



AMENDMENT/PROPOSAL

Agenda Item	8B. Nomination to the World Heritage List
Draft Decision	45 COM 8B.7 _____
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TEXT

The World Heritage Committee,

- ~~1.~~ 1. Having examined Documents WHC/23/45.COM/8B and WHC/23/45.COM/INF.8B1,
- ~~2.~~ 2. Thanks the State Party for the additional information provided, which sufficiently documents the traditional management of the nominated property;
3. Welcomes the State Party for having diligently produced the additional maps necessary to understand the nature of the land use, the terraced hills, the network of water retention walls, the location of the groves and other sacred places;
4. Takes note with satisfaction that measures have already been taken to exploit the results of the HCT-ATACORA research project, in the management of the Koutammakou landscape;
5. Also welcomes the continued commitment of the State Party through ongoing conservation actions on the ground and the programming of other measures in the strategic action documents of the country's institutions involved;
6. Rightly appreciates the regular meeting of the Koutammakou Management Council as well as the mechanism for daily monitoring of the state of the property;
7. Welcomes the involvement of communities in all decision-making and management bodies of the property, and encourages the State Party to continue in this direction with a view to continued consideration of traditional management practices;
8. Further welcomes that the Cultural Heritage Directorates of Benin and Togo are working tirelessly to set up a transnational body for the management of the property, which makes it possible to organize the first working session of this body in the first half of the year 2024;
- ~~9. Approves~~ Refers the significant boundary modification of Koutammakou, Land of the Batammariba, Togo to include Koutammakou, Land of the Batammariba, Benin, ~~back to the State Party in order to allow it to:~~

10. However, invites the State Party to take into account, in a planned program, the following recommendations immediately after approval of the extension of the inscription, and to keep the Committee informed of the efforts carried out:

- ~~a) Draw up in the short term a map indicating the location of the sikien in their territory, and providing details of the nature of land use, the terraced slopes, the network of water retaining walls, and the location of groves and other sacred places. This geo-referenced database will ensure regular updating and appropriate document management, which are essential for effective management and protection of the proposed extension and its attributes,~~
 - ~~b) Incorporate in the short term the results of the “HTC-ATACORA” research project in the management of the cultural landscape of Koutammakou. These results will be useful in identifying more precisely areas of high concentrations of cultural and natural attributes,~~
 - ~~c) Ensure in the short term greater involvement of local communities in the management and conservation plan of the proposed extension, and take into account traditional practices for the management and conservation of Koutammakou,~~
 - ~~d)a) Elaborate in the short and medium terms the municipal development master plans of Boukombé, Toucountouna and Natitingou, and the urban planning regulations for the urban centre of Boukombé,~~
 - b) Diligently implement~~incorporate in the current~~ management plan and evaluate it as soon as it expires;~~in the short and medium terms a conservation plan, a maintenance work plan, and strengthened monitoring mechanisms in order to take these factors into account,~~
 - e)c) Submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1st December 2024, an updated report on the state of conservation of the property and on the implementation of the recommendations mentioned above for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 47th session.
 - ~~f) Define in the short and medium terms clear protection and conservation priorities for areas with high concentrations of attributes,~~
 - ~~g) Implement this road map in accordance with the established order of priority, and subject to obtaining adequate financial resources, including from external sources;~~
3. Recommends that the State Party give consideration to the following:
- ~~a) Setting up the transnational property management body, under the supervision of the two cultural heritage Directorates of Togo and Benin, and defining its operating procedures and missions,~~
 - ~~b) Preparing a risk management plan to take into account the impact of climate change and bad weather on the proposed extension, Nominations to the World Heritage List WHC/23/45.COM/8B, p.20~~
 - ~~c) Considering the possibility of establishing an integrated management structure, covering both the cultural and natural values of the proposed extension, and guaranteeing the integration of duly qualified personnel, dedicated to the conservation of natural values.~~