

Maldives

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party

Maldives

1.2 - Date of ratification/accession/acceptance of the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage
22/05/1986

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

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage
World Heritage site managers/coordinators
Local communities

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		×	
2.1.1.2	Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)		×	
2.1.1.3	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species in Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)		×	
2.1.1.4	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)		×	
2.1.1.5	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention)	×		
2.1.1.6	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)		×	
2.1.1.7	International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)		×	

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.

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		×	
2.2.1.2	1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict	×		
2.2.1.3	Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict	×		
2.2.1.4	1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property	×		

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.

2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage /

2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions /

1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property /

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.3.1.2	UNESCO Global Geoparks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.4.1.2	Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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):

2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage works have been closely begun with the assistance of UNESCO New Dehli Office

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?

Yes

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:

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?

ICOMOS thematic studies
The World Heritage List: Future priorities for a credible and complete list of natural and mixed sites by IUCN
World Heritage Resource Manual 'Preparing World Heritage Nominations'

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

Yes

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

An expert from ICOMOS (Ms. Jane Harrington) and visited Maldives and observed the drafted nomination documents and discuss the process. After her visit she compiled a report providing feedback in ways to improve the nomination process

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

Yes

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?

No

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

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

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National government institution(s)	Good
Regional/provincial/state government(s)	Fair
Local government(s)	Fair
Other government departments	Fair
UNESCO National Commission	Poor
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Good
Local communities/residents	Fair
Indigenous peoples	None
Other specific groups (please specify below)	None
Landowners	Fair
Local industries/tourism and other stakeholders	Good
Non-Governmental Organization(s)	Poor
Consultants/experts	Fair
Site manager(s)/coordinator(s)	Poor
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 **is explicitly considered** and **effectively 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?

No

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)

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

Yes

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	High
Enhanced wider community appreciation and participation in heritage processes	Some
Improved presentation of sites	High
Enhanced honour/prestige	High
Increased funding	Some
Additional tool for lobbying/political influence	High
Fostered peace and security, including promotion of partnerships and conservation	None
Increased number of tourists and visitors	Some
Promoted inclusive economic development, including decent income and employment for communities	Limited
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	Limited
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	Limited
Achieving gender equality	No contribution
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	No contribution
Protecting heritage during conflict	No contribution
Promoting conflict resolution	No contribution
Contributing to post-conflict recovery	No contribution
Other(s)	Not applicable
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

Now there is a new Cultural Heritage Act that has been enacted in 12th September 2019. The name of the Act is Cultural Heritage Act of the Maldives Act Number 12/2019

5.2. Comment on principal pieces of legislation

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

With the enactment of Cultural Heritage Act of the Maldives Act Number 12/2019 the law number 27/79 on the historical and cultural properties of the Republic of the Maldives has become void

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.

Protected Areas Regulation (Regulation Number:2018/R-78) / Natural / National /
Maldives Cultural Heritage protection regulation (2020/R-37) / Cultural / 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.

Protected Areas Regulation (Regulation Number:2018/R-78) recognizes " Natural Monuments" as one of the categories for protection. Maldives Cultural Heritage protection regulation (2020/R-37) emphasize on conservation and protection of cultural heritage.

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
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

-Lack of financial, human and technical resources for enforcement -weak legal framework - stakeholder roles and responsibilities are not clear

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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are specific policies to give heritage a function in the life of communities but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
There are specific policies to give heritage a function in the life of communities that are effectively implemented.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Strategic Action Plan of the Maldives:4.7 Jazeera Dhiriulhun- Policy 1: Strengthen adaptation actions and opportunities and build climate-resilient infrastructures and communities to address current and future vulnerabilities.

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.	High
Contributing to inclusion and equality.	High
Enhancing the quality of life and well-being.	High
Respecting, protecting and promoting human rights.	High
Respecting, consulting and involving indigenous peoples and local communities.	High
Achieving gender equality.	High
Ensuring growth, employment, income and livelihoods.	High
Promoting economic investment and quality tourism.	High
Strengthening capacity-building, innovation and local entrepreneurship.	No integration
Ensuring conflict prevention.	High
Protecting heritage during conflict.	High
Promoting conflict resolution.	High
Contributing to post-conflict recovery.	High
Other (please specify).	Not applicable
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):

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 well-advanced	Process completed or continuously updated
Regional/provincial/state	Process commenced	Not applicable
Local	No process established	No process established
Other	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.		
Inventories/lists/registers are inadequate to capture the diversity of heritage.		
Inventories/lists/registers capture some of the diversity of heritage.	✗	
Inventories/lists/registers capture the full diversity of heritage.		✗

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

	Culture	Nature
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.	✗	✗

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.		✗

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.			
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)

The inventories of cultural/natural heritage are developed based on criteria referred in the cultural/natural heritage regulations. These lists are developed based on historical information and stakeholders input (especially local councils)

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 .	✗	
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 .		
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.		✗

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 funding for running costs/maintenance
Other levels of government (provincial, state, local)	Minor source of funding for running costs/maintenance
International assistance from the World Heritage Fund	Minor source of project funding
Funds from other international conventions/programmes	Major source of project funding
International multilateral funding (e.g. World Bank, IDB, European Union, etc.)	Minor source of project funding
International bilateral funding (e.g. AFD, GIZ, DGCS, GEF, etc.)	Major source of project funding
Non-Governmental Organizations (international and/or national)	Minor source of project funding
Private sector funds	Minor 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
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8.2.1	Culture		×
8.2.2	Nature		×

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.	×	×
The available budget is acceptable but could be further improved to fully meet the conservation, protection and presentation needs.		
The available budget is adequate to meet the current conservation, protection and presentation needs.		

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	30
8.4.2	Natural	

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	100 %	100 %
8.5.2	Regional/Provincial	0 %	0 %
8.5.3	Local	0 %	0 %
		Total 100 %	Total 100 %

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.	×	×
A range of human resources exist, to conserve, protect and present cultural and/or natural heritage, but these are below optimum .		
Human resources are adequate to meet the current needs of cultural and/or natural heritage conservation, protection and presentation.		

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

In Maldives conservation and preservation financial funding is only given to the federal/National authority. The Cultural Heritage funding is received by National Center for Cultural Heritage and Natural heritage funding is received by Ministry of Environment. Regional/provincial or local do not get funding to conserve, protect and preserve cultural and natural heritage. Currently Maldives is trying to be more decentralized however till today conservation and preservation work is done centrally

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	High priority	High priority
Statutory processes: Tentative Lists	Medium priority	Medium priority
Statutory processes: Nominations	Medium priority	Medium priority
Statutory processes: Reporting and monitoring	High priority	Medium priority
Statutory processes: International assistance	Medium priority	Medium priority
Conservation and management of heritage sites	High priority	High priority
Technical and scientific issues	High priority	High priority
Traditional conservation processes	High priority	High priority
Sustainable resource utilisation and management	High priority	Medium priority
Interpretation/communication of World Heritage properties	High priority	Low priority
Risk preparedness and disaster risk management	High priority	Medium priority

Impact assessment tools (environmental, heritage and social)	High priority	Medium priority
Sustainable tourism use and management	High priority	Medium priority
Management effectiveness assessment	High priority	Medium priority
Management approaches and methodologies (including HUL)	Medium priority	Medium priority
Awareness raising and outreach	High priority	Medium priority
Governance: legislative, institutional and financial frameworks and mechanisms	High priority	Medium priority
Sustainable development	High priority	High priority
Protection and integration of biological and cultural diversity in management systems	Medium priority	High priority
Strengthening resilience to natural hazards and climate change: adaptation and mitigation	Low priority	High priority
Adoption of rights-based approaches to heritage management	No priority	No priority
Development of inclusive, equitable and effective management systems: enhancing quality of life and well-being through heritage	Medium priority	High priority
Inclusive social development in World Heritage management systems	No priority	No priority
Gender balance in management systems	Low priority	High 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	No 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>	High priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	Not applicable
Statutory processes: Tentative Lists process	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Not applicable
Statutory processes: Nomination process	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Not applicable
Statutory processes: Reporting and monitoring process	Medium priority	Low priority	No priority	Not applicable
Statutory processes: International assistance, etc.	Medium priority	No priority	Medium priority	Not applicable
Conservation and management of heritage sites	Medium priority	Low priority	Medium priority	Not applicable
Technical and Scientific issues	Medium priority	Low priority	Medium priority	Not applicable
Traditional conservation processes	Low priority	High priority	Medium priority	Not applicable
Sustainable resource utilisation and management	High priority	High priority	High priority	Not applicable
Interpretation/communication of World Heritage properties	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority	
Risk preparedness and disaster risk management	Medium priority	Medium priority	No priority	
Impact assessment tools (environmental, heritage and social)	High priority	Low priority	Low priority	
Sustainable tourism use and management	High priority	High priority	High priority	
Management effectiveness assessment	High priority	Low priority	Low priority	
Management approaches and methodologies (including HUL)	High priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	
Awareness raising and outreach	Medium priority	High priority	High priority	
Governance: legislative, institutional and financial frameworks and mechanisms	High priority	Low priority	Low priority	
Sustainable development	High priority	High priority	High priority	
Building environmental and social resilience	Low priority	High priority	High priority	

Integration of eco-social diversity in management systems	Medium priority	High priority	High priority	
Adoption of rights-based approaches to heritage management	High priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	
Development of inclusive, equitable and effective management systems	Medium priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	
Adaptation to and mitigation of climate change	High priority	High priority	High 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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.3.2	The State Party is using the Capacity Building Strategy for the implementation of capacity building at the regional/sub-regional level.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.3.3	The State Party is using the Capacity Building Strategy to identify capacity building priorities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.3.4	The State Party is using the Capacity Building Strategy by fundraising to support capacity building programmes.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 a **national strategy** for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but there are some **deficiencies in implementation.**

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

Capacity development is a challenge faced in this field. Especially central government also lacks trained people and experts. Even though people are more environment conscious cultural heritage is an area there are no active NGO's and also local Universities/colleges do not offer cultural heritage modules and program. (Eg: Maldives do not have a single local archaeologist). Local councils/ NGOs are even in need to get more trained and more aware of this field.

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.

Maldives Cultural Heritage protection regulation (2020/R-37) / 2020 / Culture / National /

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.

The regulation determines the leveling of cultural heritage, criteria to become a cultural heritage, valuing and listing of cultural heritage, discovering of a new cultural heritage, cultural heritage protection measures, endorsing cultural heritage property and buffer zone, ways to obtain permission to carry out work/activities in cultural heritage, ownership of cultural heritage, heritage impact assessment, compensation for cultural heritage <https://www.gazette.gov.mv/gazette/download/5760>

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 **no capacity** to protect, conserve, present and manage World Heritage properties.

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

By providing capacity building for site managers

By facilitating network cooperation and stakeholder engagement through the development of governance structures or other mechanisms for cooperation

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

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.

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?

Yes

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

Sharing expertise for capacity building

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.**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	None
Youth	Poor
General public	None
Decision makers and public officials	Poor
Private sector	Not applicable
Tourism industry	None
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 **no heritage education programmes** to improve understanding of cultural and natural heritage, promote diversity, and foster intercultural dialogue **but this is being done on an ad hoc basis**.

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	None
Youth forums	None
Skills-training courses for students	None
Organized school visits to World Heritage properties/cultural and natural sites	High
Activities linked to heritage within the framework of UNESCO Clubs/Associations	Low
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">The State Party is not using the provisions of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban LandscapeThere 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
Effectiveness of legal framework
Function of cultural and natural heritage in the life of the community
<ul style="list-style-type: none">There are no specific policies to give this heritage a function in the life of communities but this is being achieved on an ad hoc basis - cultural heritage
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: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
Larger-scale planning
Status of services for protection, conservation and presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">There is limited cooperation between different levels of government and all segments of civil society in the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural heritage
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 heritageThe available budget is inadequate for basic conservation, protection and presentation and is a serious constraint on the capacity to conserve and protect Natural heritage
Human resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Human resources are inadequate for conservation, protection and presentation needs of cultural heritageHuman resources are inadequate for conservation, protection and presentation needs of natural 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 levelThe State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy for the implementation of capacity building at the regional/sub-regional levelThe State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy to identify capacity building prioritiesThe State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy by fundraising to support capacity building programmesThe State Party is not using the Capacity Building Strategy by raising awareness about the need to conserve and manage cultural and natural heritageThere is a national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but there are some deficiencies in implementation
Policy and resourcing of World Heritage properties
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The services provided by agencies/institutions have no capacity to protect, conserve, present and manage World Heritage propertiesThere is no national capacity building strategy in relation to World Heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management
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
International cooperation

Forms of international cooperation and cooperation mechanisms for heritage promoted by the State Party since the last Periodic Report:

- Sharing expertise for capacity building

Education, information and awareness building

- 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**
- There are **no heritage education** programmes to improve understanding of cultural and natural heritage, promote diversity, and foster intercultural dialogue **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)

2.5	UNESCO Recommendations	
2.5.1	• The State Party is not using the provisions of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape	
5.9	Policies giving cultural and natural heritage a function in the life of communities	
5.9.1	• There are no specific policies to give this heritage a function in the life of communities but this is being achieved on an ad hoc basis - cultural heritage	✕
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	
7	Status of Services for the Identification, Protection, Conservation and Presentation of Natural and Cultural Heritage	
7.4	• There is limited cooperation between different levels of government and all segments of civil society in the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural 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 • The available budget is inadequate for basic conservation, protection and presentation and is a serious constraint on the capacity to conserve and protect Natural heritage 	✕
8.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human resources are inadequate for conservation, protection and presentation needs of cultural heritage • Human resources are inadequate for conservation, protection and presentation needs of natural 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 a national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but there are some deficiencies in implementation	✕
10	Policy and Resourcing of World Heritage Properties	
10.3	The services provided by agencies/institutions have no capacity to protect, conserve, present and manage World Heritage properties	✕
10.8	There is no national capacity building strategy in relation to World Heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management	✕
10.9	The State Party has no institutional capacity to conduct research specifically for World Heritage issues	✕
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"> • Sharing expertise for capacity building 	
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	
12.3	There are no heritage education programmes to improve understanding of cultural and natural heritage, promote diversity, and foster intercultural dialogue but this is being done on an ad hoc basis	✕

Please select 0 more issues.

☒ 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

5.9 Policies giving cultural and natural heritage a function in the life of communities						
		Action	Short description	Authority(ies) responsible	Timeframe	May this action require International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund?
5.9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no specific policies to give this heritage a function in the life of communities but this is being achieved on an ad hoc basis - cultural heritage 	Provide incentives and opportunities to sustain local craftsman work in the islands	Identify the local craftsman and give them incentives and opportunities to market their products and help them to make a living out of that work	Ministry of Economic development Ministry of Tourism Ministry of Arts, Culture and Heritage Island/City/Atoll councils National Center for Cultural Heritage	5 years	yes
7 Status of Services for the Identification, Protection, Conservation and Presentation of Natural and Cultural Heritage						
7.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is limited cooperation between different levels of government and all segments of civil society in the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural heritage 	To organize training programs/seminars to civil society	To organize seminars/training periodically (monthly focusing on different themes) These training programs can create focal points to carry the trainings to forward	Local Government Authority Island/Atoll/City council National Center for Cultural Heritage Ministry of Arts, Culture and Heritage	5 years	yes
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 The available budget is inadequate for basic conservation, protection and presentation and is a serious constraint on the capacity to conserve and protect Natural heritage 	Develop a sustainable budget model for heritage sites	Only depending on the state budget is not enough to carry the conservation protection and preservation work hence a sustainable budget model (establish a heritage fund)	National Center for Cultural Heritage Local councils Ministry of Finance	3 years	yes

8.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human resources are inadequate for conservation, protection and presentation needs of cultural heritage Human resources are inadequate for conservation, protection and presentation needs of natural heritage 	Organize training programs/seminars	To organize seminars/training periodically (monthly focusing on different themes)	Local Government Authority University/colleges Ministry of Education Island/Atoll/City council National Center for Cultural Heritage Ministry of Arts, Culture and Heritage	5 years	yes
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 	Organize training programs	To organize seminars/training periodically Introduce the programs to University / college syllabus/modules	Local Government Authority University/colleges Ministry of Education Island/Atoll/City council National Center for Cultural Heritage Ministry of Arts, Culture and Heritage	5 years	yes
9.4	There is a national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but there are some deficiencies in implementation	Provide local and oversees training opportunity	Target to train minimum 5 local/oversees training programs	Local Government Authority University/colleges Ministry of Education Ministry of Higher Education Ministry of National Planning, housing and infrastructure National Center for Cultural Heritage Ministry of Arts, Culture and Heritage	5 years	yes
10	Policy and Resourcing of World Heritage Properties					
10.3	The services provided by agencies/institutions have no capacity to protect, conserve, present and manage World Heritage properties	Organize training programs	To organize training periodically and give certification for agencies/institution to provide services to protect, conserve, preserve and manage World Heritage properties	Ministry of Economic and Development National Center for Cultural Heritage Ministry of Arts, Culture and Heritage	5 years	yes

10.8	There is no national capacity building strategy in relation to World Heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management	Organize training programs	To organize training periodically	Local Government Authority University/colleges Ministry of Education Ministry of Higher Education Ministry of National Planning, housing and infrastructure National Center for Cultural Heritage Ministry of Arts, Culture and Heritage	3 years	yes
10.9	The State Party has no institutional capacity to conduct research specifically for World Heritage issues	Upgrade the research facilities by providing trainings	Carry out training programmes periodically	University/colleges Ministry of Education Ministry of Higher Education National Center for Cultural Heritage Ministry of Arts, Culture and Heritage	3 years	yes
12	Education, Information and Awareness Building					
12.3	There are no heritage education programmes to improve understanding of cultural and natural heritage, promote diversity, and foster intercultural dialogue but this is being done on an ad hoc basis	Introduce programmes to improve understanding of cultural and natural heritage, promote diversity, and foster intercultural dialogue to the education syllabus	Introduce programmes to improve understanding of cultural and natural heritage, promote diversity, and foster intercultural dialogue to the education syllabus for different key stages.	University/colleges/Schools Ministry of Education Ministry of Higher Education National Center for Cultural Heritage Ministry of Arts, Culture and Heritage	4 years	yes

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.

We refer to the operational guideline that is available in the UNESCO world heritage Center. Our main reference is taken from these operational guidelines to prepare state level regulations and guidelines.

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

Sustainable Development

State of Conservation

Management

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?

National Center for Cultural Heritage, but the center also keep UNESCO National commission of the Maldives in the loop.

15.2. Relevance and Objectives of Periodic Reporting

15.2.1 - Relevance and Objectives of Periodic Reporting

State Party	Poor
Site Managers	Not applicable
UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Poor
Advisory Bodies	Not applicable

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 -

In Maldives Natural and Cultural Heritage is functioning separately hence it will be more effectively if two focal points are appointed one from natural and one from cultural sector. Moreover the grouping in some parts like University and NGO as one body is very difficult to rate in as in Maldives they both play different roles and are active in different levels.

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
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	35	8
15.6.2.2	Consulting stakeholders	15	10
15.6.2.3	Filling in the questionnaire	18	2

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?

Some of the required information was accessible

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

Using the questionnaire	fair
Understanding the questions	Poor

15.7.3 - Please provide suggestions for improvement

questionnaire to be accessed by both focal point (one from nature and other from culture side) hence filling this would have been much easier

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)	Good

UNESCO National Commission	Poor
ICOMOS International	Poor
IUCN International	Not applicable
ICCROM International/regional	Poor
ICOMOS national/regional	Not applicable
IUCN national/regional	Not applicable
Category 2 Centres	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
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

it is very good

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