

Estonia

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party

Estonia

1.2 - Date of ratification/accession/acceptance of the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage
27/10/1995

1.3 - Groups and institutions involved in the preparation of Section I of the Periodic Report

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage
National Commission for UNESCO
World Heritage site managers/coordinators
ICOMOS national/regional

2. Synergies with other Conventions

2.1. Multilateral Environmental Agreements

2.1.1 - According to the information available at the World Heritage Centre, in addition to the World Heritage Convention, your State is party to/not party to/in the process of adhering to the following agreements. Please check and amend as necessary.

		Not Party to	Party to	Adhesion in Progress
2.1.1.1	Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.1.1.2	Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.1.1.3	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species in Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.1.1.4	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.1.1.5	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.1.1.6	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.1.1.7	International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

2.1.2 - According to the information available at the World Heritage Centre, the following World Heritage property(ies) in your State Party is/are also designated (in whole or in part) as (a) Ramsar site(s) under the List of Wetlands of International Importance (The Ramsar List). Please check and amend as necessary.

According to information available, no property in your State Party is currently listed.

2.1.3 - Does your State Party intend to designate any World Heritage property(ies) (in whole or in part) for inclusion in the List of Wetlands of International Importance in the next three years?

No

2.1.4 - Please indicate which World Heritage property(ies) your State Party intends to designate (in whole or in part) for inclusion in the List of Wetlands of International Importance in the next three years.

2.1.5 - Please list any other relevant global or regional multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) on natural heritage which have been joined by your State Party.

Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) /
Directives of the European Union such as the Habitats Directive or the Birds Directive /
The Council of Europe's Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (1979) or Bern Convention /
The Convention on Biological Diversity and its protocols, Rio de Janeiro 1992 /
The Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, Bonn 1979. The Bonn Convention is a framework agreement to which a number of other agreements are linked. Estonia has joined EUROBATS agreement and the AEWA agreement /
The International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (IWC) /
The Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area (HELCOM) /

2.2. UNESCO Culture Conventions

2.2.1 - The table below indicates which of the UNESCO cultural Conventions your State is party to, not party to or in the process of adhering to. Please check and amend as necessary.

		Not Party to	Party to	Adhesion in Progress
2.2.1.1	Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.2.1.2	1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.2.1.3	Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.2.1.4	1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.2.1.5	2001 Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.2.1.6	2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.2.1.7	2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

2.2.2 - Please list any other relevant global or regional Conventions or agreements on cultural heritage to which your State Party is party to or in the process of adhering to.

Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe /

European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage /

European Landscape Convention /

Council of Europe Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society /

2.2.3 - According to the information available at the World Heritage Centre the following World Heritage property(ies) located in your State Party have been included on the List of Cultural Property under Enhanced Protection under the Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict.

According to information available, no property in your State Party is currently listed.

2.2.4 - Does your State Party intend to request the granting of Enhanced Protection for any of its World Heritage properties under the Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict in the next three years?

No

2.2.5 - Please list any World Heritage properties for which your State Party intends to request the granting of Enhanced Protection.

2.3. UNESCO Programmes

2.3.1 - The table below indicates which of the selected UNESCO programmes your State Party participates in. Please check and amend as necessary.

		No	Yes
2.3.1.1	Man and the Biosphere Programme		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.3.1.2	UNESCO Global Geoparks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

2.3.2 - According to the information available at the World Heritage Centre, the following World Heritage property(ies) in your State Party is/are also designated (in whole or in part) as (a) Biosphere Reserve(s) under the intergovernmental Man and the Biosphere Programme.

According to information available, no property in your State Party is currently listed.

2.3.3 - Does your State Party intend to nominate any of its World Heritage properties (in whole or in part) as (a) Biosphere Reserve(s) under the intergovernmental Man and the Biosphere Programme?

No

2.3.4 - Please indicate which World Heritage property(ies), (or part(s) thereof), your State Party intends to nominate as (a) Biosphere Reserve(s) under the intergovernmental Man and the Biosphere Programme:

2.3.5 - According to the information available at the World Heritage Centre, the following World Heritage property(ies) in your State Party are also designated (in whole or in part) as UNESCO Global Geopark(s)

According to information available, no property in your State Party is currently listed.

2.3.6 - Has your State Party applied for any of its World Heritage properties (or part(s) thereof) to be designated UNESCO Global Geopark(s)?

No

2.3.7 - Please indicate which World Heritage property(ies) (or part(s) thereof) is/are (a) UNESCO Global Geoparks applicant(s).

2.4. Cooperation and synergies between the Conventions and programmes your State is party to/is associated with/intends to join

2.4.1 - Is there communication between the World Heritage Focal Point and the Focal Points of the Convention(s)/programme(s) listed below?

		Not Applicable	No	Yes
2.4.1.1	Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage			✗
2.4.1.2	Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	✗		
2.4.1.3	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species in Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)	✗		
2.4.1.4	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)	✗		
2.4.1.5	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention)	✗		
2.4.1.6	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)	✗		
2.4.1.7	International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)	✗		
2.4.1.8	1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict			✗
2.4.1.9	Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict			✗
2.4.1.10	1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property			✗
2.4.1.11	2001 Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage			✗
2.4.1.12	2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage			✗
2.4.1.13	2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions		✗	
2.4.1.14	Man and the Biosphere Programme		✗	
2.4.1.15	Global Geoparks	✗		

2.4.2 - Please comment, if applicable, on the communication between the World Heritage Focal Point and the Focal Points of the other Convention(s)/programme(s):

The communication is conducted on an as-needed basis, regarding issues of mutual concern. As the world heritage sites in Estonia do not have a natural heritage component, there is no communication with the focal points of natural heritage and biodiversity conventions listed under 2.4.1.2 to 2.4.1.7, although Estonia is party to these conventions.

2.4.3 - Are World Heritage Focal Points involved in the revision and implementation of national natural heritage strategies, policies and action plans, beyond specific issues related to World Heritage?

No

2.4.4 - Are World Heritage Focal Points involved in the revision and implementation of national cultural heritage strategies, policies and action plans, beyond specific issues related to World Heritage?

Yes

2.5. UNESCO Recommendations

2.5.1 - Is your State Party using the provisions of the 1972 Recommendation and the 2011 Recommendation to set policies or strategies for the protection of cultural and natural heritage?

		Yes	No
2.5.1.1	1972 Recommendation concerning the Protection, at the National level, of the Cultural and Natural Heritage		✗
2.5.1.2	2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape	✗	

2.5.2 - Please describe how effectively each of the Recommendations is used:

Key concepts of HUL recommendation are implemented; importance of social, cultural and economic processes in the conservation of urban values are considered, in line with EE strategic planning principles; Under EEA and Norway Grants program 3.8 M were provided to enliven small-town heritage protection areas with aim to give new public uses to old buildings; Program btw EE National Heritage Board and NOR Riksbank "Historic Town Centres Revitalised Through Heritage-led Local Development".

3. Tentative List

3.1 - In the process of preparing your Tentative List, did you use any of the following tools to make a preliminary assessment of the potential Outstanding Universal Value?

Filling the gaps – an Action Plan for the future by ICOMOS

Meetings to harmonize Tentative Lists within your region

UNESCO's Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List

3.2 - Have you used the Upstream Process in the revision of your Tentative List?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please comment on which forms of upstream guidance you have used and on their effectiveness of this guidance.

3.3 - Do you intend to use the Upstream Process during the next revision of your Tentative List?

No

3.4 - Do any of the sites registered on your Tentative List have the potential to generate dialogue and cooperation among States Parties and different communities?

Yes, among communities

3.5 - Please name the site(s) considered to have this potential

Wooded meadows (Laelatu, Kalli-Nedrema, Mäepea, Allika, Tagamoisa, Looe, Koiva, Halliste) 06/01/2004 Estonia

3.6 - Please rate the level of involvement of the following (if applicable) in the preparation of the Tentative List

National government institution(s)	Good
Regional/provincial/state government(s)	Not applicable
Local government(s)	Fair
Other government departments	Good
UNESCO National Commission	Good
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Not applicable
Local communities/residents	Poor
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Other specific groups (please specify below)	Not applicable
Landowners	None
Local industries/tourism and other stakeholders	Poor
Non-Governmental Organization(s)	Fair
Consultants/experts	Good
Site manager(s)/coordinator(s)	Good
If 'Other specific groups' applies, please specify	

3.7 - Has a gender balanced contribution and participation been considered and implemented in the process of preparing the Tentative List?

Gender balance has not been explicitly considered or implemented in the process.

3.8 - Do any sites on your Tentative List already benefit from other international designations either under other UNESCO Conventions/Programmes or under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands?

Not applicable

If you selected 'Yes', please list the site(s), identify the other designation(s)/programme(s) from which it/they benefit(s), and state the additional benefits you expect to gain from inscription on the World Heritage List.

3.9 - Please provide any additional comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to the Tentative List (Questions 3.1 to 3.8)

Revisions to the Tentative List in 2004, following consultations at national level and the regional expert meeting. The wooded meadows have the best potential to demonstrate the OUV. The project WOODMEADOWLIFE 2021-2026 <https://keskkonnaamet.ee/en/project-woodmeadowlife> focuses on the restoration of wooded meadows, creation of sustainable solutions for maintenance and on raising public awareness. Project results will help to determine whether to proceed with the World Heritage List nomination.

4. Nominations

4.1 - Please rate the level of involvement of the following entities in the preparation of the most recent nomination dossiers

National government institution(s)	Good
Regional/provincial/state government(s)	Not applicable
Local government(s)	Good
Other government departments	None
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Fair
Local communities/residents	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Other specific groups (please specify below)	Not applicable
Landowners	Good
Local industries/tourist sector and commercial stakeholders	Fair
Non-Governmental Organization(s)	Good
Consultants/experts	Good
Site manager(s)/coordinator(s)	Good
If 'Other specific groups' applies, please specify	

4.2 - Has a gender balanced contribution and participation been considered and implemented in the preparation of the most recent nomination dossiers?

No

4.3 - Please rate the perceived benefits in your country of inscribing properties on the World Heritage List

Promoted environmental sustainability, valuing places which are essential for human well-being	Some
Enhanced inclusive social development, with full inclusion and equity for all stakeholders	Limited
Strengthened protection and conservation of heritage (legislative, regulatory, institutional and/or traditional)	High
Enhanced conservation practices	Some
Enhanced wider community appreciation and participation in heritage processes	Some
Improved presentation of sites	Some
Enhanced honour/prestige	High
Increased funding	Limited
Additional tool for lobbying/political influence	High
Fostered peace and security, including promotion of partnerships and conservation	Limited
Increased number of tourists and visitors	High
Promoted inclusive economic development, including decent income and employment for communities	Some
Other(s)	Not applicable
If 'Other' applies, please specify	

4.4 - Please rate the extent to which the inscription of properties on the World Heritage List will contribute to achieving the objectives of the 2015 World Heritage and Sustainable Development Policy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Protecting biological and cultural diversity and ecosystem services and benefits	High
Strengthening resilience to natural hazards and climate change	Limited
Contributing to inclusion and equity	Limited
Enhancing quality of life and well-being	Limited
Respecting, protecting and promoting human rights	Limited
Respecting, consulting and involving indigenous peoples and local communities	Some

Achieving gender equality	Limited
Ensuring growth, employment, income and livelihoods	Some
Promoting economic investment and quality tourism	Some
Strengthening capacity-building, innovation and local entrepreneurship	Limited
Ensuring conflict prevention	Limited
Protecting heritage during conflict	Limited
Promoting conflict resolution	Limited
Contributing to post-conflict recovery	No contribution
Other(s)	Limited
If 'Other' applies, please specify	

4.5 - Please provide any additional comments and/or recommendations related to the nomination of properties (questions 4.1 to 4.4).

5. General Policy Development

5.1. Principal pieces of national cultural and/or natural heritage legislation

5.1.1 - Principal pieces of national legislation for the protection, conservation and presentation of the State Party's cultural and/or natural heritage

Comment

For some reason the national legislation already included in UNESCO Database of National Cultural Heritage Laws do not appear here as prefilled info. To be on the safe side, please find the information once again below. 2019 Heritage Conservation Act (replacing Act from 2015) 2015 Intra-Community Transport, Export and Import of Cultural Objects Act 2014 Act on the Return of Cultural Objects unlawfully removed from the territory of a Member State of the European Union 2014 Museums Act

5.2. Comment on principal pieces of legislation

5.2.1 - Please comment, especially if prefilled legislation is no longer in force

5.3. Other principal pieces of legislation

5.3.1 - If there are principal pieces of legislation for the protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage not listed in the previous question, please add them here.

Nature Conservation Act / natural / national /

5.4. Contribution of legislation and/or regulations at other levels to the identification, conservation and protection of the cultural and/or natural heritage

5.4.1 - Please describe briefly how legislation and/or regulations at other levels contribute to the identification, conservation and protection of the State Party's cultural and/or natural heritage.

Culture Programme 2022-2025 and Culture 2030 Development Plan sets priorities in Cultural Heritage sector as follows: need to increase subsidies to owners of heritage sites and buildings; develop historical town centres as vital parts of small towns; renew the management plans of 12 heritage conservation areas in old towns (including Tallinn Old Town); post evaluation of the 2019 Heritage Conservation Act; review of Heritage monuments list; conducting a survey on cultural heritage awareness

5.5. Adequacy of the legal framework for the identification of the State Party's cultural and/or natural heritage

5.5.1 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulations) adequate for the identification of the State Party's cultural and/or natural heritage?

	Culture	Nature
There is no legal framework for the identification of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
The legal framework is inadequate for the identification of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
The legal framework is partially adequate for the identification of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
The legal framework is adequate for the identification of cultural and/or natural heritage.	✗	✗

5.6. Adequacy of the legal framework for the conservation and protection of the State Party's cultural and/or natural heritage

5.6.1 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulations) adequate for the conservation and protection of the State Party's cultural and/or natural heritage?

	Culture	Nature
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There is no legal framework for the conservation and protection of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
The legal framework is inadequate for the conservation and protection of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
The legal framework is partially adequate for the conservation and protection of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
The legal framework is adequate for the conservation and protection of cultural and/or natural heritage.	×	×

5.7. Enforcement of the legal framework

5.7.1 - Can the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulations) for the conservation and protection of the State Party's cultural and/or natural heritage be enforced?

		There is no legal framework.	There is no effective capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework.	Existing capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework could be strengthened.	Existing capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework are adequate.
5.7.1.1	Culture			×	
5.7.1.2	Nature				×

5.8. Comments on the enforcement of the legal framework

5.8.1 - Please comment on particular problems of enforcement

National Heritage Board needs more human and financial resources to manage and update the National Register of Cultural Monuments.

5.9. Policies giving cultural and natural heritage a function in the life of communities

5.9.1 - How effectively do the State Party's policies give cultural and natural heritage a function in the life of communities?

	Culture	Nature
There are no specific policies to give heritage a function in the life of communities.		
There are no specific policies to give heritage a function in the life of communities but this is being achieved on an ad hoc basis.		
There are specific policies to give heritage a function in the life of communities but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.	×	×
There are specific policies to give heritage a function in the life of communities that are effectively implemented.		

5.10. Examples of specific policies giving heritage a function in the life of communities

5.10.1 - Please provide examples of specific policies that give heritage a function in the life of communities

A concept for a living environment development plan is being prepared, which, among other things, focuses on the need to value built heritage in making spatial decisions and highlights its role in empowering the community. Norway and EEA Grants cultural heritage project aimed to give new public functions to heritage buildings in old towns in areas with a shrinking population with the aim to bring more locals back to historic town centres.

5.11. Integration of the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage as a strategic element in national sustainable development policies and strategies

5.11.1 - How effectively does your State Party integrate the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage as a strategic element in national sustainable development policies and strategies?

Protecting biological and cultural diversity and providing ecosystem services and benefits.	Some
Strengthening resilience to natural hazards and climate change.	Some
Contributing to inclusion and equality.	Some
Enhancing the quality of life and well-being.	High
Respecting, protecting and promoting human rights.	Some
Respecting, consulting and involving indigenous peoples and local communities.	Some
Achieving gender equality.	No integration
Ensuring growth, employment, income and livelihoods.	Limited
Promoting economic investment and quality tourism.	Limited
Strengthening capacity-building, innovation and local entrepreneurship.	Limited
Ensuring conflict prevention.	Limited
Protecting heritage during conflict.	Limited
Promoting conflict resolution.	Limited
Contributing to post-conflict recovery.	Limited

Other (please specify).	Limited
If 'Other' applies, please specify	

5.12. UNESCO Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape (HUL), adopted in 2011

5.12.1 - In relation to the UNESCO Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape (HUL), adopted in 2011, please indicate which of the following steps your State Party has taken (you can check multiple boxes):

<input type="checkbox"/> Adapt the application of the Recommendation and its approach to the States Party's specific context
<input type="checkbox"/> Encourage the HUL approach across its territory

5.13. Integration of the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage into comprehensive/larger scale planning programmes

5.13.1 - How effectively does the State Party integrate the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage into comprehensive/larger scale planning programmes?

There **are policies** but there are **some deficiencies in their implementation**.

5.14. Use of policies and strategies agreed by the World Heritage Committee or the World Heritage General Assembly to set national policies or strategies for the protection of the cultural and natural heritage

5.14.1 - Is your State Party using policies and strategies agreed by the World Heritage Committee or the World Heritage General Assembly to set national policies or strategies for the protection of the cultural and natural heritage?

	UNESCO World Heritage Policy or Strategy	No	Yes
5.14.1.1	Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.14.1.2	Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.14.1.3	World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.14.1.4	World Heritage Sustainable Development Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5.14.2 - Is the implementation of multilateral agreements, programmes and World Heritage policies and strategies coordinated and integrated into the development of national policies for the conservation, protection and presentation of cultural and natural heritage?

There is **limited coordination and integration** of the implementation of these multilateral agreements, Programmes and World Heritage policies and strategies into national policies.

5.15. Specific national policies developed using World Heritage policies and strategies

5.15.1 - Please give details of specific national policies developed using World Heritage policies and strategies

5.16. Comments on General Policy Development (Questions 5.1 to 5.15)

5.16.1 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to General Policy Development (Questions 5.1 to 5.15)

6. Inventories/Lists/Registers of Cultural and Natural Heritage

6.1 - If the State Party has already established inventories/lists/registers of cultural and natural heritage, at which level(s) are they compiled, and what is their current status?

	Cultural heritage	Natural heritage
National/federal	Process completed or continuously updated	Process completed or continuously updated
Regional/provincial/state	Not applicable	Not applicable
Local	Process commenced	Process well-advanced
Other	Not applicable	Not applicable

6.2 - Are inventories/lists/registers adequate to capture the diversity of cultural and natural heritage of your State Party?

	Culture	Nature
No inventories/lists/registers of heritage have been established.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inventories/lists/registers are inadequate to capture the diversity of heritage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inventories/lists/registers capture some of the diversity of heritage.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inventories/lists/registers capture the full diversity of heritage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6.3 - Are inventories/lists/registers used to protect the identified cultural and natural heritage?

	Culture	Nature
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No inventories/lists/registers of heritage have been established.		
Inventories/lists/registers are not actively used for the protection of heritage.		
Inventories/lists/registers are sometimes used for the protection of heritage.		
Inventories/lists/registers are frequently used for the protection of heritage.	x	x

6.4 - In addition to heritage practitioners and academic institutions, does the State Party involve communities and indigenous peoples in the identification of natural and cultural heritage for inclusion in inventories/lists/registers?

	Culture	Nature
The State Party does not involve communities and indigenous peoples in the identification of natural and/or cultural heritage for inclusion in their inventories/lists/registers.		
The State Party plans to involve communities and indigenous peoples in the identification sites of natural and/or cultural heritage for inclusion in their inventories/lists/registers in the future.		
The State Party sometimes involves communities and indigenous peoples in the identification sites of natural and/or cultural heritage for inclusion in their inventories/lists/registers.		
The State Party regularly involves communities and indigenous peoples in the identification sites of natural and/or cultural heritage for inclusion in their inventories/lists/registers.	x	x

6.5 - Are inventories/lists/registers used for the identification of sites for the Tentative List?

	Culture	Nature	Mixed
No inventories/lists/registers of heritage have been established.			
Inventories/lists/registers are not actively used for the identification of sites for inclusion on the Tentative List.	x	x	x
Inventories/lists/registers are sometimes used for the identification of sites for inclusion on the Tentative List.			
Inventories/lists/registers are frequently used for the identification of sites for inclusion on the Tentative List.			

6.6 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to inventories/lists/registers of cultural and natural heritage (questions 6.1 to 6.5)

Estonian National Heritage Board is preparing a methodology to go through all listed heritage monuments to specify if the list is in accordance with the aim to preserve the best part of Estonian heritage. Process should take approx 5 years and end in 2028. The process includes involvement of experts and local communities and interested parties, as well as public awareness raising.

7. Status of Services for the Identification, Protection, Conservation and Presentation of Natural and Cultural Heritage

7.1 - How effectively do the principal agencies/institutions responsible for cultural and/or natural heritage cooperate in the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of this heritage?

There is **some cooperation** between the principal agencies/institutions for the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage **but this could be improved**.

7.2 - How effectively do other government agencies (e.g. those responsible for tourism, defence, public works, fishery, etc.) cooperate in the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage?

In general, **cooperation exists** between other government agencies and the principal agencies/institutions for the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage **but there are still deficiencies**.

7.3 - How effectively do different levels of government cooperate in the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage?

	Culture	Nature
There is no cooperation between different levels of government for the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
There is limited cooperation between different levels of government for the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
In general, cooperation exists between different levels of government for identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage but there are still deficiencies .	x	x
Different levels of government cooperate effectively for the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage.		

7.4 - How effectively do different levels of government cooperate with all segments of civil society in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of cultural and natural heritage?

	Culture	Nature
There is no cooperation between different levels of government and all segments of civil society in the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
There is limited cooperation between different levels of government and all segments of civil society in the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage.		

There is some cooperation between different levels of government and all segments of civil society in the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage but there are still deficiencies .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Different levels of government cooperate effectively with all segments of civil society, in the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Financial Status and Human Resources

8.1 - Please assess the relative importance of the following sources of funding for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage in your country.

National government funds	Major source of project funding
Other levels of government (provincial, state, local)	Minor source of funding for running costs/maintenance
International assistance from the World Heritage Fund	No funding/Not applicable
Funds from other international conventions/programmes	Minor source of project funding
International multilateral funding (e.g. World Bank, IDB, European Union, etc.)	Major source of project funding
International bilateral funding (e.g. AFD, GIZ, DGCS, GEF, etc.)	No funding/Not applicable
Non-Governmental Organizations (international and/or national)	No funding/Not applicable
Private sector funds	Major source of project funding
Other	No funding/Not applicable
If 'Other' applies, please specify	

8.2 - Does the State Party have policies to allocate site revenues for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage?

		No	Yes
8.2.1	Culture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.2.2	Nature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8.3 - Do you consider that the current budget is sufficient to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage effectively?

	Culture	Nature
The available budget is inadequate for basic conservation, protection and presentation and is a serious constraint on the capacity to conserve and protect cultural and natural heritage.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The available budget is acceptable but could be further improved to fully meet the conservation, protection and presentation needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The available budget is adequate to meet the current conservation, protection and presentation needs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8.4 - Please indicate the percentage of total annual public expenditure that is spent on the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of cultural and natural heritage

	Category	percentage %
8.4.1	Cultural	0,6
8.4.2	Natural	no confirmed data available

8.5 - Please estimate the percentage of the total annual public expenditure (as stated in 8.4) that is spent on cultural and natural heritage at each governmental level

Percentage		Cultural	Natural
8.5.1	National/Federal	%	%
8.5.2	Regional/Provincial	%	%
8.5.3	Local	%	%
		Total 0 %	Total 0 %

8.6 - Are available human resources adequate to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage effectively?

Human resources	Culture	Nature
Human resources are inadequate for conservation, protection and presentation needs of cultural and/or natural heritage.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A range of human resources exist, to conserve, protect and present cultural and/or natural heritage, but these are below optimum .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Human resources are adequate to meet the current needs of cultural and/or natural heritage conservation, protection and presentation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8.7 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to financial and human resources (Questions 8.1 to 8.6)

There is no confirmed data available to answer question 8.5 (public expenditure at different governmental levels).

9. Capacity Development

9.1 - Please prioritise the capacity building needs in the following fields identified in your country for the conservation, protection and presentation of cultural and natural heritage.

	Culture	Nature
National/federal	Medium priority	Low priority
Statutory processes: Tentative Lists	No priority	No priority
Statutory processes: Nominations	Medium priority	Medium priority
Statutory processes: Reporting and monitoring	Low priority	Low priority
Statutory processes: International assistance	No priority	No priority
Conservation and management of heritage sites	Medium priority	Low priority
Technical and scientific issues	Medium priority	Medium priority
Traditional conservation processes	Medium priority	Low priority
Sustainable resource utilisation and management	Medium priority	Medium priority
Interpretation/communication of World Heritage properties	Low priority	Low priority
Risk preparedness and disaster risk management	Medium priority	Low priority
Impact assessment tools (environmental, heritage and social)	Medium priority	Medium priority
Sustainable tourism use and management	Medium priority	Medium priority
Management effectiveness assessment	Medium priority	Medium priority
Management approaches and methodologies (including HUL)	Medium priority	Medium priority
Awareness raising and outreach	Medium priority	Medium priority
Governance: legislative, institutional and financial frameworks and mechanisms	High priority	Medium priority
Sustainable development	High priority	Medium priority
Protection and integration of biological and cultural diversity in management systems	High priority	Medium priority
Strengthening resilience to natural hazards and climate change: adaptation and mitigation	Medium priority	Medium priority
Adoption of rights-based approaches to heritage management	Low priority	Low priority
Development of inclusive, equitable and effective management systems: enhancing quality of life and well-being through heritage	Medium priority	Low priority
Inclusive social development in World Heritage management systems	Low priority	Low priority
Gender balance in management systems	Low priority	Low priority
Inclusive economic development in World Heritage management systems	Medium priority	Low priority
World Heritage as an enabler and a driver of peace and security	Low priority	Low priority

9.2 - Please rate the priority for training target audiences for each of the specific topics/themes/capacity building needs identified below for conservation, protection and presentation of cultural and natural heritage.

	Administrators and government bodies at all levels	Communities, indigenous peoples, landowners, local businesses, other social groups etc.	Universities, NGOs etc.	Heritage practitioners
Implementation of the <i>Convention</i>	Medium priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	Medium priority
Statutory processes: Tentative Lists process	Medium priority	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Statutory processes: Nomination process	Medium priority	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Statutory processes: Reporting and monitoring process	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Statutory processes: International assistance, etc.	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Conservation and management of heritage sites	Medium priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	Medium priority

Technical and Scientific issues	Medium priority	Low priority	High priority	High priority
Traditional conservation processes	Medium priority	High priority	Medium priority	High priority
Sustainable resource utilisation and management	High priority	High priority	Low priority	Medium priority
Interpretation/communication of World Heritage properties	Medium priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Low priority
Risk preparedness and disaster risk management	Medium priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Low priority
Impact assessment tools (environmental, heritage and social)	High priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	Low priority
Sustainable tourism use and management	High priority	High priority	Low priority	Medium priority
Management effectiveness assessment	Medium priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Low priority
Management approaches and methodologies (including HUL)	Medium priority	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Awareness raising and outreach	Medium priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Low priority
Governance: legislative, institutional and financial frameworks and mechanisms	Medium priority	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Sustainable development	Medium priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Low priority
Building environmental and social resilience	Medium priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Low priority
Integration of eco-social diversity in management systems	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Adoption of rights-based approaches to heritage management	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Development of inclusive, equitable and effective management systems	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority	Low priority
Adaptation to and mitigation of climate change	Medium priority	Medium priority	High priority	Low priority

9.3 - Please indicate how the State Party is using the World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy (2011).

		No	Yes
9.3.1	The State Party is using the Capacity Building Strategy for the implementation of capacity building at the national level.	✗	
9.3.2	The State Party is using the Capacity Building Strategy for the implementation of capacity building at the regional/sub-regional level.	✗	
9.3.3	The State Party is using the Capacity Building Strategy to identify capacity building priorities.	✗	
9.3.4	The State Party is using the Capacity Building Strategy by fundraising to support capacity building programmes.	✗	
9.3.5	The State Party is using the Capacity Building Strategy by raising awareness about the need to conserve and manage cultural and natural heritage.	✗	

9.4 - Does the State Party have a national training/educational strategy to strengthen capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management?

There is **no national strategy** for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but this is **being done on an ad hoc basis.**

9.5 - Comments: Please provide any additional comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to Capacity Development (Questions 9.1 to 9.4).

10. Policy and Resourcing of World Heritage Properties

10.1 - If there are principal pieces of legislation specific to the protection, conservation, presentation and management of World Heritage not listed in 5.1 (which focuses on policy general to all heritage), please list them here.

Statutes of the Old Town of Tallinn Heritage Conservation Area / 2003 / Culture / Regional /

10.2 - Please describe briefly how legislation and/or regulations at other levels contribute to the identification, conservation and protection of the State's Party cultural and natural heritage. Please provide web links for the legislation listed above.

10.3 - Are the services provided by agencies/institutions adequate for the protection, conservation, presentation and management of World Heritage properties in your country?

There is **some capacity** to protect, conserve, present and manage World Heritage properties but **some deficiencies** remain.

10.4 - How does the State Party encourage and support World Heritage properties to manage and develop visitation/tourism

sustainably?

By providing financial resources and incentives for sustainable tourism related activities

By developing policies and/or requiring sustainable tourism strategies to be developed

10.5 - Please indicate here any additional information or clarify how the State Party supports sustainable tourism planning and management at a property level.

10.6 - Does the State Party require the use of impact assessments for programmes (e.g. strategic environmental assessments) or development projects (e.g. environmental impact assessments, heritage impact assessments) that may have an impact on the World Heritage property, its buffer zone and the wider setting?

There is a **regulatory framework** that requires the use of impact assessments for programmes or development projects which is implemented **but it needs improvement**.

10.7 - Please list the different assessment methods used. Please provide weblinks to the guidance for the assessment methods.

10.8 - Does the State Party have a national capacity building strategy for World Heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management?

There is **no national capacity building strategy** in relation to World Heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management **but capacity building is being done on an ad hoc basis**

10.9 - Does the State Party have the institutional capacity to conduct research specifically for World Heritage issues?

There is **no institutional capacity** to conduct research specifically for World Heritage issues **but research is conducted in collaboration with partners**.

10.10 - Has the State Party helped to establish national, public and private foundations or associations for raising funds and receiving donations for the protection of World Heritage?

No

10.11 - Please add any additional comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to World Heritage policies and resources

Based on the final report of the research project "Sustainable Management and Presentation of Tallinn Old Town" (World Heritage Site) conducted at the Academy of Arts from 2019 to 2022, the book "Old Town: Heritage, Living Environment, Tourism" was published in June 2023.

11. International Cooperation

11.1 - Has the State Party promoted international cooperation and the establishment of cooperation mechanisms for heritage since the last Periodic Report? If so, please indicate the type of cooperation that best describes your activities.

Bilateral and multilateral agreements

Sharing expertise to promote equitable participation in heritage mechanisms for communities

Financial support

Contributions to private organizations for the preservation of cultural and natural heritage

Sharing expertise for capacity building

Hosting and/or attending international training courses/seminars

Distribution of material/information

11.2 - Do you have World Heritage properties that have been twinned with others at a national or international level?

No

11.3 - Please add any additional comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to International Cooperation (Questions 11.1 to 11.2). If you have twinned World Heritage properties, please list them along with their twins.

Tallinn has several cooperation agreements with different cities, including World Heritage sites. The cooperation includes, but is not limited to WH issues.
<https://www.tallinn.ee/en/foreign-relations/relations-other-cities>

12. Education, Information and Awareness Building

12.1 - Does the State Party have a strategy to raise awareness among communities and different stakeholders about conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage?

There are **no strategies** to raise awareness about the conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage but this is **being done on an ad hoc basis**.

12.2 - Please rate the level of general awareness of the following groups about World Heritage in your country

Communities living in/around heritage sites	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Youth	Poor
General public	Fair
Decision makers and public officials	Fair
Private sector	Poor

Tourism industry	Good
Other specific groups	Not applicable
If you selected 'Other specific groups', please describe	

12.3 - Does the State Party have heritage education programmes for children and/or youth, that contribute to improving understanding of heritage, promoting diversity and fostering intercultural dialogue?

There are heritage education programmes to improve understanding of cultural and natural heritage, promote diversity, and foster intercultural dialogue **but there are deficiencies in implementation.**

12.4 - Please rate the level of frequency of the following activities to improve understanding of cultural and natural heritage, promote diversity and foster intercultural dialogue among children and/or youth

Teacher training courses on the use of the World Heritage in Young Hands Kit	None
Courses/activities for students within school programmes	Low
Youth forums	None
Skills-training courses for students	Low
Organized school visits to World Heritage properties/cultural and natural sites	Medium
Activities linked to heritage within the framework of UNESCO Clubs/Associations	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
If you selected 'Other', please specify	

12.5 - Does the State Party participate in UNESCO's World Heritage in Young Hands programme?

The State Party **does not participate** in UNESCO's World Heritage in Young Hands programme.

12.6 - Please add any additional comments, description of best practices in World Heritage Education, conclusions and/or recommendations related to education, information and awareness building (Questions 12.3 to 12.5)

13. Conclusions and Recommended Actions

13.1. State Party's implementation of the World Heritage Convention

Synergies with other relevant Conventions, Recommendations and Programmes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Heritage Focal Points are not involved in the revision and implementation of national natural heritage strategies, policies and action plans, beyond specific issues related to World Heritage The State Party is not using the provisions of the 1972 Recommendation concerning the Protection, at the National level, of the Cultural and Natural Heritage There is limited coordination or integration of the implementation of multilateral agreements, programmes and World Heritage policies and strategies
Identification of heritage
National inventories
Tentative List
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Party does not intend to use the Upstream Process during the next revision of its Tentative List Inventories/lists/registers are not actively used for the identification of sites for inclusion on the Tentative List for cultural heritage Inventories/lists/registers are not actively used for the identification of sites for inclusion on the Tentative List for natural heritage Inventories/lists/registers are not actively used for the identification of sites for inclusion on the Tentative List for mixed heritage
Effectiveness of legal framework
Function of cultural and natural heritage in the life of the community
Contribution of heritage to sustainable development policies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no integration of the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage as a strategic element in national sustainable development policies and strategies in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring growth, employment, income and livelihoods Promoting economic investment and quality tourism Strengthening capacity-building, innovation and local entrepreneurship Ensuring conflict prevention Protecting heritage during conflict Promoting conflict resolution Contributing to post-conflict recovery

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is limited integration of the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage as a strategic element in national sustainable development policies and strategies in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting biological and cultural diversity and providing ecosystem services and benefits Strengthening resilience to natural hazards and climate change Contributing to inclusion and equality Respecting, protecting and promoting human rights Respecting, consulting and involving indigenous peoples and local communities
Larger-scale planning	
Status of services for protection, conservation and presentation	
Financial status	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The available budget is inadequate for basic conservation, protection and presentation and is a serious constraint on the capacity to conserve and protect Cultural heritage
Human resources	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human resources are inadequate for conservation, protection and presentation needs of cultural heritage
Capacity development	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy for the implementation of capacity building at the national level The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy for the implementation of capacity building at the regional/sub-regional level The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy to identify capacity building priorities The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy by fundraising to support capacity building programmes The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy by raising awareness about the need to conserve and manage cultural and natural heritage
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but this is being done on an ad hoc basis
Policy and resourcing of World Heritage properties	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The services provided by agencies/institutions have some capacities to protect, conserve, present and manage World Heritage properties but some deficiencies remain
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no national capacity building strategy in relation to World Heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but capacity building is being done on an ad hoc basis
Research on World Heritage properties	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Party has no institutional capacity to conduct research specifically for World Heritage issues but research is conducted in collaboration with partners
International cooperation	
Forms of international cooperation and cooperation mechanisms for heritage promoted by the State Party since the last Periodic Report:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bilateral and multilateral agreements Sharing expertise to promote equitable participation in heritage mechanisms for communities Financial support Contributions to private organizations for the preservation of cultural and natural heritage Sharing expertise for capacity building Hosting and/or attending international training courses/seminars Distribution of material/information
Education, information and awareness building	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no strategies to raise awareness among communities and stakeholders about the conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage but this is being done on an ad hoc basis

13.2. Actions for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention (identified from table 13.1).

13.2.1 - Please select the top issues (up to ten)

2.4	Cooperation and synergies between the Conventions and programmes your State is party to/is associated with/intends to join	
2.4.3	World Heritage Focal Points are not involved in the revision and implementation of national natural heritage strategies, policies and action plans, beyond specific issues related to World Heritage	
2.5	UNESCO Recommendations	
2.5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Party is not using the provisions of the 1972 Recommendation concerning the Protection, at the National level, of the Cultural and Natural Heritage 	
3	Tentative List	
3.3	The State Party does not intend to use the Upstream Process during the next revision of its Tentative List	
5.11	Integration of the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage as a strategic element in national sustainable development policies and strategies	

5.11.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no integration of the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage as a strategic element in national sustainable development policies and strategies in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring growth, employment, income and livelihoods Promoting economic investment and quality tourism Strengthening capacity-building, innovation and local entrepreneurship Ensuring conflict prevention Protecting heritage during conflict Promoting conflict resolution Contributing to post-conflict recovery 	
5.14	Use of policies and strategies agreed by the World Heritage Committee or the World Heritage General Assembly to set national policies or strategies for the protection of the cultural and natural heritage	
5.14.2	There is limited coordination or integration of the implementation of multilateral agreements, programmes and World Heritage policies and strategies	✕
6	Inventories/Lists/Registers of Cultural and Natural Heritage	
6.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventories/lists/registers are not actively used for the identification of sites for inclusion on the Tentative List for cultural heritage Inventories/lists/registers are not actively used for the identification of sites for inclusion on the Tentative List for natural heritage Inventories/lists/registers are not actively used for the identification of sites for inclusion on the Tentative List for mixed heritage 	
8	Financial Status and Human Resources	
8.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The available budget is inadequate for basic conservation, protection and presentation and is a serious constraint on the capacity to conserve and protect Cultural heritage 	✕
8.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human resources are inadequate for conservation, protection and presentation needs of cultural heritage 	✕
9	Capacity Development	
9.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy for the implementation of capacity building at the national level The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy for the implementation of capacity building at the regional/sub-regional level The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy to identify capacity building priorities The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy by fundraising to support capacity building programmes The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy by raising awareness about the need to conserve and manage cultural and natural heritage 	✕
9.4	There is no national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but this is being done on an ad hoc basis	✕
10	Policy and Resourcing of World Heritage Properties	
10.3	The services provided by agencies/institutions have some capacities to protect, conserve, present and manage World Heritage properties but some deficiencies remain	✕
10.8	There is no national capacity building strategy in relation to World Heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but capacity building is being done on an ad hoc basis	✕
10.9	The State Party has no institutional capacity to conduct research specifically for World Heritage issues but research is conducted in collaboration with partners	✕
11	International Cooperation	
11.1	Forms of international cooperation and cooperation mechanisms for heritage promoted by the State Party since the last Periodic Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bilateral and multilateral agreements Sharing expertise to promote equitable participation in heritage mechanisms for communities Financial support Contributions to private organizations for the preservation of cultural and natural heritage Sharing expertise for capacity building Hosting and/or attending international training courses/seminars Distribution of material/information 	✕
12	Education, Information and Awareness Building	
12.1	There are no strategies to raise awareness among communities and stakeholders about the conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage but this is being done on an ad hoc basis	✕
Please select 0 more issues.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please save this question to reflect changes		

13.3. Priority Actions Assessment

13.3.1 - Please indicate priority actions to address items rated as poor

5.14	Use of policies and strategies agreed by the World Heritage Committee or the World Heritage General Assembly to set national policies or strategies for the protection of the cultural and natural heritage
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		Action	Short description	Authority(ies) responsible	Timeframe	May this action require International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund?
5.14.2	There is limited coordination or integration of the implementation of multilateral agreements, programmes and World Heritage policies and strategies	We do not consider limited coordination to be a major problem that needs priority action. These policies and strategies serve as a reference material.	n/a	n/a	n/a	no

8	Financial Status and Human Resources					
8.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The available budget is inadequate for basic conservation, protection and presentation and is a serious constraint on the capacity to conserve and protect Cultural heritage	We undergo yearly negotiations with the aim to increase the budget and look actively for financial support from international programmes.	n/a	n/a	n/a	no
8.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Human resources are inadequate for conservation, protection and presentation needs of cultural heritage	In current economic situation no increase in human resources in the public sector is foreseen.	n/a	n/a	n/a	no

9	Capacity Development					
9.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy for the implementation of capacity building at the national level• The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy for the implementation of capacity building at the regional/sub-regional level• The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy to identify capacity building priorities• The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy by fundraising to support capacity building programmes• The State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy by raising awareness about the need to conserve and manage cultural and	Capacity building strategy is a useful reference material but no specific action is foreseen. In Estonia, due to the small number of WH sites (2), the capacity building is targeted to the cultural heritage as a whole, without singling out WH.	n/a	n/a	n/a	no

	natural heritage					
9.4	There is no national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but this is being done on an ad hoc basis	National Heritage Board has a strategy for its work processes that among other topics includes capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
10	Policy and Resourcing of World Heritage Properties					
10.3	The services provided by agencies/institutions have some capacities to protect, conserve, present and manage World Heritage properties but some deficiencies remain	It is always possible to improve the situation but we also believe that some deficiencies will always remain.	n/a	n/a	n/a	no
10.8	There is no national capacity building strategy in relation to World Heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but capacity building is being done on an ad hoc basis	There is no specific strategy for our two sites. It is a part of more general strategy.	n/a	n/a	n/a	no
10.9	The State Party has no institutional capacity to conduct research specifically for World Heritage issues but research is conducted in collaboration with partners	There are no provisions to conduct the research for WH issues. It is a question of academic freedom. However, there are good examples of public-private partnerships https://www.artun.ee/en/tallinn-old-town-sustainable-management-and-presentation /	n/a	n/a	n/a	no
11	International Cooperation					
11.1	Forms of international cooperation and cooperation mechanisms for heritage promoted by the State Party since the last Periodic Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilateral and multilateral agreements • Sharing expertise to promote equitable participation in heritage mechanisms for communities • Financial support • Contributions to private organizations for the preservation of cultural and natural heritage • Sharing expertise for capacity building • Hosting and/or attending international training courses/seminars • Distribution of material/information 	No action is foreseen	n/a	n/a	n/a	no
12	Education, Information and Awareness Building					

12.1	There are no strategies to raise awareness among communities and stakeholders about the conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage but this is being done on an ad hoc basis	Awareness-raising is part of daily work for heritage specialists dealing with World Heritage sites. The management plan of the WH site, Old Town of Tallinn, also contributes to this purpose.	n/a	n/a	n/a	no
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Please indicate priority actions to address items rated as poor completed

13.4. Additional actions for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention

13.4.1 - Please indicate any additional actions for the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*

14. Good Practice in the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention

14.1 - Example of good practice in World Heritage protection, identification, conservation or management at the State Party level.

A good example of this is the updating of the regulation of the Tallinn Old Town heritage conservation area, which involves developing a new protection regime that identifies the values and formulates the principles that need to be followed to preserve the values. Experts and the local community have been involved in the process of developing the new protection regime.

14.2 - Define which topics are covered by this example of good practice at the State Party level.

Sustainable Development

Synergies

Management

Governance

15. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

15.1. Primary institution responsible for communicating with UNESCO on the World Heritage Convention

15.1.1 - Which primary institution is responsible for communicating with UNESCO with regards to the World Heritage Convention?

15.2. Relevance and Objectives of Periodic Reporting

15.2.1 - Relevance and Objectives of Periodic Reporting

State Party	Fair
Site Managers	Fair
UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Fair
Advisory Bodies	Fair

15.3. The four Objectives of Periodic Reporting

15.3.1 - How well does the current questionnaire address each of the four Objectives of Periodic Reporting?

	Objective	Not at all	Partially	Adequately
15.3.1.1	Provide an assessment of the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> by the State Party		×	
15.3.1.2	Provide an assessment as to whether the values of World Heritage properties are being maintained over time			×
15.3.1.3	Provide updated information about World Heritage properties to record the changing circumstances and state of conservation of the property			×
15.3.1.4	Provide a mechanism for regional cooperation and exchange of information and experiences between States Parties about the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> , and World Heritage conservation		×	

15.4. Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

15.4.1 -

The level of detailed information required in 13.3. Priority Actions Assessment is too much. We do not believe that qualitative analysis based on answers provided would reflect global situation in a meaningful way. From the SP point of view, it is difficult to answer questions that relate to WH Centre or Advisory Bodies (15.2.1.3 and 15.2.1.4) 15.3.1.4 is also difficult to answer, because it requires the mediation of UNESCO. The SPs themselves work individually on the questionnaire.

15.5. Use of Data

15.5.1 - How does your State Party plan to use the data?

Revision of priorities/strategies/policies for the protection, management and conservation of heritage
Updating management plans
Awareness raising
Reporting for other conventions/conservation mechanisms
Reporting on implementation of Sustainable Development Goals

15.6. Timing and resources

15.6.1 - Were your national authorities given adequate time (i.e. roughly ten months) to gather necessary information and to fill in the questionnaire during this cycle of Periodic Reporting?

Yes

15.6.2 - Please estimate the time (working hours) and the number of people involved in completing Section I of the questionnaire.

	Time & people	Number of hours worked	Number of people involved
15.6.2.1	Gathering data	no exact data	7
15.6.2.2	Consulting stakeholders	no exact data	10
15.6.2.3	Filling in the questionnaire	45	3

15.6.3 - Has a gender balanced contribution and participation been considered and implemented in the filling out of this questionnaire?

Gender balance has **not been explicitly considered** or implemented in the process.

15.6.4 - Did your national authorities mobilise any additional resources to carry out this cycle of Periodic Reporting?

	Additional resources	No	Yes
15.6.4.1	Human resources	×	
15.6.4.2	Financial resources for organizing consultation meetings/training	×	

15.6.5 - Please provide details on any additional resources mobilised.

15.7. Format and Content of the Periodic Reporting Questionnaire

15.7.1 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

Most of the required information was accessible

15.7.2 - Was the questionnaire easy to use and clear to understand?

Using the questionnaire	Poor
Understanding the questions	fair

15.7.3 - Please provide suggestions for improvement

15.8. Training and guidance

15.8.1 - Please rate the level of support received in terms of training and guidance from the following entities for the completion of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire

World Heritage Centre	Good
UNESCO (other sectors)	None
UNESCO National Commission	Good
ICOMOS International	Fair
IUCN International	Fair
ICCROM International/regional	Fair

ICOMOS national/regional	Fair
IUCN national/regional	None
Category 2 Centres	None
Other	None
If 'Other' applies, please specify	

15.8.2 - Were the online training resources provided by the World Heritage Centre regarding Periodic Reporting adequate for your national authorities to complete the online questionnaire?

Yes

15.8.3 - Please provide further comments on the online training resources

15.9. Comments

15.9.1 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

15.9.2 - Thank you for having filled in all the questions.