthening the foundation of the building.

Most of the remaining granite blocks in the walls have separated and moved considerably from each other, creating gaps and cracks in the walls between the joints of granite blocks. Except for the interior walls and ceiling of the intermediate chamber, all the other walls are in danger of collapsing. The stone paved floors have also undergone substantial uneven settlements.

Objectives:

- Strengthening the foundation to ensure safety of the building.
- Re-assembling the collapsed stone blocks.
- Providing opportunity for devotees to perform religious rituals.

Duration of the project:

Estimated to 24 months

Expected results:

Expected results	Indicators	Means of verification
Stabilize the building	No settlement / No gaps/cracks on the walls between the joints of granite blocks	Monitoring the monument continuously

Expected results	Indicators	Means of verification
To improve visitor arrivals	Arrival of visitors	Number of visitors
Ethnic harmony	Increased number of Hindu visitors arrivals	Number of Hindu visitors

Budget:

Total activity budget (in US\$):	61,000
National or other contributions (in kind): national expert (US\$ 2,000),	13,500
contribution for the crane (US\$ 5,000) and the purchase of materials (US\$ 4,500),	
evaluation, reporting, editing, printing, distribution (US\$ 2,000).	
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$):	47,500
1. Organization N/A	0
2. Personnel / consultancy services (fees) Labour	25,000 25,000
3. Travel N/A	0
4. Accommodation & meals N/A	0
5. Equipment	22,500
Crane with operator (US\$ 50 per day for 400 days)	15,000
Materials (geotextile, flyash, gravel etc)	7,500
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6. Evaluation & reporting N/A	0
7. Miscellaneous N/A	0

Recommendation by the International Assistance panel (26 January 2023)

Request to be submitted to the World Heritage Committee for approval for US\$ 47,500 under the Conservation & Management assistance-Cultural heritage budget once the contributions to the World Heritage Fund up to 31 December 2022 are settled, and once additional information is provided on the details of the conservation works to be undertaken (design and procedure) and on the budget lines "Labour", "Cranes" and "Material".

If the contributions are not settled and the additional information is not provided before the 2nd International Assistance panel to be held around mid-April 2023, the request will be submitted to the 2nd International Assistance panel and will be re-assessed.

Recommendation by the International Assistance panel (17 April 2023)

Request to be submitted to the World Heritage Committee for approval for an amount of US\$ 47,500 under the Conservation & Management assistance-Nature budget as authorized

by paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines, only if clarifications deemed satisfactory by the Secretariat and the Advisory Bodies are provided by 30 April 2023 at the latest on (1) infill with brick (the State Party should develop an alternative approach which makes visible, in a harmonious manner, where new material has been added to the structure and submit this for technical review) and (2) the budget, in order to harmonize the revised breakdown with the original budget lines.

Otherwise the request will have to be resubmitted for a next cycle.

Additional comments (04 May 2023)

The information requested was received on 20 April 2023: the State Party explained that the missing stones have to be filled with a weakened mortar using bricks and the imitation works are also done by using weakened plastering. This principle is used specially in conservation so as to give the provisions to replace the missing stones by the original stones which has the possibility to be discovered during future excavations. Unless this imitation works done, there is a difficulty to re-assemble the upper parts that is the stone layers above the missing stones. Therefore, this is under the conservation principle, i.e. reversible. And this practice is being used so far during the conservation works of stone monuments of Sri Lanka (such as the stone built outer wall of ancient stupas of Anuradhapura).

The Advisory Bodies considered that the brick infill was fine. ICOMOS would have preferred the plastering not be done to try to imitate the stone. However, seeing as this is the current practice (and bearing in mind that the maintenance may probably lead to plasterworks quickly showing signs of damages), it is considered that the approach is acceptable.

Conservation & Management Assistance

Cultural Heritage Latin America & the Caribbean

State Party: Haiti (Least Developed Country and Small Island Developing State)

Name of activity: Raising awareness of the population of the Park to the seismic threats

to the Department of the North and the installation of a system of conservation, maintenance of the monuments and a compilation of technical specifications for earthquake-resistant reinforcement of the

vernacular architecture of the PNH CSSR

Amount requested: US\$ 33,325

Status of dues to the World Heritage Fund as at 31 December 2022: contributions paid.

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

Background:

The National History Park – Citadel, Sans Souci, Ramiers (NHP-CSSR) urgently needs to carry out (1) a seismic assessment of the monuments and the conservation and maintenance system in phase one, which will guarantee the protection of the Outstanding Universal Value; (2) a summary inventory of the vernacular architecture which represents the main habitat of the Park in the visit circuit; and (3) an update of the monument maintenance system as defined in the conservation plan. All these aspects need to be strengthened in the event of an earthquake. It should be noted that the northern fault has weakened since 1842; all forecasts and simulations by experts and seismologists show that this fault is large enough to produce a major earthquake at any time. It has therefore become urgent to properly document the monuments of the NHP-CSSR.

In the event of a major earthquake, there is a likelihood of landslides, destruction of monuments by rockslides, and major disorders in terms of biodiversity and vernacular architecture, which will have a negative impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property.

The NHP-CSSR will be equipped with signage panels in the event of disasters such as an earthquake. The population will be trained and made aware of the issue and will be able to respond correctly in an emergency to this type of threat.

Objectives:

- Raise awareness of the population to the various threats and risks to the NHP-CSSR;
- Protect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property;
- Provide the Park community with a signage system in the event of an earthquake;
- Revise the conservation plan maintenance system and provide zone 1 with a document on the reinforcement of phase 1 monuments, and technical specifications for rural habitats that meet phase 2 seismic and cyclonic standards.

Duration of the project: Estimated to 2 months

Expected results:

Expected results	Indicators	Means of verification
- an updated inventory of the monuments and the fauna and flora biodiversity of the NHP-CSSR;	- the protection of the Outstanding Universal Value is ensured	- document which will be made available to officials of the Interministerial Committee, ISPAN and AGP.
the population is made aware of the threats and seismic risks to heritage.	- the population is trained on disaster risks	- presence of display panels on seismic risks in the Park

Budget:

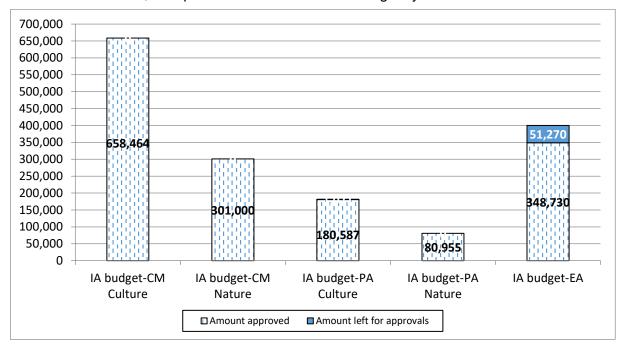
Total activity budget (in US\$):	46,725
National or other contributions (in kind): secretarial assistance (US\$ 1,000),	13,400
coordinator (US\$ 3,000), other staff (US\$ 1,800), other travel costs (US\$ 1,500),	1
accommodation (US\$ 800), laptop (US\$ 2,000), report (US\$ 800), editing/layout	1
(US\$ 1,000), other expenses (US\$ 1,500)	1
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund (in US\$):	33,325
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1. Organization	1,000
Secretarial assistance	1,000
Secretarial assistance	1,000
2. Personnel / consultancy services (fees)	12,600
International expert (2 weeks)	5,000
National expert (6 weeks)	4,800
Coordinator (8 weeks)	1,800
Other staff (8 weeks)	1,000
Other staff (o weeks)	1,000
3. Travel	4,400
International travel cost	3,000
Domestic travel cost	1,400
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4. Accommodation & meals	2,325
Accommodation (for 15 people)	1,450
Meals (for 25 people)	875
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5. Equipment	9,000
Printer	2,500
Billboards (20 units)	6,500
	0,000
6. Evaluation & reporting	4,000
Evaluation	1,000
Printing	3,000
	5,550
7. Miscellaneous	0
N/A	
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Recommendation by the International Assistance panel (26 April 2022)

Request to be transmitted to the World Heritage Committee for approval for an amount of US\$ 33,325 from the Conservation & Management assistance-Culture budget. At the time of the implementation of the activity, the use of International Assistance funds should focus primarily on the attributes of the Outstanding Universal Value, in close consultation between the State Party, the Secretariat (WHC and the UNESCO Office in Portau-Prince) and the Advisory Bodies.

II. OVERVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS APPROVED IN 2020-2021

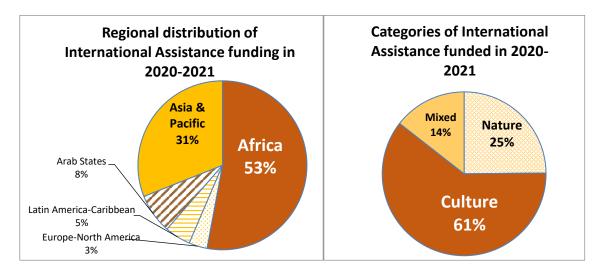
- 6. The 2020-2021 International Assistance budget approved by the World Heritage Committee at its 43rd session (Baku, 2019) amounted to US\$ 1,050,000, i.e. US\$ 860,000 for Conservation & Management Assistance and US\$ 190,000 for Preparatory Assistance, while the Emergency Assistance reserve was set at US\$ 400.000.
- 7. The Director of the World Heritage Centre, in line with Decision **42 COM 14**, paragraph 9, authorized in 2021 budget transfers of US\$ 72,613 from the budget line "Attendance at meetings by Committee members from developing countries", for the benefit of Preparatory Assistance (see also Document WHC/23/45.COM/15, part I.C), and of US\$ 99,464 from the budget line "ICOMOS (advisory services contract)", for the benefit of Conservation & Management Assistance. Therefore, the final 2020-2021 International Assistance budget amounted to US\$ 959,464 for Conservation & Management Assistance and US\$ 262,613 for Preparatory Assistance. The Emergency Assistance reserve remained unchanged at US\$ 400,000.
- 8. As can be seen in the chart below, there was nothing left for approvals at the end of the biennium 2020-2021, except a small amount under Emergency Assistance.

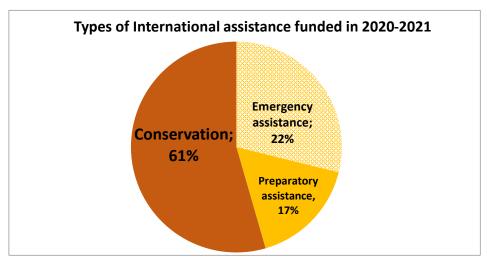


9. The full list of requests approved in 2020-2021 can be found in Annex C. The main features of these approvals are given below. This analysis illustrates the predominance of the Africa region with 56.2% (27 out of 48) of all the International Assistance requests approved.

Approvals in 2020-2021

Region	Number of approved requests	Amount approved (in US\$)
Africa	27	780,867
Arab States	5	169,500
Asia & Pacific	12	486,490
Europe & North America	1	55,000
Latin America & Caribbean	3	77,879
Total	48	1,569,736





Largest amount approved: US\$ 91,212 for Conservation & Management Assistance / Asia: "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).

Average amount approved per request: US\$ 32,703

States Parties

During the biennium 2020-2021, the World Heritage Fund financed **48** International Assistance requests totalling US\$ 1.5 million for **35 countries**, including 20 countries (57%) from Africa and 20 (57%) Least Developed Countries (in bold):

- Africa (20): Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Rep. of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia (The), Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Mali, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Uganda, United Rep. of Tanzania and Zimbabwe;
- Arab States (3): **Sudan**, Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia;
- <u>Asia & Pacific (9)</u>: **Afghanistan**, **Bangladesh**, **Cambodia**, **Lao PDR**, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu and Viet Nam;
- <u>Europe & North America (1)</u>: North Macedonia;
- Latin America & Caribbean (2): Mexico and Paraguay.

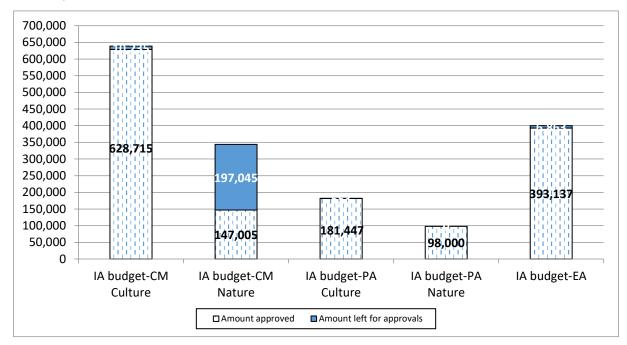
World Heritage properties

The following **29 World Heritage properties** received International Assistance in 2020-2021, including **7** (i.e. 24.1 %) which are on the List of World Heritage in Danger (in bold):

- 15 in Africa: Asmara: A Modernist African City (Eritrea), Comoé National Park (Côte d'Ivoire), Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary (Senegal), Kahuzi-Biega National Park (Democratic Rep. of the Congo), Kondoa Rock-Art Sites (United Rep. of Tanzania), Lamu Old Town (Kenya), Maloti-Drakensberg Park (Lesotho), Mana Pools National Park, Sapi and Chewore Safari Areas (Zimbabwe), Old Towns of Djenné (Mali), Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara (United Rep. of Tanzania), Rwenzori Mountains National Park (Uganda), Saloum Delta (Senegal), Stone Circles of Senegambia (The Gambia), Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi (Uganda), Vredefort Dome (South Africa);
- <u>5 in Arab States</u>: Ancient City of Damascus (Syrian Arab Rep.), Crac des Chevaliers and Qal'at Salah El-Din (Syrian Arab Rep.), Dougga / Thugga (Tunisia), Gebel Barkal and the Sites of the Napatan Region (Sudan), Medina of Tunis (Tunisia);
- 7 in Asia-Pacific: Ancient City of Sigiriya (Sri Lanka), Chief Roi Mata's Domain (Vanuatu), Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley (Afghanistan), Historic Centre of Bukhara (Uzbekistan), Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam (Afghanistan), Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park (Viet Nam), Town of Luang Prabang (Lao PDR);
- <u>1 in Europe and North America</u>: Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region (North Macedonia);
- 1 in Latin America and the Caribbean: Historic Centre of Puebla (Mexico).

III. STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2022-2023 AS OF 15 JUNE 2023

- 10. The International Assistance budget approved for the biennium 2022-2023 by Decision 44 COM 14 has increased by 20.3% compared with the 2020-2021 budget, reaching US\$ 983,000 for Conservation & Management Assistance and US\$ 280,000 for Preparatory Assistance. This is the second time since the biennium 2006-2007 that the International Assistance budget without Emergency Assistance exceeds US\$ 1 million (it was US\$ 1.5 million in 2006-2007). As far as Emergency Assistance budget is concerned, it has remained stable for the past 16 years, at US\$ 400,000 for the biennium.
- 11. Following the International Assistance requests already approved or recommended for approval in 2022-2023 as of 15 June 2023, the International Assistance budget has been used / earmarked as follows:



- 12. Currently, there is funding left only under Conservation & Management-Natural heritage budget in the amount of US\$ 197,045, while there is a need under Preparatory Assistance where 4 requests from Africa recommended for approval by the panel last April for a total amount of US\$ 119,500 have not been approved yet for lack of funding. Two of them are for the revision of Tentative Lists (Burkina Faso and Malawi) and two for the preparation of nominations (Eswatini and Ethiopia). Conservation being the priority set by the Committee over nominations, it is up to the Committee to decide whether it authorizes a transfer of US\$ 119,500 from the Conservation & Management budget to the Preparatory Assistance budget.
- 13. It should also be noted that more than half of the International Assistance requests for any annual funding cycle are received by the World Heritage Centre between 28 and 31 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.
- 14. In the framework of the Policy for the Integration of a Sustainable Development Perspective into the Processes of the World Heritage Convention, a review all the applications and final reports of the completed projects supported by International Assistance in 2016-2021 has been undertaken in January-February 2022, focusing on

Conservation & Management Assistance and Emergency Assistance. For each project, a short write-up captured the key impact and contribution towards sustainable development including any innovative aspects. The full report is available at https://whc.unesco.org/en/intassistance/

- 15. The 47 projects implemented in 2016-2021 amount to a total of US\$ 1,287,868 out of which 97.4 % have been disbursed.
- 16. 44% of the approved requests were from African States Parties, in line with the Priority Africa. For all regions, most of the requests concerned cultural sites and a third of the sites receiving International Assistance were World Heritage Sites on the List of World Heritage in Danger
- 17. Many projects implemented innovative tools, promoting new models of heritage protection and acting as a catalysts:
 - Reinforcing the local capacity and empowering the sites' stakeholders constitutes
 a major achievement: 72% of the projects have contributed to an improvement on
 capacity-building, highlighting the role of the World Heritage Convention in bridging
 the gaps on heritage management.
 - The participatory approach and involvement of the local communities to safeguard heritage is clearly a goal across all regions and sites in line with the World Heritage Convention 40th anniversary goal: 68% of the projects have fostered community participation. Many projects also identify new models of governance related to heritage management.
 - Defining and implementing a site management plan constitutes the core of most projects.
 - Disaster resilience and risk management related to natural risks and climate change or to war, conflicts and human encroachment are addressed in many projects.
 - Very often the project sets the framework, laying the grounds for sustainable activities.
 - Although there is no reference to the SDGs in the requests, most of the activities
 and outcomes are within SDGs scope. The projects have mostly contributed to an
 improvement in knowledge and skills and capacity building and in the "Inclusion
 and participation" theme.
- 18. It is key to notice that the impact of the projects goes often beyond the site to trigger outputs in the direct surrounding but also at the national or regional levels. The scale of the projects is much larger than the site itself. The benefits of capacity-building activities expand to other World Heritage sites and increase general knowledge, thus improving management of heritage and environmental conservation. Furthermore, a majority of the projects engage with local communities. The role of the projects in capacity-building at various levels provides a potential tool formalise the integration of the SDGs in World Heritage management.

IV. DRAFT DECISION

Draft Decision: 45 COM 14

The World Heritage Committee,

- 1. Having examined Document WHC/23/45.COM/14,
- 2. <u>Decides</u> to approve the following International Assistance requests:
 - a) "Conservation and management of Sudanese style mosques in northern Côte d'Ivoire" (Côte d'Ivoire) for an amount of US\$ 85,058 under the Conservation and Management-Culture budget, replacing the "per diem" amounts of US\$ 8,000 and US\$ 5,000 (corresponding to the defrayment for the participants in the workshops) by the fixed amounts of US\$ 1,800 and US\$ 1,125 respectively.
 - b) "Preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for the Asante Traditional Buildings of Ghana" (Ghana) for an amount of US\$ 43,678 under the Conservation and Management-Culture budget, the US\$ 1,700 foreseen for the DSA for the international experts being reallocated to cover the DSA of an additional seven cultural officers, under whose jurisdiction the Ashanti Traditional Buildings are located, and three conservators in the Upper West and Central regional offices of Ghana Museums and Monuments Board,
 - c) "Training program about the preparation of site conservation plan" (Egypt) for an amount of US\$ 56,504 under the Conservation and Management-Culture budget; the status of the national experts will be clarified prior to the establishment of the contract, since the World Heritage Fund cannot cover salaries of a government's employees,
 - d) "Condition assessment of shipwrecks within the Bikini Atoll Nuclear Test Site" (Marshall Islands) for an amount of US\$ 70,000 under the Conservation and Management-Culture budget (i.e. without the amounts dedicated to diving equipment (US\$ 3,000) and marine park fees (US\$ 1,800)),
 - e) "Conservation of Ancient Siva Devale No 01 within the World Heritage site of Polonnaruwa Ancient City" (Sri Lanka) for an amount of US\$ 47,500 under the Conservation and Management assistance-Nature budget as authorized by Paragraph 240 of the Operational Guidelines,
 - f) "Raising awareness of the population of the Park to the seismic threats to the Department of the North and the installation of a system of conservation, maintenance of the monuments and a compilation of technical specifications for earthquake-resistant reinforcement of the vernacular architecture of the PNH CSSR" (Haiti) for an amount of US\$ 33,325 under the Conservation and Management-Culture budget; at the time of the implementation of the activity, the use of International Assistance funds should focus primarily on the attributes of the Outstanding Universal Value, in close consultation between the State Party, the Secretariat (World Heritage Centre and the UNESCO Office in Port-au-Prince) and the Advisory Bodies;
- 3. <u>Having noted</u> the lack of funding under Preparatory Assistance and the amount left under the "Conservation and Management Assistance" category, <u>authorizes</u> the transfer of US\$ 119,500 from the Conservation and Management Assistance budget to the Preparatory Assistance budget;
- 4. <u>Welcomes</u> the review of the International Assistance 2016-2021 focusing on Conservation and Management Assistance and Emergency Assistance and takes note

- of the outcomes and the benefits that International Assistance has brought to Africa, LDCs and to local communities, and the role it has played in furthering sustainable development in the context of World Heritage properties; and <u>invites</u> States Parties benefitting from International Assistance to submit full reports on the interventions and outcomes;
- 5. <u>Encourages</u> 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 2022 (as of 15 June 2023)

A. 32 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS <u>APPROVED IN 2022-2023</u>

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
CONSER	RVATION & MA	ANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (18 re	equests)	439 649		
Culture (*	14 requests)			325 392		
AFR	Cabo Verde	Tourist signposting of Cidade Velha, World Heritage Site	Cidade Velha, Historic Centre of Ribeira Grande (on the World Heritage List since 2009)	25 600	23 February 2023	International Assistance budget
AFR	Ethiopia	Public awareness and Training to Capacity Building on the management of Harar Jugal the World Heritage property	Harar Jugol, the Fortified Historic Town (on the World Heritage List since 2006)	19 959	30 June 2022	International Assistance budget
AFR	Ethiopia	Awareness Raising Program and cleaning of the Rock-Hewn churches of Lalibela through the engagement of local community	Rock-Hewn Churches, Lalibela (on the World Heritage List since 1978)	5 000	04 August 2022	International Assistance budget
AFR	Lesotho	Documentation of rock art in the buffer zone	Maloti-Drakensberg Park (on the World Heritage List since 2013)	26 308	01 June 2023	International Assistance budget
AFR	Madagascar	Emergency plan for the installation of a fire safety system	Royal Hill of Ambohimanga (on the World Heritage List since 2001)	24 000	04 April 2022	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	Malawi	Community involvement in conservation and management of Chongoni Rock Art World Heritage site	Chongoni Rock-Art Area (on the World Heritage List since 2006)	30 000	07 July 2022	International Assistance budget
AFR	Mauritius	Capacity building in Heritage Impact Assessment and visual impact assessment for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property buffer zone	Aapravasi Ghat (on the World Heritage List since 2006)	29 700	01 June 2023	International Assistance budget
AFR	Senegal	Safeguarding measures for the Island of Gorée	Island of Gorée (on the World Heritage List since 1978)	29 892	23 February 2023	International Assistance budget
AFR	South Africa	Women imprisonment during the South African liberation struggle. Conserving the memories of our heroines	Robben Island (on the World Heritage List since 1999)	30 000	01 June 2023	International Assistance budget
AFR	Uganda	Developing guidelines for the conservation of the Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi and its buffer zone	Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi (on the World Heritage List since 2001 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2010)	30 000	01 June 2023	International Assistance budget
ARB	Syrian Arab Republic	First Stage of consolidation work to the temple of Ba'al Portico	Site of Palmyra (on the World Heritage List since 1980 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2013)	30 000	17 March 2023	International Assistance budget
APA	Mongolia	Improving the conservation and management of the World Heritage Great Burkhan Khaldun Mountain and its Surrounding Sacred Landscape	Great Burkhan Khaldun Mountain and its surrounding sacred landscape (on the World Heritage List since 2015)	4 944	08 June 2022	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
LAC	Cuba	Cuban World Heritage assets in the hands of young people: training, best practices and challenges	n.a.	9 994	01 June 2023	International Assistance budget
LAC	Mexico	Consolidation of a model of thematic interpretation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the Archaeological Monument Zone of Xochicalco, applicable to other World Heritage properties	Archaeological Monuments Zone of Xochicalco (on the World Heritage List since 1999)	29 995	30 June 2022	International Assistance budget
Nature (3	requests)			84 753		
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire	Support for enhanced ecological monitoring of elephants in Comoé National Park using satellite collars	Comoé National Park (on the World Heritage List since 1983)	29 653	01 June 2023	International Assistance budget
AFR	Uganda	Chimpanzee census and other mammal species in Rwenzori World Heritage site	Rwenzori Mountains National Park (on the World Heritage List since 1994)	30 000	26 September 2022	International Assistance budget
AFR	Zambia	Review and updating of the Joint Integrated Management Plan (JIMP) for the Mosi-oa-Tunya/Victoria Falls World Heritage property (MOT/VFWHP)	Mosi-oa-Tunya / Victoria Falls (on the World Heritage List since 1989)	25 100	30 June 2022	International Assistance budget
Mixed (1	request)			29 504		
AFR	South Africa	Royal Natal National Park Boundary demarcation and fencing	Maloti-Drakensberg Park (on the World Heritage List since 2000/2013)	29 504	04 April 2022	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
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (7 requests)				204 799		
Culture (4	4 requests)			119 485		
AFR	Comoros	Support for the documentation and finalization of the management plan of the "Sultanats Historiques des Comores" for the preparation of the nomination file on the World Heritage List	Sultanats Historiques des Comores (on Tentative List since 2007)	29 803	30 June 2022	International Assistance budget
AFR	Madagascar	Elaboration of the nomination dossier of the Ambodifotatra catholic church of Sainte-Marie	Eglise catholique d'Ambodifotatra de Sainte Marie (on Tentative List since 2018)	30 000	01 June 2023	International Assistance budget
AFR	Uganda	Unlocking Geometric Rock Art's Outstanding Universal Value in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania	Nyero and other hunter- gatherer geometric rock art sites in eastern Uganda (on Tentative List since 1997)	29 900	01 June 2023	International Assistance budget
APA	Cambodia	Preparing and assisting the nomination of the Serial site. "Cambodian Memorial Sites: M-13, Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, Choeung Ek Genocidal Center"	Former M-13 prison/ Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (former S-21)/ Choeung Ek Genocidal Centre (former Execution Site of S-21) (on Tentative List since 2020)	29 782	23 February 2023	International Assistance budget
Nature (1	request)			29 874		
APA	Cambodia	Updating the Tentative List of Natural and/or Mixed Properties in Cambodia Suitable for Inclusion on the World Heritage List – Phase II	N/A	29 874	23 February 2023	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
Mixed (2 requests)				55 440		
AFR	Zambia	Revision and updating of Zambia's Tentative List	N/A	25 800	30 June 2022	International Assistance budget
APA	DPR Korea	Updating DPRK's Tentative List for World Heritage	N/A	29 640	23 February 2023	International Assistance budget
EMERGE	ENCY ASSIST	ANCE (7 requests)		393 137		
Culture (6 requests)				336 577		
AFR	Gambia	Renovation of visitor landing jetty for Kunta Kinteh Island	Kunta Kinteh Island and Related Sites (on the World Heritage List since 2003)	6 997	07 September 2022	International Assistance budget
AFR	Ghana	Emergency conservation of Patakro Bonsam Asante Traditional Building	Asante Traditional Buildings (on the World Heritage List since 1980)	29 580	12 September 2022	International Assistance budget
AFR	Mozambique	Island of Mozambique post-cyclone Gombe assistance for the rehabilitation of traditional houses in Macuti Town	Island of Mozambique (on the World Heritage List since 1991)	75 000	30 June 2022	International Assistance budget
ARB	Syrian Arab Republic	The restoration of the western tower of Aleppo City Wall (Adjacent to the Qinsreen Gate)	Ancient City of Aleppo (on the World Heritage List since 1986 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2013)	75 000	17 March 2023	International Assistance budget
APA	Pakistan	Post disaster response to the impact of monsoon hazards on the Historical Monuments of Makli	Historical Monuments at Makli, Thatta (on the World Heritage List since 1981)	75 000	26 September 2022	International Assistance budget
APA	Pakistan	Post disaster response to the impact of monsoon hazards on the Archaeological Ruins of Moenjodaro-Sindh	Archaeological Ruins at Moenjodaro (on the World Heritage List since 1980)	75 000	26 September 2022	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 (1	Nature (1 request)			56 560		
ARB	Yemen	Socotra Archipelago Oil Spill Response Action	Socotra Archipelago (on the World Heritage List since 2008)	56 560		International Assistance budget

B. 5 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS NOT APPROVED IN 2022-2023

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
CONSE	RVATION & M.	ANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (2 req	uests)		
Culture	(2 requests)				
AFR	Cabo Verde	Meet Our Heritage – Creation of Cidade Velha Site Brand	Cidade Velha, Historic Centre of Ribeira Grande (on the World Heritage List since 2009)	23 February 2023	The revisions required in order to focus the activities on the development of entrepreneurship for local communities would entail a completely new request.
EUR	Azerbaijan	Climate resilience: best practices for World Heritage monitoring and conservation	Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower (on the World Heritage List since 2000)	04 April 2022	The activity proposed is not a priority for the site according to the latest Committee decisions. Moreover, the State Party is an Upper Middle Income country and therefore has less priority than most of the submitting States Parties of the current International Assistance cycle.
PREPAR	RATORY ASSI	STANCE (3 requests)			
Culture	(3 requests)				
AFR	Madagascar	Feasibility study for a nomination of the Catholic Church of Ambodifotatra of Saint Mary on UNESCO's World Heritage List	Eglise catholique d'Ambodifotatra de Sainte Marie (on Tentative List since 2018)	04 April 2022	The activities described in the request will be implemented in the framework of the upstream support.

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
AFR	South Africa	Compilation of an integrated management plan for Klasies River and Border Cave as part of the second phase of the World Heritage site nomination: "The emergence of modern humans: the Pleistocene occupation sites of South Africa"	The Emergence of Modern Humans: The Pleistocene occupation sites of South Africa (on Tentative List since 2015)	04 April 2022	The submission of this request is premature, the activity relating to the extension of a site for which the nomination dossier has not been submitted yet.
LAC	Colombia	The architectural legacy of Rogelio Salmona - An ethical, political, social and poetic manifesto. Nomination for inscription on the World Heritage List	The architectural legacy of Rogelio Salmona: an ethical, political, social and poetic manifesto (on Tentative List since 2022)	23 February 2023	The revisions required in order to focus on the component sites (justification of choice and conservation plans) instead of video material would entail a completely new request.

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C. 48 INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS <u>APPROVED IN 2020-2021</u>

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
CONSER	RVATION & MA	ANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (31 re	equests)	959 464		
Culture (2	24 requests)			762 993		
AFR	Eritrea	Development of a Local Development Plan for Asmara: A Modernist City of Africa World Heritage Property	Asmara: A Modernist African City (on the World Heritage List since 2017)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 2006)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 2001)	29 660	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget
AFR	Lesotho	Conservation, monitoring, and risk assessment of rock art in Sehlabathebe National Park (Maloti Drakensberg World Heritage Site)	Maloti-Drakensberg Park (on the World Heritage List since 2000/2013)	20 224	9 July 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 (on the World Heritage List since 1988 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2016)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 2011)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 1981)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 2006)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 1981)	29 560	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget
ARB	Syrian Arab Republic	Documentation & Emergency Structural Intervention in Qa'lat Salah El-Din	Crac des Chevaliers and Qal'at Salah El-Din (on the World Heritage List since 2006 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2013)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 1979 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2013)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 1997)	29 500	3 March 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
ARB	Tunisia	Establishing a safeguarding and presentation plan - PSMV	Medina of Tunis (on the World Heritage List since 1979)	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 (on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2003) Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam (on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2002)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 1995)	30 000 44 500	9 March 2021 29 July 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	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	Ancient City of Sigiriya (on the World Heritage List since 1982)	91 212	29 July 2021	International Assistance budget
APA	Uzbekistan	Restoration and conservation of Abdullakhan Madrasa	Historic Centre of Bukhara (on the World Heritage List since 1993)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 2008)	27 675	3 March 2020	International Assistance budget
EUR	North Macedonia	Strengthening the Capacities to Manage the Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid Region: GIS Database Development Training for the Institute and Museum-Ohrid	Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region (on the World Heritage List since 1979/2019)	55 000	29 July 2021	International Assistance budget
LAC	Mexico	The tradition for conservation: the use of Talavera (glazed ceramic tile) in antique buildings	Historic Centre of Puebla (on the World Heritage List since 1987)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 1983)	24 425	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
AFR	DR Congo	Project to identify villages within the PNKB in the Nzovu and Mumbili sectors at low altitude	Kahuzi-Biega National Park (on the World Heritage List since 1980 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 1997)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 1981)	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 the Vredefort Dome World Heritage Site	Vredefort Dome (on the World Heritage List since 2005)	24 035	29 October 2020	International Assistance budget
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 (on the World Heritage List since 1984)	30 000	12 May 2020	International Assistance budget
Mixed (2	requests)		,	60 000		
AFR	Somalia	Support towards the development of a national legislation in line with the 1972 Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	n.a.	30 000	9 July 2021	International Assistance budget
AFR	South Sudan	Support towards the development of a national legislation in line with the 1972 Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	n.a.	30 000	9 July 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
PREPAR	ATORY ASSIS	STANCE (12 requests)		261 542		
Culture (6	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) (on the Tentative List since 2020)	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 (on the Tentative List since 2018)	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) (on the Tentative List since 2020)	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 (on the Tentative List since 2020)	30 000	12 May 2020	International Assistance budget
AFR	Zimbabwe	Development of a nomination dossier for the Naletale Cluster of Madzimbabwe	Naletale Cluster of Dzimbabwes (on the Tentative List since 2018)	20 200	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget
APA	Afghanistan	Preparatory Project for Nomination of Herat City in World Heritage List	City of Herat (on the Tentative List since 2004)	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
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 (on the Tentative List since 2019)	29 725	3 March 2020	International Assistance budget
Mixed (5	requests)			111 819		
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	Guinea	Capacity-building for the updating of the Tentative List of the Republic of Guinea	N/A	29 980	9 July 2021	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
EMERGE	ENCY ASSIST	ANCE (5 requests)		348 730		
Culture (2	2 requests)			125 000		
AFR	Uganda	Emergency assistance to tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi World Heritage site in Uganda	Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi (on the World Heritage List since 2001 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2010)	75 000	29 October 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
ARB	Sudan	Emergency measures to address the issues of rising groundwater occurrence following flooding at Nuri Pyramids	Gebel Barkal and the Sites of the Napatan Region (on the World Heritage List since 2003)	50 000	16 July 2021	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 (on the World Heritage List since 1981)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 1994)	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 (on the World Heritage List since 2003)	74 800	28 May 2021	International Assistance budget

D. 8 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
CONSER	RVATION & MA	ANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (5 requ	uests)		
Culture ((2 requests)				
AFR	Côte d'Ivoire	Educational kit of the Historic City of Grand-Bassam	Historic Town of Grand- Bassam (on the World Heritage List since 2012)	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 baptistery of St. Sophia Cathedral in Kyiv	Kyiv: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra (on the World Heritage List since 1990)	1 March 2021	This activity does not contribute to address any of the threats identified for the property.
Nature (2	2 requests)				
AFR	Madagascar	Awareness-raising project for the appropriation by the Malagasy population of UNESCO's World Natural Heritage in Madagascar	Rainforests of the Atsinanana (on the World Heritage List since 2007 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2010)	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.
AFR	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	Rainforests of the Atsinanana (on the World Heritage List since 2007 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2010)	29 July 2021	It is necessary first 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.

Region	State Party (in bold: Least Developed Countries)	Title	Name of properties (in bold: sites in danger)	Decision date	Reason for non-approval
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 (on the World Heritage List since 2007 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2010)	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.
PREPARATORY ASSISTANCE (3 requests)					
Culture (2 requests)					
APA	Micronesia	Revision of the Mangyol Cultural Site Project Application	Yapese Disk Money Regional Sites (on the Tentative List since 2004)	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 (on the Tentative List since 2007)	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 (on the Tentative List since 2019)	3 March 2020	The State Party has currently an ongoing Upstream request for another site (Vjetrenica cave).