



AMENDMENT/PROPOSAL

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TEXT

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/23/45.COM/8B and WHC/23/45.COM/INF.8B2
2. ~~Defers the examination of the nomination~~ **Inscribes the** of Volcanoes and Forests of Mount Pelée and the Pitons of Northern Martinique, France, ~~taking note of the potential of a revised nomination to demonstrate Outstanding Universal Value on the World Heritage List based on criteria (viii) and (x), in order to allow the State Party to prepare a revised nomination taking account of the need to:~~
 - ~~a) Revise the nominated property to demonstrate Outstanding Universal Value under criterion (viii) in terms of values, integrity and protection and management requirements, including:~~
 - ~~i) a revision of boundaries to include within the nominated property all geo-sites that are relevant to the potential Outstanding Universal Value under criterion (viii), possibly through an extension of the current boundaries and/or additional component parts,~~
 - ~~ii) a clear identification of attributes of potential Outstanding Universal Value supported by a thorough global comparative analysis, including a comparison of Plinian eruptions and dome-forming volcanoes at global level,~~
 - ~~iii) a consistent and effective protection regime specific to all the significant~~

~~geo-sites and an increased on-site management capacity for the protection and management of geological values;~~

~~b) Revise the nomination to ensure the protection of potential Outstanding Universal Value under criterion (x), by strengthening protection and management arrangements, including:~~

~~— i) a rigorous and consistent protection status for the entire nominated property, possibly through an extension of the Reserves Biologiques Intégrales inside the nominated property;~~

~~— ii) provisions to limit and mitigate threats to the nominated property stemming from the buffer zone, in order to ensure that the buffer zone serves as an effective additional layer of protection, in line with the Operational Guidelines;~~

3. Takes note of the following provisional Statement of Outstanding Universal Value :

[text available in French only]

4. Underlines the global importance of biodiversity conservation in the Caribbean region, a biodiversity hotspot, and the worldwide importance of the forests of Martinique for the conservation of the endemic flora of the Lesser Antilles ;

5. Also underlines the worldwide importance for earth sciences of Mount Pelée and the Carbet Pitons within the Caribbean volcanic systems and the island arc of the Lesser Antilles ;

6. Notes that the perimeter of the property includes the fundamental elements of the Outstanding Universal Value on the two criteria, in particular the major geological attributes ;

7. Recommends the State Party ~~to establish a centralized approach to site management that includes strengthened geological expertise, and which can~~ to take the following points into consideration to ensure the conservation of the entire ~~nominated~~ property and buffer zone:

a) Complement the existing protection system with coherent and effective protection for geosites of scientific and educational interest located in the buffer zone, and strengthen the management capacity for the geological attributes of the property to ensure the protection and management of geological values,

b) Extend biodiversity protection measures, possibly through an extension of the *Reserves Biologiques Intégrales* inside the property,

8. Encourages the State Party to continue and strengthen cooperation with the other States Parties of the Lesser Antilles for the conservation of species, environments and geological values ;

9. Requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by 1 December 2025, a report on the implementation of the above-mentioned recommendations for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 48th session.