

# Slovakia

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 - State Party

Slovakia

**1.2 - Date of ratification/accession/acceptance of the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage**  
31/03/1993

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

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| Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage |
| National Commission for UNESCO  |
| Focal points of other international Conventions/programmes              |
| World Heritage site managers/coordinators                               |
| Local communities   |
| Non-Governmental Organizations  |
| ICOMOS national/regional  |
| 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.**

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| Caves of Aggtelek Karst and Slovak Karst |
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**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.**

N/A

**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.**

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| Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (Carpathian Convention) / |
| Agreement on the conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) /                                 |
| The Habitats Directive /  |
| The Bird Directive /  |
| Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (EUROBATS) /                                      |

## 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  |              | ×        |                      |
| 2.2.1.6 | 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage   |              | ×        |                      |
| 2.2.1.7 | 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions   |              | ×        |                      |

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

Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (1985) /

European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (1992) /

Council of Europe Landscape Convention (2000) /

Council of Europe Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural heritage for Society (2005) /

Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (Carpathian Convention) /

**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.**

N/A

## 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 |    | ×   |
| 2.3.1.2 | UNESCO Global Geoparks          |    | ×   |

**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.**

Caves of Aggtelek Karst and Slovak Karst, Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and the Ancient Beech Forests of Germany

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

No

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

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

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

Carpathian Convention

**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:

The provisions of both recommendations are reflected in specialised legislation and policies at national level.

## 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?

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| ICOMOS thematic studies  |
| IUCN thematic studies  |
| Meetings to harmonize Tentative Lists within your region                                 |
| UNESCO's Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List |

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

No

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

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

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

Sites of Great Moravia The Memorial of Chatam Sofer System of Fortifications in Komárno - Komárom

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

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| National government institution(s)                   | Good           |
| Regional/provincial/state government(s)              | Poor           |
| Local government(s)                                  | Fair           |
| Other government departments                         | Fair           |
| UNESCO National Commission                           | Good           |
| Local authorities within or adjacent to the property | Poor           |
| Local communities/residents                          | Poor           |
| Indigenous peoples                                   | Not applicable |
| Other specific groups (please specify below)         | Not applicable |
| Landowners   | Poor           |
| Local industries/tourism and other stakeholders      | Poor           |
| Non-Governmental Organization(s)                     | Fair           |
| Consultants/experts                                  | Good           |
| Site manager(s)/coordinator(s)                       | Fair           |
| If 'Other specific groups' applies, please specify   |                |

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

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

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

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)                     | Poor   |
| Local government(s)   | Good   |
| Other government departments                                | Good   |
| UNESCO National Commission                                  | Good   |
| Local authorities within or adjacent to the property        | Poor   |
| Local communities/residents                                 | Good   |
| Indigenous peoples  | Not applicable   |
| Other specific groups (please specify below)                | Good   |
| Landowners  | Good   |
| Local industries/tourist sector and commercial stakeholders | None   |
| Non-Governmental Organization(s)                            | Good   |
| Consultants/experts   | Poor   |
| Site manager(s)/coordinator(s)                              | Good   |
| If 'Other specific groups' applies, please specify          | In case of the Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe it was the Military Forests and Estates of the Slovak Republic, State Enterprise with regard on a specific legislation implemented by this institution. |

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

No

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

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Promoted environmental sustainability, valuing places which are essential for human well-being                   | Some           |
| Enhanced inclusive social development, with full inclusion and equity for all stakeholders                       | Limited        |
| Strengthened protection and conservation of heritage (legislative, regulatory, institutional and/or traditional) | High           |
| Enhanced conservation practices  | Some           |
| Enhanced wider community appreciation and participation in heritage processes                                    | Limited        |
| Improved presentation of sites   | High           |
| Enhanced honour/prestige   | High           |
| Increased funding  | Limited        |
| Additional tool for lobbying/political influence   | Limited        |
| Fostered peace and security, including promotion of partnerships and conservation                                | Limited        |
| Increased number of tourists and visitors  | Some           |
| Promoted inclusive economic development, including decent income and employment for communities                  | None           |
| Other(s)   | Not applicable |
| If 'Other' applies, please specify   |                |

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

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

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Achieving gender equality  | No contribution |
| Ensuring growth, employment, income and livelihoods                    | Limited         |
| Promoting economic investment and quality tourism                      | Some            |
| Strengthening capacity-building, innovation and local entrepreneurship | Limited         |
| Ensuring conflict prevention   | Limited         |
| Protecting heritage during conflict                                    | High            |
| Promoting conflict resolution  | Some            |
| Contributing to post-conflict recovery                                 | Limited         |
| 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**

Act No. 543/2002 Coll. on Nature and Landscape Protection Act No. 49/2002 Coll. on the Protection of Monuments and Historic Sites Act No. 206/2009 Coll. on Museums and Galleries and the Protection of Cultural Objects Act No. 50/1976 Coll. on Planning and Building Regulations Act No. 24/2006 Coll. on Environment Impacts Assessment

**5.2. Comment on principal pieces of legislation**

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

N/A

**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.**

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| Act No. 543/2002 Coll. on Nature and Landscape Protection / natural / national /                               |
| Act No. 49/2002 Coll. on the Protection of Monuments and Historic Sites / cultural / national /                |
| Act No. 206/2009 Coll. on Museums and Galleries and the Protection of Cultural Objects / cultural / national / |
| Act No. 50/1976 Coll. on Planning and Building Regulations / both / national /                                 |
| Act No. 24/2006 Coll. on Environmental Impact Assessment / both / 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.**

In relation to the natural and cultural heritage, the regulations set by regional and local authorities play an important role, especially in the relevant spatial planning documentation and the activities of the building authorities regulating construction activities in the area concerned. In relation to cultural heritage, municipalities have the legal competence to improve the identification and protection of historic architecture by declaring it a 'municipal heritage site'.

**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

In the Slovak Republic, the enforcement of law needs to be strengthened in all spheres, specifically in the area of heritage protection, it would benefit greatly from an increase in the current less than fully satisfactory staffing capacities.

## 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

Culture and Creative Industries Strategy 2030 - national level Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy 2030 - national level

## 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. | High           |
| Strengthening resilience to natural hazards and climate change.                             | Some           |
| Contributing to inclusion and equality.   | Some           |
| Enhancing the quality of life and well-being.   | Some           |
| Respecting, protecting and promoting human rights.  | High           |
| Respecting, consulting and involving indigenous peoples and local communities.              | High           |
| Achieving gender equality.  | Not applicable |
| 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.   | Some           |

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Protecting heritage during conflict.    | Limited        |
| 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):

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

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

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

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

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

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

|          | UNESCO World Heritage Policy or Strategy                                      | No                                  | Yes                                 |
|----------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 5.14.1.1 | Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5.14.1.2 | Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" 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 **adequate 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

N/A

## 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)

N/A

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

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

|                           | Cultural heritage                         | Natural heritage                          |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| National/federal          | Process completed or continuously updated | Process completed or continuously updated |
| Regional/provincial/state | Process completed or continuously updated | Process completed or continuously updated |
| Local                     | Process completed or continuously updated | Process completed or continuously updated |
| Other                     | Process completed or continuously updated | Process completed or continuously updated |

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

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

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 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 |
|--|---------|--------|
| <b>No</b> 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 |
|---|---------|--------|-------|
| <b>No</b> 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)

N/A

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

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

|       |         | No | Yes |
|-------|---------|----|-----|
| 8.2.1 | Culture | ×  |     |
| 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 <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. |         |        |
| The available budget is <b>acceptable</b> but could be further improved to fully meet the conservation, protection and presentation needs.   | ×       | ×      |
| The available budget is <b>adequate</b> 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 | 0.5 %        |
| 8.4.2 | Natural  | 0.5 %        |

### 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    | 40 %        | 60 %        |
| 8.5.2      | Regional/Provincial | 20 %        | 30 %        |
| 8.5.3      | Local               | 40 %        | 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.               |         |        |
| A range of human resources exist, to conserve, protect and present cultural and/or natural heritage, but these are <b>below optimum</b> .    | ✕       | ✕      |
| Human resources are <b>adequate</b> 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)

N/A

### 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 | High priority   |
| Statutory processes: Nominations  | High priority   | Medium priority |
| Statutory processes: Reporting and monitoring   | High priority   | High priority   |
| Statutory processes: International assistance   | Low priority    | Low priority    |
| Conservation and management of heritage sites   | High priority   | High priority   |
| Technical and scientific issues   | Medium priority | Medium 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   | High priority   |
| Risk preparedness and disaster risk management  | High priority   | Low priority    |
| Impact assessment tools (environmental, heritage and social)  | High priority   | Medium priority |
| Sustainable tourism use and management  | Low priority    | High priority   |
| Management effectiveness assessment   | Low priority    | High priority   |
| Management approaches and methodologies (including HUL)   | Low priority    | High priority   |
| Awareness raising and outreach  | High priority   | High priority   |
| Governance: legislative, institutional and financial frameworks and mechanisms  | Medium priority | High priority   |
| Sustainable development   | Medium 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                                       | High priority   | High priority   |
| Adoption of rights-based approaches to heritage management  | Medium priority | High priority   |
| Development of inclusive, equitable and effective management systems: enhancing quality of life and well-being through heritage | High priority   | Medium priority |
| Inclusive social development in World Heritage management systems   | High priority   | Medium priority |
| Gender balance in management systems  | Medium priority | High priority   |
| Inclusive economic development in World Heritage management systems   | High priority   | High priority   |
| World Heritage as an enabler and a driver of peace and security   | High priority   | High 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                                      | High priority   | High priority           | High priority          |
| Statutory processes: Tentative Lists process | Medium priority                                    | Medium priority   | Medium priority         | Medium priority        |
| Statutory processes: Nomination process      | High priority                                      | High priority   | High priority           | High priority          |

|  |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Statutory processes: Reporting and monitoring process                          | High priority   | High priority   | Medium priority | High priority   |
| Statutory processes: International assistance, etc.                            | Medium priority | Medium priority | Medium priority | Medium priority |
| Conservation and management of heritage sites                                  | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   |
| Technical and Scientific issues  | Medium priority | Medium priority | Medium priority | High priority   |
| Traditional conservation processes   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   |
| Sustainable resource utilisation and management                                | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   |
| Interpretation/communication of World Heritage properties                      | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   |
| Risk preparedness and disaster risk management                                 | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   |
| Impact assessment tools (environmental, heritage and social)                   | High priority   | High priority   | High 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)                        | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   |
| Awareness raising and outreach   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   |
| Governance: legislative, institutional and financial frameworks and mechanisms | High priority   | High priority   | Medium priority | High priority   |
| Sustainable development  | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   |
| Building environmental and social resilience                                   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   |
| Integration of eco-social diversity in management systems                      | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   |
| Adoption of rights-based approaches to heritage management                     | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   |
| Development of inclusive, equitable and effective management systems           | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   | High priority   |
| Adaptation to and mitigation of climate change                                 | High priority   | 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 <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 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).

Existing capacity development actions and strategies need to respond more quickly and specifically to the demands from the practitioners in the field, and to take more consistently into account current societal challenges (climate change, armed conflicts, etc.)

## 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.

Act No. 100/2002 Coll. on the Protection and Development of the Territory of Banská Štiavnica and its Surroundings / 2002 / 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.**

N/A

**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

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

N/A

**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 and it is **effectively implemented**.

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

For natural/cultural heritage - Environmental Impact Assessment: <https://www.enviroportal.sk/en/environmental-impact-assessment> For cultural heritage - assessment and authorisation process of the national monuments protection authority: <https://wipolex-res.wipo.int/edocs/lexdocs/laws/en/sk/sk106en.pdf>

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

There is a **national capacity building strategy** in relation to World Heritage conservation, protection and management but there are **some deficiencies in its implementation**

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

There is **capacity** at the institutional level to conduct research specifically for World Heritage issues **but it could be improved**.

**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**

N/A

## 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.**

Participation in other UN programmes, including sustainable development programmes and human rights and gender equality programmes

Bilateral and multilateral agreements

Sharing expertise to promote equitable participation in heritage mechanisms for communities

Financial support

Hosting and/or attending international training courses/seminars

Distribution of material/information

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

Yes

**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.**

N/A

## 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 **strategies** to raise awareness about the conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage **but there are some deficiencies in its implementation**.

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

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Communities living in/around heritage sites              | Fair           |
| Indigenous peoples                                       | Not applicable |
| Youth  | Fair           |
| General public   | Fair           |
| Decision makers and public officials                     | Fair           |
| Private sector   | Poor           |
| 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 heritage education programmes to improve understanding of cultural and natural heritage, promote diversity, and foster intercultural dialogue **but there are deficiencies in implementation.**

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

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Teacher training courses on the use of the World Heritage in Young Hands Kit    | Low            |
| Courses/activities for students within school programmes                        | Low            |
| Youth forums  | Medium         |
| Skills-training courses for students  | Medium         |
| Organized school visits to World Heritage properties/cultural and natural sites | High           |
| Activities linked to heritage within the framework of UNESCO Clubs/Associations | Medium         |
| 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)**

N/A

## 13. Conclusions and Recommended Actions

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

|   |
|---|
| Synergies with other relevant Conventions, Recommendations and Programmes   |
| 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"> <li>There are <b>no specific policies</b> to give this heritage a function in the life of communities but this is being <b>achieved on an ad hoc basis - natural heritage</b></li> </ul>  |
| Contribution of heritage to sustainable development policies <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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protecting heritage during conflict</li> </ul> </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>Strengthening resilience to natural hazards and climate change</li> <li>Contributing to inclusion and equality</li> <li>Enhancing the quality of life and well-being</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

- Ensuring growth, employment, income and livelihoods
- Promoting economic investment and quality tourism
- Strengthening capacity-building, innovation and local entrepreneurship
- Ensuring conflict prevention

#### Larger-scale planning

#### Status of services for protection, conservation and presentation

- There is **limited cooperation** between different levels of government for the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of **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 **natural heritage**

#### Financial status

#### Human resources

#### Capacity development

- The State Party **is using** the Capacity Building Strategy **for the implementation of capacity building at the national level**
- The State Party **is using** the Capacity Building Strategy **for the implementation of capacity building at the regional/sub-regional level**
- The State Party **is using** the Capacity Building Strategy to **identify capacity building priorities**
- The State Party **is using** the Capacity Building Strategy **by fundraising to support capacity building programmes**
- The State Party **is using** the Capacity Building Strategy **by raising awareness about the need to conserve and manage cultural and natural heritage**
- 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**

#### Policy and resourcing of World Heritage properties

#### Research on World Heritage properties

#### International cooperation

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

- Participation in other UN programmes, including sustainable development programmes and human rights and gender equality programmes
- Bilateral and multilateral agreements
- Sharing expertise to promote equitable participation in heritage mechanisms for communities
- Financial support
- Hosting and/or attending international training courses/seminars
- Distribution of material/information

#### Education, information and awareness building

### 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)

| 5.9    | Policies giving cultural and natural heritage a function in the life of communities  |   |
|--------|--|---|
| 5.9.1  | • There are <b>no specific policies</b> to give this heritage a function in the life of communities but this is being <b>achieved on an ad hoc basis</b> - <b>natural heritage</b>   | ✕ |
| 5.11   | Integration of the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage as a strategic element in national sustainable development policies and strategies   |   |
| 5.11.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protecting heritage during conflict</li> </ul> </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>• Strengthening resilience to natural hazards and climate change</li> <li>• Contributing to inclusion and equality</li> <li>• Enhancing the quality of life and well-being</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> <li>• Ensuring conflict prevention</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | ✕ |
| 7      | Status of Services for the Identification, Protection, Conservation and Presentation of Natural and Cultural Heritage  |   |
| 7.3    | • There is <b>limited cooperation</b> between different levels of government for the identification, protection, conservation and presentation of <b>natural heritage</b>  | ✕ |
| 7.4    | • 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 <b>natural heritage</b>   | ✕ |
| 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 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 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 a <b>national strategy</b> for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but there are some <b>deficiencies in implementation</b>  | X |
| 11   | <b>International Cooperation</b>  |   |
| 11.1 | <p>Forms of international cooperation and cooperation mechanisms for heritage promoted by the State Party since the last Periodic Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in other UN programmes, including sustainable development programmes and human rights and gender equality programmes</li> <li>Bilateral and multilateral agreements</li> <li>Sharing expertise to promote equitable participation in heritage mechanisms for communities</li> <li>Financial support</li> <li>Hosting and/or attending international training courses/seminars</li> <li>Distribution of material/information</li> </ul>   | 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

| 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"> <li>There are <b>no specific policies</b> to give this heritage a function in the life of communities but this is being <b>achieved on an ad hoc basis - natural heritage</b></li> </ul>   | Awareness raising activities   | Build on the pilot programme developing awareness about the benefits of heritage for local communities (organised in international cooperation in the Ancient Beech Forests WHS), and similarly inform the communities in other WHS in Slovakia | national authorities for nature conservation and for monuments conservation | continuously | not specified  |
| 5.11   | Integration of the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage as a strategic element in national sustainable development policies and strategies  |  |   |   |              |  |
| 5.11.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 heritage during conflict</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Shifting perspective of heritage towards its role as a strategic element for sustainable development | Relevant integration of heritage as a strategic element into the future national and regional strategies for sustainable development  | Relevant ministries and self-governing regions                              | continuously | not specified  |
| 7      | Status of Services for the Identification, Protection, Conservation and Presentation of Natural and Cultural Heritage   |  |   |   |              |  |
| 7.3    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is <b>limited cooperation</b> between different levels of government for the identification, protection,</li> </ul>  | Streamlining and intensifying cooperation among the various bodies involved in nature conservation   | Stabilisation of the organisational structure and planning of the activities of the individual bodies of nature conservation  | Ministry of the Environment   | continuously | not specified  |

|      |   |   |   |   |              |               |
|------|---|---|---|---|--------------|---------------|
|      | conservation and presentation of <b>natural heritage</b>  |   |   |   |              |               |
| 7.4  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 <b>natural heritage</b></li> </ul>  | Streamlining and intensifying cooperation of nature conservancy bodies with civil society   | Strengthen personnel capacities and introduce various platforms for mutual communication  | Relevant nature conservancy bodies                                  | continuously | not specified |
| 9    | <b>Capacity Development</b>   |   |   |   |              |               |
| 9.3  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The State Party is <b>using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>for the implementation of capacity building at the national level</b></li> <li>The State Party is <b>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 is <b>using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy to <b>identify capacity building priorities</b></li> <li>The State Party is <b>using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>by fundraising to support capacity building programmes</b></li> <li>The State Party is <b>using</b> the Capacity Building Strategy <b>by raising awareness about the need to conserve and manage cultural and natural heritage</b></li> </ul> | Increase and streamline using the Capacity Building Strategy  | Broaden the scope of institutions applying the strategy   | relevant ministries and academic sector                             | continuously | not specified |
| 9.4  | There is a <b>national strategy</b> for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection, presentation and management but there are some <b>deficiencies in implementation</b>  | Increase the offer of capacity building activities  | Incorporate capacity building activities as an integral component part into work plans and future development plans of relevant nature conservation and monuments conservation authorities  | Ministry of the Environment, Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic | continuously | not specified |
| 11   | <b>International Cooperation</b>  |   |   |   |              |               |
| 11.1 | <p>Forms of international cooperation and cooperation mechanisms for heritage promoted by the State Party since the last Periodic Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation in other UN programmes, including sustainable development</li> </ul>   | cooperation in international expert working groups, crossboundary conservation/educational projects with neighbouring countries, national and international conferences and workshops, national subsidies programme, expert publication | cooperation in international expert working groups, crossboundary conservation/educational projects with neighbouring countries, national and international conferences and workshops, national subsidies programme, expert publication | relevant national authorities and academic sector                   | continuously | not specified |

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|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | <p>programmes and human rights and gender equality programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilateral and multilateral agreements</li> <li>• Sharing expertise to promote equitable participation in heritage mechanisms for communities</li> <li>• Financial support</li> <li>• Hosting and/or attending international training courses/seminars</li> <li>• Distribution of material/information</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|

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*

N/A

#### 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.

Regular workshop for managers of World Cultural Heritage sites focused on current conservation, management and interpretation issues

##### 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              |

#### 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?

Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic - natural heritage Monuments Board of the Slovak Republic - cultural heritage

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

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

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| State Party                  | Good |
| Site Managers                | Fair |
| UNESCO World Heritage Centre | Good |
| Advisory Bodies              | Fair |

##### 15.3. The four Objectives of Periodic Reporting

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

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

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

##### 15.4.1 -

N/A

#### 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   |
| 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               | continuously over several months - uncountable | 14                        |
| 15.6.2.2 | Consulting stakeholders      | repeatedly over several months - uncountable   | 6                         |
| 15.6.2.3 | Filling in the questionnaire | 70   | 3                         |

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

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

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

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

##### 15.6.5 - Please provide details on any additional resources mobilised.

N/A

#### 15.7. Format and Content of the Periodic Reporting Questionnaire

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

Most of the required information was accessible

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

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Using the questionnaire     | fair |
| Understanding the questions | fair |

##### 15.7.3 - Please provide suggestions for improvement

N/A

#### 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)        | Not applicable |
| UNESCO National Commission    | Fair           |
| ICOMOS International          | Not applicable |
| IUCN International            | None           |
| ICCROM International/regional | Not applicable |

|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| ICOMOS national/regional           | Fair           |
| IUCN national/regional             | None           |
| 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**

N/A

15.9. Comments

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

N/A

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