

# Papua New Guinea

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 - State Party

Papua New Guinea

**1.2 - Date of ratification/accession/acceptance of the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage**  
28/07/1997

### 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
External experts

## 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.**

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) /
Convention on Conservation of Nature in the South Pacific (S-Pacific Nat. Conserv. Convention) /
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) /
Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region (SPREP) /

### 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	<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.**

**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.**

None

## 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
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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):**

**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:**

For the 1972 Recommendation, Papua New Guinea implements it through the Protected areas systems we have however there is a lot of challenges. This is mainly to do with the natural heritage which in turn protects the cultural heritage. Geography, accessibility and resourcing is a big challenge as well as land ownership as most of the land is owned by customary owners.

## 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?**

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

**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?**

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?**

Yes, among States Parties and communities

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

Transfly

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

National government institution(s)	Fair
Regional/provincial/state government(s)	Fair
Local government(s)	Fair
Other government departments	Fair
UNESCO National Commission	Good
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Fair
Local communities/residents	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Fair
Other specific groups (please specify below)	Poor
Landowners	Fair
Local industries/tourism and other stakeholders	Fair
Non-Governmental Organization(s)	Good
Consultants/experts	Good
Site manager(s)/coordinator(s)	Good
If 'Other specific groups' applies, please specify	Settlers

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

Gender balance **has been explicitly considered** in the process but there are **still deficiencies** in the implementation.

### 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?

Yes

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.

Part of Transfly is a RAMSAR site as well as nationally a Wildlife Management Area.

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

Not all sites have been worked on since going on the Tentative List due to resources and accessibility. Parts of some of them like the Sub lime Karst has been worked on recently. There is not specific National or regional/provincial budgets for world heritage work hence we work closely with the protected areas network and institutions directly involved with cultural heritage areas

## 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)	Fair
Local government(s)	Poor
Other government departments	Poor
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Poor
Local communities/residents	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Poor
Other specific groups (please specify below)	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
Local industries/tourist sector and commercial stakeholders	Poor
Non-Governmental Organization(s)	Fair

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?**

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)	Some
Enhanced conservation practices	Some
Enhanced wider community appreciation and participation in heritage processes	Some
Improved presentation of sites	Some
Enhanced honour/prestige	Some
Increased funding	Limited
Additional tool for lobbying/political influence	Limited
Fostered peace and security, including promotion of partnerships and conservation	Some
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	Some
Strengthening resilience to natural hazards and climate change	Some
Contributing to inclusion and equity	Some
Enhancing quality of life and well-being	Some
Respecting, protecting and promoting human rights	Some
Respecting, consulting and involving indigenous peoples and local communities	Some
Achieving gender equality	Some
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	Some
Protecting heritage during conflict	Not applicable
Promoting conflict resolution	Limited
Contributing to post-conflict recovery	Not applicable
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

National Cultural Property (Preservation) Act 1965 Conservation Areas Act 2014; National Museum and Arts Gallery Act 1992 Fauna (Protection and Control) Act 1966 (amended 2014) Environment Act 2000 Organic Law on Provincial and Local Level Government

### 5.2. Comment on principal pieces of legislation

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

Some if not most of the current legislations require updating. A new one soon to be passed is the Protected Areas (bill)

### 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.

Conservation Areas Act 1978 (amended 2014) / both / National /
Environment Act 2000 / Natural / National /
Fauna (Protection and Control) Act 1966 (amended 2014 / Natural / National /
National Cultural Property (Preservation) Regulation 1965 / Cultural / National /
Organic Law on Provincial Governments and Local-level Governments / Both / Provincial/Local /

### 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.

Other level also have empowering legislations and can pass legislations for the protection of natural/cultural heritage which compliment national legislation. For natural heritage and part of cultural heritage the strengthening of the PNG Protected areas network has improved since and now caters on the register natural heritage sites at the provincial and local level which contribute to the overall terrestrial and marine coverage

### 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 <b>no legal framework</b> for the identification of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
The legal framework is <b>inadequate</b> for the identification of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
The legal framework is <b>partially adequate</b> for the identification of cultural and/or natural heritage.	×	×
The legal framework is <b>adequate</b> 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 <b>no legal framework</b> for the conservation and protection of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
The legal framework is <b>inadequate</b> for the conservation and protection of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
The legal framework is <b>partially adequate</b> for the conservation and protection of cultural and/or natural heritage.	×	×
The legal framework is <b>adequate</b> 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

## 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 <b>no specific policies</b> to give heritage a function in the life of communities.		
There are <b>no specific policies</b> to give heritage a function in the life of communities <b>but this is being achieved on an ad hoc basis.</b>		
There <b>are specific policies</b> to give heritage a function in the life of communities <b>but there are some deficiencies</b> in their implementation.	✗	✗
There <b>are specific policies</b> to give heritage a function in the life of communities that <b>are effectively implemented.</b>		

## 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

PNG Policy on Protected Areas; PNG Vision 2050;

## 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.	High
Respecting, consulting and involving indigenous peoples and local communities.	High
Achieving gender equality.	Some
Ensuring growth, employment, income and livelihoods.	Some
Promoting economic investment and quality tourism.	Some
Strengthening capacity-building, innovation and local entrepreneurship.	Some
Ensuring conflict prevention.	Not applicable
Protecting heritage during conflict.	Not applicable
Promoting conflict resolution.	Not applicable
Contributing to post-conflict recovery.	Not applicable
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	✗	
5.14.1.2	Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties	✗	
5.14.1.3	World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy		✗
5.14.1.4	World Heritage Sustainable Development Policy		✗

**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 commenced	Process well-advanced
Regional/provincial/state	Process commenced	Process commenced
Local	Process commenced	Process commenced
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.		
Inventories/lists/registers are <b>inadequate</b> to capture the diversity of heritage.		
Inventories/lists/registers <b>capture some</b> of the diversity of heritage.	✗	✗
Inventories/lists/registers capture the <b>full</b> 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 <b>are not actively used</b> for the protection of heritage.		
Inventories/lists/registers <b>are sometimes used</b> for the protection of heritage.		
Inventories/lists/registers <b>are frequently used</b> 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 <b>does not involve</b> communities and indigenous peoples in the identification of natural and/or cultural heritage for inclusion in their inventories/lists/registers.		
The State Party <b>plans to involve</b> 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 <b>sometimes involves</b> communities and indigenous peoples in the identification sites of natural and/or cultural heritage for inclusion in their inventories/lists/registers.		
The State Party <b>regularly involves</b> 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 <b>not actively used</b> for the identification of sites for inclusion on the Tentative List.			
Inventories/lists/registers are <b>sometimes used</b> for the identification of sites for inclusion on the Tentative List.	×	×	×
Inventories/lists/registers are <b>frequently used</b> 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)

## 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 <b>no cooperation</b> between different levels of government for the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
There is <b>limited cooperation</b> between different levels of government for the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage.		
In general, <b>cooperation exists</b> between different levels of government for identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage <b>but there are still deficiencies</b> .	×	×
Different levels of government <b>cooperate effectively</b> 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 <b>no cooperation</b> 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 <b>limited cooperation</b> 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 <b>some cooperation</b> between different levels of government and all segments of civil society in the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and/or natural heritage <b>but there are still deficiencies</b> .	×	×
Different levels of government <b>cooperate effectively</b> 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	Minor 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.)	Major 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
8.2.1	Culture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.2.2	Nature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 <b>inadequate</b> 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 <b>acceptable</b> 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 <b>adequate</b> 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	10
8.4.2	Natural	20

## 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	60 %	75 %
8.5.2	Regional/Provincial	20 %	15 %
8.5.3	Local	20 %	10 %
		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 <b>inadequate</b> for conservation, protection and presentation needs of cultural and/or natural heritage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A range of human resources exist, to conserve, protect and present cultural and/or natural heritage, but these are <b>below optimum</b> .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Human resources are <b>adequate</b> 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)

## 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	High priority	High priority
Statutory processes: Reporting and monitoring	Medium priority	Medium priority
Statutory processes: International assistance	High priority	High priority
Conservation and management of heritage sites	Medium priority	Medium priority
Technical and scientific issues	High priority	High priority
Traditional conservation processes	Low priority	Low priority
Sustainable resource utilisation and management	Medium priority	Medium priority
Interpretation/communication of World Heritage properties	Medium priority	Medium priority

Risk preparedness and disaster risk management	Medium priority	Medium priority
Impact assessment tools (environmental, heritage and social)	Medium priority	Medium priority
Sustainable tourism use and management	High priority	High priority
Management effectiveness assessment	High priority	High priority
Management approaches and methodologies (including HUL)	Medium priority	Medium priority
Awareness raising and outreach	High priority	High priority
Governance: legislative, institutional and financial frameworks and mechanisms	Medium priority	Medium priority
Sustainable development	Medium priority	Medium priority
Protection and integration of biological and cultural diversity in management systems	High priority	High priority
Strengthening resilience to natural hazards and climate change: adaptation and mitigation	Medium priority	Medium priority
Adoption of rights-based approaches to heritage management	Medium priority	Medium priority
Development of inclusive, equitable and effective management systems: enhancing quality of life and well-being through heritage	High priority	High priority
Inclusive social development in World Heritage management systems	Medium priority	Medium priority
Gender balance in management systems	Medium priority	Medium priority
Inclusive economic development in World Heritage management systems	Low 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.**

	<b>Administrators and government bodies at all levels</b>	<b>Communities, indigenous peoples, landowners, local businesses, other social groups etc.</b>	<b>Universities, NGOs etc.</b>	<b>Heritage practitioners</b>
Implementation of the <i>Convention</i>	High priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	Medium priority
Statutory processes: Tentative Lists process	Medium priority	Medium priority	High priority	High priority
Statutory processes: Nomination process	High priority	High priority	High priority	High priority
Statutory processes: Reporting and monitoring process	Medium priority	Low priority	Medium priority	High priority
Statutory processes: International assistance, etc.	High priority	Low priority	Medium priority	High priority
Conservation and management of heritage sites	High priority	High priority	High priority	High priority
Technical and Scientific issues	Medium priority	Low priority	High priority	High priority
Traditional conservation processes	Low priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	High priority
Sustainable resource utilisation and management	High priority	High priority	High priority	High priority
Interpretation/communication of World Heritage properties	High priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	High priority
Risk preparedness and disaster risk management	Medium priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	High priority
Impact assessment tools (environmental, heritage and social)	Medium priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	High priority
Sustainable tourism use and management	High priority	High priority	High priority	High priority
Management effectiveness assessment	High priority	High priority	Medium priority	High priority
Management approaches and methodologies (including HUL)	Medium priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	High priority
Awareness raising and outreach	Medium priority	High priority	High priority	Medium priority
Governance: legislative, institutional and financial frameworks and mechanisms	High priority	Low priority	Medium priority	High priority
Sustainable development	High priority	High priority	High priority	High priority
Building environmental and social resilience	Medium priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	High priority

Integration of eco-social diversity in management systems	High priority	Medium priority	High priority	High priority
Adoption of rights-based approaches to heritage management	Medium priority	Medium priority	High priority	High priority
Development of inclusive, equitable and effective management systems	Medium priority	Medium priority	Medium priority	High priority
Adaptation to and mitigation of climate change	High priority	Medium 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 <b>for the implementation of capacity building at the national level.</b>		✗
9.3.2	The State Party is using the Capacity Building Strategy <b>for the implementation of capacity building at the regional/sub-regional level.</b>	✗	
9.3.3	The State Party is using the Capacity Building Strategy to <b>identify capacity building priorities.</b>		✗
9.3.4	The State Party is using the Capacity Building Strategy <b>by fundraising to support capacity building programmes.</b>	✗	
9.3.5	The State Party is using the Capacity Building Strategy <b>by raising awareness about the need to conserve and manage cultural and natural heritage.</b>		✗

### 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).

Resourcing is a big issue for Papua New Guinea

## 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.

### 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 **significant deficiencies** remain.

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

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.

Working closely with the Tourism Promotion Authority to promote the sites or activities at the local level to assist local to generate some income

### 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.

Environment Impact Assessment, Environment Monitoring, PNG METT assessment (<https://png-data.sprep.org>)

### 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**

## 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 for capacity building
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.**

## 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	Poor
Indigenous peoples	Poor
Youth	Poor
General public	Fair
Decision makers and public officials	Fair
Private sector	Fair
Tourism industry	Fair
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	Medium
Activities linked to heritage within the framework of UNESCO Clubs/Associations	None
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 **but intends to do so**.

## 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

<b>Synergies with other relevant Conventions, Recommendations and Programmes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The State Party is <b>not</b> using the provisions of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape</li><li>There is limited coordination or integration of the implementation of multilateral agreements, programmes and World Heritage policies and strategies</li></ul>
<b>Identification of heritage</b>
<b>National inventories</b>
<b>Tentative List</b>
<b>Effectiveness of legal framework</b>
<b>Function of cultural and natural heritage in the life of the community</b>
<b>Contribution of heritage to sustainable development policies</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There is <b>no integration</b> of the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage as a strategic element in national sustainable development policies and strategies in:</li><li>There is <b>limited integration</b> 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"><li>Protecting biological and cultural diversity and providing ecosystem services and benefits</li><li>Strengthening resilience to natural hazards and climate change</li><li>Contributing to inclusion and equality</li><li>Achieving gender equality</li><li>Ensuring growth, employment, income and livelihoods</li><li>Promoting economic investment and quality tourism</li><li>Strengthening capacity-building, innovation and local entrepreneurship</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Larger-scale planning</b>
<b>Status of services for protection, conservation and presentation</b>
<b>Financial status</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The available budget is <b>inadequate</b> for basic conservation, protection and presentation and is a serious constraint on the capacity to conserve and protect Cultural heritage</li></ul>
<b>Human resources</b>
<b>Capacity development</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The State Party <b>is using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>for the implementation of capacity building at the national level</b></li><li>The State Party <b>is not using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>for the implementation of capacity building at the regional/sub-regional level</b></li><li>The State Party <b>is using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy to <b>identify capacity building priorities</b></li><li>The State Party <b>is not using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>by fundraising to support capacity building programmes</b></li><li>The State Party <b>is using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>by raising awareness about the need to conserve and manage cultural and natural heritage</b></li><li>There is <b>no national strategy</b> for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but this is <b>being done on an ad hoc basis</b></li></ul>
<b>Policy and resourcing of World Heritage properties</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There is <b>no national capacity building strategy</b> in relation to World Heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management <b>but capacity building is being done on an ad hoc basis</b></li></ul>
<b>Research on World Heritage properties</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The State Party has <b>no institutional capacity</b> to conduct research specifically for World Heritage issues but research is conducted in <b>collaboration with partners</b></li></ul>
<b>International cooperation</b>

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

- Bilateral and multilateral agreements
- Sharing expertise for capacity building
- Distribution of material/information

#### 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 <b>not</b> using the provisions of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape	X
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	• There is <b>no integration</b> of the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage as a strategic element in national sustainable development policies and strategies in:	
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	X
8	Financial Status and Human Resources	
8.3	• The available budget is <b>inadequate</b> for basic conservation, protection and presentation and is a serious constraint on the capacity to conserve and protect Cultural heritage	X
9	Capacity Development	
9.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State Party <b>is using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>for the implementation of capacity building at the national level</b></li> <li>• The State Party <b>is not using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>for the implementation of capacity building at the regional/sub-regional level</b></li> <li>• The State Party <b>is using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy to <b>identify capacity building priorities</b></li> <li>• The State Party <b>is not using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>by fundraising to support capacity building programmes</b></li> <li>• The State Party <b>is using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>by raising awareness about the need to conserve and manage cultural and natural heritage</b></li> </ul>	X
9.4	There is <b>no national strategy</b> for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but this is <b>being done on an ad hoc basis</b>	X
10	Policy and Resourcing of World Heritage Properties	
10.8	There is <b>no national capacity building strategy</b> in relation to World Heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management <b>but capacity building is being done on an ad hoc basis</b>	X
10.9	The State Party has <b>no institutional capacity</b> to conduct research specifically for World Heritage issues but research is conducted in <b>collaboration with partners</b>	X
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"> <li>• Bilateral and multilateral agreements</li> <li>• Sharing expertise for capacity building</li> <li>• Distribution of material/information</li> </ul>	X
12	Education, Information and Awareness Building	
12.1	There are <b>no strategies</b> to raise awareness among communities and stakeholders about the conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage but this is <b>being done on an ad hoc basis</b>	X
12.3	There are <b>no heritage education</b> programmes to improve understanding of cultural and natural heritage, promote diversity, and foster intercultural dialogue <b>but this is being done on an ad hoc basis</b>	X
Please select 0 more issues.		
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### 13.3. Priority Actions Assessment

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

2.5	UNESCO Recommendations
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		Action	Short description	Authority(ies) responsible	Timeframe	May this action require International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund?
2.5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The State Party is <b>not</b> using the provisions of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape</li> </ul>	-Integrate the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape into heritage work in PNG where appropriate and applicable noting that PNG has limited urban landscapes specific to natural or cultural heritage	Historic Urban Landscapes in PNG is very limited therefore a study to identify and document them is a first step. There are a few declared under various National legislations however are associated with WWII	National Focal Point, National Museum and Arts Gallery, Conservation and Environment Protection Authority and relevant National and sub national bodies	2021-2030	Yes in the form of technical advice and collaboration
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	Strengthen the National World Heritage Secretariat capacity	The National World Heritage Secretariat needs to be better resourced	Conservation and Environment Protection Authority, Department of National Planning and Monitoring, Department of Finance and Treasury, UNESCO Nat Com	2021-2025	Technical Advice but mainly needs to be done Nationally
8	Financial Status and Human Resources					
8.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The available budget is <b>inadequate</b> for basic conservation, protection and presentation and is a serious constraint on the capacity to conserve and protect Cultural heritage</li> </ul>	Source and request better National Support for cultural Heritage preservation/protection	Budget support improvement for sustainable funding of activities	National Museum and Arts Gallery, Conservation and Environment Protection Authority, National Cultural Commission	2025	Yes. The state party will seek international assistance should it be eligible
9	Capacity Development					
9.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The State Party <b>is using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>for the implementation of capacity building at the national level</b></li> <li>The State Party <b>is not using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>for the implementation of capacity building at the regional/sub-regional level</b></li> <li>The State Party <b>is using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy to <b>identify capacity building priorities</b></li> <li>The State Party <b>is not using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>by fundraising to support capacity building programmes</b></li> <li>The State Party <b>is using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>by</b></li> </ul>	Realign and strengthen strategies to target better collaboration for capacity development	Conduct a training needs assessment for selected sites and groups	PNG Nat Com, CEPA, NMAG	2025	Technical assistance



	raising awareness about the need to conserve and manage cultural and natural heritage					
9.4	There is <b>no national strategy</b> for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but this is <b>being done on an ad hoc basis</b>	Develop a National Strategy for Capacity development linked to the PNG National Protected Areas Policy	Linked to the National Protected Areas Policy and the World Heritage strategy	National World Heritage Committee	2030	Technical advice
10	Policy and Resourcing of World Heritage Properties					
10.8	There is <b>no national capacity building strategy</b> in relation to World Heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management <b>but capacity building is being done on an ad hoc basis</b>	Conduct a heritage capacity assessment	Specific to key areas at the national level at first	PNG Nat Com, NMAG and CEPA	ongoing	Technical assistance to conduct workshops and trainings
10.9	The State Party has <b>no institutional capacity</b> to conduct research specifically for World Heritage issues but research is conducted in <b>collaboration with partners</b>	Strengthen capacity at the National level	Focus on medium to long term training for staff _National Museum and Arts Gallery and CEPA	National Museum and Arts Gallery and CEPA	Ongoing	Technical support
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"> <li>• Bilateral and multilateral agreements</li> <li>• Sharing expertise for capacity building</li> <li>• Distribution of material/information</li> </ul>	Strengthen ties and collaboration with other state parties at the regional level including Australia	Exchange programs for local site managers, workshops and training partnerships	CEPA, NMAG, PNG Nat Com	2030	Resourcing and facilitation programs with regional parties
12	Education, Information and Awareness Building					
12.1	There are <b>no strategies</b> to raise awareness among communities and stakeholders about the conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage but this is <b>being done on an ad hoc basis</b>	Develop a communications and engagement plan	Plan be developed in consultation with National and sub national authorities	Led by the World Heritage Secretariat and PNG Nat Com	2025	Provide guidance

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	Propose for inclusion into the education curriculum heritage education	Develop proposal for heritage education	PNG Nat Com, World Heritage Secretariat (PNG)	By 2030	Advice on Heritage Education and how it can be done
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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*

Creation of a National Heritage Body that is fully resourced and functional

#### 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.

Strengthen the Current implementation of the PNG National Protected Areas policy (2014) and its five pillars- (1) Protected Areas Governance and Management, (2) Sustainable Livelihoods, (3) effective and adaptive biodiversity management, (4) Managing the PNG PAN and (5) Sustainable and equitable financing for Protected Areas

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

Sustainable Development
Synergies
State of Conservation
Management
Governance
Capacity Building

#### 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?

PNG Conservation and Environment Protection Authority

##### 15.2. Relevance and Objectives of Periodic Reporting

##### 15.2.1 - Relevance and Objectives of Periodic Reporting

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

#### 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 -

## 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
Advocacy
Reporting for other conventions/conservation mechanisms
Improve the States Party implementation on the Convention

## 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	680	3
15.6.2.2	Consulting stakeholders	200	4
15.6.2.3	Filling in the questionnaire	150	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 been **explicitly considered** in the process **but there are still deficiencies its implementation.**

### 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	fair

### 15.7.3 - Please provide suggestions for improvement

A key factor for this cycle for PNG is that the timing for trainings where in the night/evening (PNG Time) hence official would be home by then (Centralized access) . Secondly is that internet reliability and access differs. A suggestion is that The Asia Pacific Region be done in two phases with Pacific Island nations in one and the Asian nations in one based on time similarities if such virtual training will be done in future.

## 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	Fair
UNESCO (other sectors)	Fair
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
ICOMOS International	Fair
IUCN International	Fair

ICCROM International/regional	Fair
ICOMOS national/regional	Fair
IUCN national/regional	Fair
Category 2 Centres	Fair
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**

Most of PNGs trainings is by watching videos uploaded after the trainings given timing and access issues

15.9. Comments

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

The assessment is fair in that it allowed for state parties to reflect the internal realities and challenges in light of the Covid-19 and the virtual lead up sessions and trainings

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