

# Gough and Inaccessible Islands

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage property




Gough and Inaccessible Islands

### 1.2 - World Heritage property details

### 1.3 - Geographic information table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
Gough Island Wildlife Reserve	-40.325 / -9.929	6500	0	6500	1995
Inaccessible Island	-37.3 / -12.683	1400	0	1400	2004
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>7900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7900</b>	

### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Gough Island	1994	
Inaccessible Island	2003	
Gough and Inaccessible Islands	2003	

### Comment

The World Heritage Centre identified in December 2022 that they did not hold an up-to-date clear map which showed the delimitation of the property. We are in the process of producing the requested map in line with the World Heritage Centre's technical requirements, with support from Historic England. It will be submitted for the approval of the World Heritage Committee in advance of 46COM along with others from the UK State Party.

### 1.5 - Web and Social Media data of the property (if applicable)

1. [Gough Island, South Atlantic Ocean](#)
2. [Gough Island](#)
3. [Natural site datasheet from WCMC](#)

### Comment

Remove all links - no longer valid. Replace with: <https://www.tristandc.com/wildworldheritagesite740.php>

## 2. Other Conventions/Programmes under which the World Heritage property is protected (if applicable)

### 2.1 - Records indicate that your World Heritage property (in whole or in part) is designated and/or protected under the Conventions/programmes shown in the prefilled table below. Please check and amend as necessary.

		The World Heritage property (in whole or in part) <u>is</u> designated and/or protected under this convention/programme	The World Heritage property (in whole or in part) <u>is not</u> designated and/or protected under this convention/programme
2.1.1	<b>International Register of Cultural Property under Special Protection</b> (1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict)		×
2.1.2	<b>List of Cultural Property under Enhanced Protection</b> (Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict)		×
2.1.3	<b>The List of Wetlands of International Importance (The Ramsar List)</b> (Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention))	×	
2.1.4	<b>World Network of Biosphere Reserves</b> Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme		×
2.1.5	<b>Global Geoparks Network</b> UNESCO Global Geoparks		×

## 2.2 - Please provide comments on 2.1 if necessary

Details of Gough Island Ramsar Site: <https://rsis.ramsar.org/ris/1868?language=en> and Inaccessible Island Ramsar Site: <https://rsis.ramsar.org/ris/1869?language=en>

## 2.3 - Do your national authorities intend to request the granting of Enhanced Protection (if relevant) under the Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict for the World Heritage property in the next three years?

No

## 2.4 - Do your national authorities intend to designate whole or part of the World Heritage property for inclusion in the List of Wetlands of International Importance (The Ramsar List), if relevant, in the next three years?

No

## 2.5 - Do your national authorities intend to designate whole or part of the World Heritage property as a Man and Biosphere Reserve (if relevant) in the next three years?

No

## 2.6 - Do your national authorities intend to apply for whole or part of World Heritage property to be designated as a UNESCO Global Geopark (if relevant) in the next three years?

No

## 2.7 - Please indicate the level of cooperation at property level between designations under different Conventions/Programmes

2.7.1	1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict	
2.7.1	There is <b>no contact</b> with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	✕
2.7.2	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>occasionally</b> communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.3	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>regularly</b> communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.4	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>also manages</b> this designation/programme.	
2.7.2	Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict	
2.7.1	There is <b>no contact</b> with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	✕
2.7.2	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>occasionally</b> communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.3	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>regularly</b> communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.4	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>also manages</b> this designation/programme.	
2.7.3	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention)	
2.7.1	There is <b>no contact</b> with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.2	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>occasionally</b> communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	✕
2.7.3	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>regularly</b> communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.4	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>also manages</b> this designation/programme.	
2.7.4	Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme	
2.7.1	There is <b>no contact</b> with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	✕
2.7.2	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>occasionally</b> communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.3	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>regularly</b> communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.4	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>also manages</b> this designation/programme.	
2.7.5	UNESCO Global Geoparks	
2.7.1	There is <b>no contact</b> with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	✕
2.7.2	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>occasionally</b> communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.3	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>regularly</b> communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.4	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>also manages</b> this designation/programme.	

## 2.8 - Please add any further comments on cooperation with the other designation(s)/programme(s)

## 2.9 - Are you aware of any elements associated with the World Heritage property that have been inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage?

No

## 2.10 - Please list any elements associated with the World Heritage property inscribed under the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of which you are aware

## 2.11 - Are you aware of any documentary heritage listed under the Memory of the World Programme associated with the World Heritage property?

No

## 2.12 - Please list any documentary heritage associated with the World Heritage property listed under the Memory of the World Programme of which you are aware.

## 3. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

### 3.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for the property as adopted by the World Heritage Committee

#### Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

##### Brief synthesis

Gough and Inaccessible Islands are two extraordinary uninhabited oceanic islands that have remained relatively undisturbed, and are therefore of special conservation significance. Gough Island is one of the largest cool-temperate oceanic islands in the world that remains close to pristine, having been spared most introductions of invasive species that have decimated unique island biodiversity elsewhere. While Inaccessible Island is smaller, it is of no lesser significance, housing a number of species endemic to this tiny speck in the South Atlantic Ocean.

The spectacular cliffs of each island, towering above the ocean, host some of the most important seabird colonies in the world. These include albatrosses, petrels, and penguins, reliant on the rich marine life surrounding them. Gough Island is home to two endemic species of land birds as well as twelve endemic plant species. Inaccessible Island also boasts three endemic subspecies and one endemic species of land bird – the Inaccessible Rail, which is the smallest flightless bird in the world –, and some eight endemic plant species. This island is also the only place where the Spectacled Petrel breeds, while the Atlantic Petrel and the Tristan Albatross are almost entirely restricted to breeding on Gough. The islands' undisturbed nature makes them particularly valuable for biological research.

**Criterion (vii):** Two eroded remnants of long-extinct volcanos, Gough and Inaccessible Islands display outstanding natural beauty. Their precipitous cliffs around much of the coastline, covered with breeding seabirds, are highly spectacular.

**Criterion (x):** Gough and Inaccessible Island represent two of the least disturbed cool-temperate island ecosystems in the South Atlantic Ocean, and are internationally important for their colonies of some 22 species of seabirds, several of which only breed here. They also support a number of endemic species and subspecies of land birds, including the Gough Moorhen (a flightless rail) and the Gough Bunting, both endemic to Gough, and the Inaccessible Rail, the smallest flightless bird in the world, endemic to Inaccessible Island. This island forms part of the Tristan Endemic Bird Area, and Gough has been designated as its own Endemic Bird Area by BirdLife International. Key seabird species include the Atlantic Petrel, Spectacled Petrel, Tristan Albatross, Sooty Albatross, the subspecies of Yellow-nosed Albatross, and the Northern Rockhopper Penguin. The islands also support some 40 plant species (including vascular plants, bryophytes and lichens), which are endemic to the Tristan da Cunha island group, including a number of which are endemic to Gough and/or Inaccessible Islands.

##### Integrity

Gough and Inaccessible Islands are one of the most pristine environments left on earth. These remote South Atlantic islands, surrounded by protected marine areas of 12 nautical miles, are home to unique assemblages of plants and animals effectively isolated from the rest of the world by 2,000 nautical miles of open ocean and some of the world's fiercest weather.

Inaccessible Island is one of the few oceanic islands with no introduced mammals, whereas Gough has introduced House Mice, significant predators of seabird chicks, and will, if uncontrolled, gradually reduce the biological value of the site. *Sagina procumbens*, an aggressive alien plant accidentally introduced during the 1990s, and a few other introduced plant species such as New Zealand Flax, could also degrade the integrity of the property if current control measures prove inadequate. However, the virtually undisturbed condition of Gough and Inaccessible Islands makes them particularly valuable for conservation and biological research. The islands are strictly managed as a Wildlife Reserve, IUCN Protected Area category 1, with research and weather monitoring the only activities permitted.

##### Protection and management requirements

Tristan da Cunha (including Gough and Inaccessible Islands) is a United Kingdom Overseas Territory forming part of the UK Overseas Territory of St Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha, and is administered by a UK-appointed representative, with support from an elected Island Council. The management authority is the Tristan Conservation Department, which employs permanent staff members supported by casual workers and the Tristan "Darwin team". The Tristan da Cunha Environment Charter outlines the environmental management commitments of the UK Government and the Government of Tristan da Cunha, and serves as a framework policy to guide the development of management policies and plans.

The Conservation of Native Organisms and Natural Habitats (Tristan da Cunha) Ordinance 2006 gives statutory force to the general protection of the property, which is classified as a Nature Reserve. This provides strict protection to all native organisms and makes it an offence to transport any native organisms between islands or to introduce any non-native organisms. In parallel to this, the Tristan da Cunha Fisheries Limits Ordinance 1983 provides for the control of commercial fishing activity within the Tristan da Cunha exclusive economic zone, up to 200 nautical miles offshore from the islands.

The Gough and Inaccessible Islands World Heritage Site Management Plan focuses on identifying priority actions for the conservation of the property over a five year period, and does not supersede the two existing Management Plans for Gough and Inaccessible Islands. The Tristan da Cunha government has also developed a Biodiversity Action Plan that relates closely to the World Heritage Site Management Plan but covers the entire island group and its seas. A detailed operating/conduct code developed by the Tristan Government provides guidelines on best practice to be observed by visitors and managers of the two islands. Separate zoning strategies for Gough and Inaccessible Islands have been developed. On Gough, there are Logistic, Marine, Scientific research, and Conservation zones; on Inaccessible there are Accommodation, Natural, Wilderness, and Marine zones. Within these various areas, defined in detail in the respective Management Plans, certain activities are constrained or allowed. A single zoning strategy is needed covering the whole World Heritage property, including the marine area.

The UK is a State Party to the Ramsar and Bonn Conventions; the UN Convention on Biological Diversity; and the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses

and Petrels (ACAP). These conventions provide international obligations for the conservation of albatrosses and petrels, including the protection of important habitats and species. By agreement with the Tristan da Cunha government, these international conventions have been extended to cover Tristan da Cunha, and therefore the Tristan Government is obliged to fulfil their requirements locally.

In common with many island ecosystems around the world, alien invasive species are the most important immediate threat to the ecology of Gough and Inaccessible Islands. House Mice were introduced to Gough Island in the 19th century, and are known to have adverse impacts on both terrestrial and marine birds on Gough. In partnership with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, a mouse eradication programme as well as programmes to control or eliminate invasive plant species including *Sagina procumbens* and New Zealand Flax, are underway. Protocols are in place to ensure that no new introductions occur.

Comment

There are a number of factual updates to the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value that can be provided separately.

3.2 - Please list the key attributes of Outstanding Universal Value of your property and give an assessment of their condition. As a guideline, it is suggested to focus on approximately five key attributes (no more than 15 overall).

	Brief identification of attribute	Preserved	Compromised	Seriously compromised	Lost
3.2.1	Seabird colonies		×		
3.2.2	Endemic plant species		×		
3.2.3	Undisturbed pristine environment		×		
3.2.4					
3.2.5					
3.2.6					
3.2.7					
3.2.8					
3.2.9					
3.2.10					
3.2.11					
3.2.12					
3.2.13					
3.2.14					
3.2.15					

3.3 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

See state of conservation report submitted by the State Party in 2022.

4. Factors Affecting the Property

4.1. Buildings and Development

4.1.1 - Housing

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

×

Not relevant

4.1.2 - Commercial development

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

×

Not relevant

4.1.3 - Industrial areas

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

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Not relevant

4.1.4 - Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

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Not relevant

#### 4.1.5 - Interpretative and visitation facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

**4.1.6 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.1 are affecting the property either negatively or positively**

#### 4.2. Transportation Infrastructure

##### 4.2.1 - Ground transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.2.2 - Underground transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.2.3 - Air transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.2.4 - Marine transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.2.5 - Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

**4.2.6 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.2 are affecting the property either negatively or positively**

#### 4.3. Services Infrastructures

##### 4.3.1 - Water infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.3.2 - Renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.3.3 - Non-renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.3.4 - Localised utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.3.5 - Major linear utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

**4.3.6 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.3 are affecting the property either negatively or positively**

#### 4.4. Pollution

##### 4.4.1 - Pollution of marine waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Outside

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.4.2 - Ground water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.4.3 - Surface water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.4.4 - Air pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.4.5 - Solid waste

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.4.6 - Input of excess energy

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

**4.4.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.4 are affecting the property either negatively or positively**

#### 4.5. Biological resource use/modification

##### 4.5.1 - Fishing/collecting aquatic resources

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Outside

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.5.2 - Aquaculture

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.5.3 - Land conversion

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.5.4 - Livestock farming/Grazing of domesticated animals

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.5.5 - Crop production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.5.6 - Commercial wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.5.7 - Subsistence wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.5.8 - Commercial hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.5.9 - Subsistence hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.5.10 - Forestry/Wood production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.5.11 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.5 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

### 4.6. Physical resource extraction

#### 4.6.1 - Mining

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.6.2 - Quarrying

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.6.3 - Oil and gas

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.6.4 - Water (extraction)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.6.5 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.6 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

4.7. Local conditions affecting physical fabric

4.7.1 - Wind

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.7.2 - Relative humidity

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.7.3 - Temperature

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.7.4 - Radiation/Light

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.7.5 - Dust

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.7.6 - Water (rain/water table)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.7.7 - Pests

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

✕ Relevant		Not relevant					
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive							
 Negative ✕	✕		✕				

4.7.8 - Micro-organisms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.7.9 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.7 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

See state of conservation report submitted by the State Party in 2022.

4.8. Social/Cultural uses of heritage

4.8.1 - Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.8.2 - Society's valuing of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.8.3 - Indigenous hunting, gathering and collecting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.8.4 - Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.8.5 - Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.8.6 - Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.8.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.8 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

#### 4.9. Other human activities

##### 4.9.1 - Illegal activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Outside

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.9.2 - Deliberate destruction of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.9.3 - Military training

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.9.4 - War

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.9.5 - Terrorism

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

##### 4.9.6 - Civil unrest

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

**4.9.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.9 are affecting the property either negatively or positively**

**4.10. Climate change and severe weather events**

**4.10.1 - Storms**

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.10.2 - Flooding**

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.10.3 - Drought**

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.10.4 - Desertification**

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.10.5 - Changes to oceanic waters**

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Outside

✕ Relevant	Not relevant						
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	Decreasing	Stable	Increasing
Positive							
Negative ✕		✕		✕		→	

**4.10.6 - Temperature change**

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.10.7 - Other climate change impacts**

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Outside

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.10.8 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.10 are affecting the property either negatively or positively**

Changes in water level/acidity/temperature might have impact on fish which provide the food source for the seabirds, thus causing further damage to their numbers.

**4.11. Sudden ecological or geological events**

**4.11.1 - Volcanic eruption**

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.11.2 - Earthquake**

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.11.3 - Tsunami/Tidal wave

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.11.4 - Avalanche/Landslide

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.11.5 - Erosion and siltation/Deposition

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.11.6 - Fire (wildfire)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

**4.11.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.11 are affecting the property either negatively or positively**

#### 4.12. Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species

##### 4.12.1 - Translocated species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant








##### 4.12.2 - Invasive/Alien terrestrial species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Relevant, Negative, Current, Inside, Outside

✕ Relevant

Not relevant

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive							
 Negative ✕	✕		✕				

##### 4.12.3 - Invasive/Alien freshwater species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant











##### 4.12.4 - Invasive/Alien marine species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Outside

✕ Relevant

Not relevant

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive							
 Negative ✕		✕		✕			

##### 4.12.5 - Hyper-abundant species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.12.6 - Modified genetic material

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.12.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.12 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

See state of conservation report submitted by the State Party in 2022. Regarding alien marine species, the silver porgy fish has become established around Inaccessible Island since 2006. If numbers become significant they could impact the lobster population by impacting the food chain.

### 4.13. Management and institutional factors

#### 4.13.1 - Management system/Management plan

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.13.2 - Legal framework

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.13.3 - Governance

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.13.4 - Management activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.13.5 - Financial resources

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.13.6 - Human resources

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.13.7 - Low impact research/monitoring activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Outside

✕ Relevant	Not relevant						
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive ✕	✕		✕			→	
 Negative							

#### 4.13.8 - High impact research/monitoring activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (16/07/2013):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.13.9 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.13 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

Research projects contribute to the greater understanding of the specific plant / wildlife subjects.



















### 4.14. Other factor(s)

#### 4.14.1 - Other factor(s)

### 4.15. Factors Summary Table

#### 4.15.1 - Factors Summary Table

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric			

4.7.7 Pests						
						
4.10 Climate change and severe weather events						
4.10.5 Changes to oceanic waters						
						
4.12 Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species						
4.12.2 Invasive/Alien terrestrial species						
						
4.12.4 Invasive/Alien marine species						
						
4.13 Management and institutional factors						
4.13.7 Low impact research/monitoring activities						
Legend	 Current	 Potential	 Negative	 Positive	 Inside	 Outside

## 4.16. Assessment of current and potential positive and negative factors

### 4.16.1 - Assessment of current and potential negative and positive factors

#### 4.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric

Name		Impact		Origin		Trend	
4.7.7 Pests							
Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor							
	Restricted						
	Localised						
✕	Extensive						
	Widespread						
Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact							
	One off or rare						
	Intermittent or sporadic						
	Frequent						
✕	On-going						
Impact - Impact on the attributes							
	Insignificant						
	Minor						
✕	Significant						
	Major						
Management response - Capacity of management to respond							
	High capacity						
✕	Medium capacity						
	Low capacity						
	No capacity and / or resources						

Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing

#### 4.10 Climate change and severe weather events

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.10.5 Changes to oceanic waters						
	⊖		📢		🔄	➡

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
✕	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact	
✕	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
	On-going

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
✕	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
✕	No capacity and / or resources




Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
✕	Static
	Increasing

#### 4.12 Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.12.2 Invasive/Alien terrestrial species						
	⊖	📢		🔄		➡

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
	Restricted
✕	Localised




	Extensive
	Widespread
<b>Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact</b>	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
✕	On-going
<b>Impact - Impact on the attributes</b>	
	Insignificant
✕	Minor
	Significant
	Major
<b>Management response - Capacity of management to respond</b>	
	High capacity
✕	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
<b>Trend - Development over the last 6 years</b>	
	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.12.4 Invasive/Alien marine species						
						

<b>Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor</b>	
	Restricted
✕	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread
<b>Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact</b>	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
✕	On-going
<b>Impact - Impact on the attributes</b>	
✕	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major
<b>Management response - Capacity of management to respond</b>	
	High capacity

	Medium capacity
✕	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
<b>Trend - Development over the last 6 years</b>	
	Decreasing
✕	Static
	Increasing

#### 4.13 Management and institutional factors

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.7 Low impact research/monitoring activities						

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
	Restricted
✕	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread
Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
✕	Frequent
	On-going
Impact - Impact on the attributes	
✕	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major
Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
✕	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
✕	Static
	Increasing

#### 4.17. Serial inscriptions (national or transnational)

**4.17.1 - If your property is a serial inscription (national or transnational) please identify which components of the property are impacted by each factor**

#### 4.18. Prediction of the state of conservation at next cycle of Periodic Reporting.

**4.18.1 - Please predict what the state of conservation of each attribute will be approximately 6 years from now (at the time of the next cycle of Periodic Reporting)**



	Attribute	Preserved	Compromised	Seriously compromised	Lost
4.18.1.1	Seabird colonies		×		
4.18.1.2	Endemic plant species		×		
4.18.1.3	Undisturbed pristine environment		×		
4.18.1.4					
4.18.1.5					

## 5. Protection and Management of the Property

### 5.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

#### 5.1.1 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries are **adequate to maintain** the property's Outstanding Universal Value

#### 5.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known and recognised?

The boundaries **are known by both** the management authority and local communities/landowners

#### 5.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The property has **no buffer zone** and **does not need one**

#### 5.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the buffer zones known and recognised?

The property has **no known and recognised** buffer zone

#### 5.1.5 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

### 5.2. Protective Measures

#### 5.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and/or traditional).

The entire site is a legally-declared nature reserve, with IUCN strict category 1 status. The island part of the reserve is zoned, with most of the area set aside as a wilderness zone, with strict limits on allowable activities. Most human activities are confined to a small logistics zone with strict limits on allowable activities. Most human activities are confined to a small logistics zone surrounding the meteorological station.

Strict Nature Reserve (no tourism allowed on the island, but vessels are allowed to visit the marine portion of the reserve).

Source: Section II questionnaire

#### 5.2.2 - Please list any legislation and other measures (regulatory -including spatial planning- contractual, institutional or traditional) not included in 5.2.1 and indicate the category

2017 / Laws of Tristan da Cunha /  
<https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislation/laws-of-tristan-da-cunha/>

1983 / Fishery Limits (Licensing of Fishing) (Tristan da Cunha) Order /  
<https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Fishery-Limits-TdC-Ord-Updated-100821.pdf>

2006 / Conservation of Native Organisms and Natural Habitats (Tristan da Cunha) Ordinance /  
<https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Conservation-etc.-TdC-Ordinance.pdf>

2020 / Control of Trade in Endangered Species Ordinance /  
<https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Control-of-Trade-in-Endangered-Species-Ordinance-070720.pdf>

2021 / Marine Protection Tristan Da Cunha Ordinance /  
<https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Marine-Protection-Tristan-da-Cunha-Ordinance-2021.pdf>

2021 / Biosecurity Ordinance /  
<https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Biosecurity-Ordinance.pdf>

#### 5.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation including spatial planning) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and/or Authenticity of the property?

The **legal framework** for maintaining of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides an **adequate basis for effective management and protection**

#### 5.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and/or Authenticity of the property?

The property has **no buffer zone**

#### 5.2.5 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation) in the broader setting of the World Heritage property adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and/or Authenticity of the property?

The **legal framework** for the broader setting of the World Heritage property provides an **adequate basis** for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity

#### 5.2.6 - Can the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation) be enforced?

There is **adequate capacity/resources** to enforce legislation and/or regulation in the World Heritage property

5.2.7 - Please provide a short summary of how the legislation, including spatial planning and other regulation, works in practice

5.2.8 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations about the information related to the measures taken to protect the World Heritage property

5.3. Management System/Management Plan

5.3.1 - Please check the box which most closely match the character of the governance and management system of the property

Public management system joint national/ local




If 'Other', please specify

5.3.2 - Management System: Please indicate which of the various management tools listed below are used to help protect the property.

A management plan
A visitor/visitation management plan
An environmental management framework
An assessment of biological and cultural diversity and ecosystem services provided by the property

5.3.3 - Please give a brief description of the management system currently in place at your property

5.3.4 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Management Plan for the Gough Island Wildlife Reserve	N/A	Available	1994	
Inaccessible Island Nature Reserve Management Plan	N/A	Available	2001	
Management Plan 2015-2020 for Gough and Inaccessible Islands	N/A	Available	2015	

Comment

Missing link for the Management Plan for the Gough Island Wildlife Reserve  
[https://alp.lib.sun.ac.za/bitstream/handle/123456789/2361/dpw\\_management\\_plan\\_for\\_the\\_gough\\_island\\_wildlife\\_reserve\\_1994.pdf?sequence=4&isAllowed=y](https://alp.lib.sun.ac.za/bitstream/handle/123456789/2361/dpw_management_plan_for_the_gough_island_wildlife_reserve_1994.pdf?sequence=4&isAllowed=y)

5.3.5 - Has any use been made of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape in developing policies and best practices for the protection of this property?

The 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape is **not relevant** to this property

5.3.6 - If the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation has been used at this property, please describe briefly what has been done.

5.3.7 - Has any use been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property?

**No use** has been made of the World Heritage Policy for Climate Change

5.3.8 - If the Climate Change policy has been used, please briefly describe what has been done along with any research on the impacts of Climate Change on the property:

5.3.9 - Has any use been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property ?

**No use** has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties

5.3.10 - If the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties has been used, please briefly describe what has been done

5.3.11 - Rate the coordination between the various levels of administration (i.e. national/federal; regional/provincial/state; local/municipal etc.) involved in the management of the World Heritage property

There is **adequate coordination** between all bodies/levels involved in the management of the property

5.3.12 - Is the management system/plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The management system/plan is **fully adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

5.3.13 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is being **fully implemented and monitored**

5.3.14 - Is there an annual work/action plan and is it being implemented?

An annual work/action plan **exists** and all of its activities are being implemented and monitored

5.3.15 - Does the management system include formal mechanisms and procedures that ensure participation and contribution of the following groups, living within or near the World Heritage property and/or buffer zone in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value of the property?

		Not applicable	No mechanisms for participation	Some participation	Direct participation	Transformative participation in all relevant decision processes
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5.3.15.1	Local communities				×	
5.3.15.2	Local authorities				×	
5.3.15.3	Landowners in the property and the buffer zone	×				
5.3.15.4	Indigenous peoples				×	
5.3.15.5	Women				×	
5.3.15.6	Other specific groups	×				
	If you selected, 'Other specific groups' please specify					

**5.3.16 - Please rate the cooperation/relationship between the World Heritage property managers/coordinators/staff and the following groups**

		Not applicable	Non-existent	Poor	Fair	Good
5.3.16.1	Local communities					×
5.3.16.2	Local/Municipal authorities					×
5.3.16.3	Indigenous peoples					×
5.3.16.4	Landowners	×				
5.3.16.5	Women					×
5.3.16.6	Youth/Children					×
5.3.16.7	Researchers					×
5.3.16.8	Local Visitors/Tourists					×
5.3.16.9	National/International tourists					×
5.3.16.10	Tourism Industry					×
5.3.16.11	Local businesses and industries					×
5.3.16.12	NGOs					×
5.3.16.13	Other specific groups	×				
	If you selected 'Other specific groups', please specify					

**5.3.17 - Please rate the extent to which the management system of your property contributes towards achieving the objectives of the World Heritage Committee's Policy for the Integration of a Sustainable Development Perspective into the Processes of the *World Heritage Convention***

		Not applicable	No contribution	Limited	Significant	Full achievement
5.3.17.1	The management system of the property contributes to gender equality	×				
5.3.17.2	The management system of the property provides ecosystem services/benefits to the local community (e.g. fresh air, water, food, medicinal plants)	×				
5.3.17.3	The management system of the property contributes to social inclusion and equity, improving opportunities for all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status	×				
5.3.17.4	The management system of the property integrates a human rights-based approach	×				
5.3.17.5	The management system of the property contributes to fostering inclusive local economic development, and to enhancing livelihood	×				
5.3.17.6	The management system of the property contributes to conflict prevention, including respect for cultural diversity within and around the World Heritage property	×				

**5.3.18 - Please provide further details on the ratings of the management system given in the table above**

Gough and Inaccessible Islands are uninhabited, so much of this is not applicable.

**5.3.19 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to the management system/plan**

**6. Financial and Human Resources**

**6.1. Funding**

**6.1.1 - If your funding sources do not exactly fit those shown, put the relevant amounts against the funding type that most closely represents your situation, and use the comment box below to provide more details.**

		Project costs	Running costs
6.1.1.1	Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc.)	%	%
6.1.1.2	Bilateral international funding	%	%
6.1.1.3	World Heritage Fund (International Assistance)	%	%
6.1.1.4	Contribution from other conventions and programmes	%	%
6.1.1.5	International donations (NGOs, foundations, etc.)	%	%
6.1.1.6	Governmental (national/federal)	50 %	50 %
6.1.1.7	Governmental (regional/provincial/state)	%	%
6.1.1.8	Governmental (local/municipal)	%	%
6.1.1.9	In-country donations (NGOs, foundations, etc.)	50 %	50 %
6.1.1.10	Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, toilets, parking, camping fees, etc.)	%	%
6.1.1.11	Commercial activities (e.g. merchandising and catering, filming permit, concessions, etc.)	%	%
6.1.1.12	Other	%	%
		Total 100 %	Total 100 %

**6.1.2 - Please comment here on any other aspects of funding sources not covered in the table above**

Indicative figures - NGO funding varies relating to project work.

**6.1.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?**

The available **budget is adequate** for effective management of the World Heritage property

**6.1.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?**

The existing sources of funding are **secure over both the medium- and long-term**

**6.1.5 - Comments, conclusion, and/or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure**

**6.1.6 - Estimate the distribution of men and women involved in the management, conservation, interpretation of the World Heritage properties and the extent to which they are drawn from local communities.**

		From local communities %	From elsewhere %
6.1.6.1	Men	50 %	50 %
6.1.6.2	Women	50 %	50 %
		Total 100 %	Total 100 %

**6.1.7 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?**

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

**6.1.8 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines**

Conservation	Good
Environmental sustainability	Good
Community participation and inclusion	Good
Risk preparedness	Good
Capacity development and education	Good
Administration	Good
Research and monitoring	Good
Awareness raising and public information/communication	Good
Marketing and promotion	Good
Interpretation	Good
Visitor management/tourism	Good
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

**6.1.9 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines**

Conservation	Good
Environmental sustainability	Good
Community participation and inclusion	Good
Risk preparedness	Good
Capacity development and education	Good
Administration	Good
Research and monitoring	Good
Awareness raising and public information/communication	Good
Marketing and promotion	Good
Interpretation	Good
Visitor management/tourism	Good
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

**6.1.10 - Has any use been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Building at the property?**

No use has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Building

**6.1.11 - If the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Building has been used, please briefly describe what has been done.**

**6.1.12 - Are there site-specific capacity building plans or programmes that develop local expertise and that contribute to the transfer of skills for the conservation and management of the World Heritage property?**

A site-based capacity building plan or programme is in place and partially implemented; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, but most technical work is carried out by external staff

**6.1.13 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training**

**7. Scientific Studies and Research Projects**

**7.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values and attributes of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?**

Knowledge about the values and attributes of the World Heritage property is adequate

**7.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and/or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?**

There is considerable research but it is not directed towards management needs and/or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

**7.3 - Are results from research programmes publicly available and disseminated?**

Research results are shared with local communities and some national agencies

**7.4 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to scientific studies and research projects**

**8. Education, Information and Awareness Building**

**8.1 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups**

Local communities	Good
Local/municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Good
Landowners	Not applicable
Women	Good
Youth/children	Good
Researchers	Good
Local visitors	Good
National/international tourists	Good
Tourism industry	Good

Local businesses and industries	Good
NGOs	Good
Other specific groups	Not applicable
If you selected 'Other specific groups', please describe	

**8.2 - Does the property have a heritage education programme(s) for children and/or youth, that can contribute to a better understanding of heritage, promote diversity and foster intercultural dialogue?**

There is a **limited and ad hoc** education and awareness programme for children and/or youth

**8.3 - Who are the target audiences for education and awareness programmes at your property?**

Local communities
Local/municipal authorities
Indigenous peoples
Women
Youth/children
Researchers
Local Visitors
National/international tourists
Tourism industry
Local businesses and industries
NGOs

**8.4 - Please rate the adequacy of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property for education, information, interpretation and awareness building**

Visitor centre	Not needed
Site museum	Not needed
Information booths	Not needed
Guided tours	Not needed
Trails/routes	Not needed
Printed information materials	Not needed
Online (website, social media, etc.)	Fair
Transportation facilities	Good
Other	Not needed
If 'Other' is selected, please specify	

**8.5 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to education, information and awareness building**

**9. Visitor Management**

**9.1 - Please provide estimated annual visitor numbers (including national and international visitors) since the last Periodic Report**

<500 / <500 / <500 / <500 / <500 /
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**9.2 - What information sources are used to collect visitor statistics?**

Transportation services
Tourism industry

**9.3 - What is the average length stay of a visitor to the World Heritage property?**

One to three hours

**9.4 - Please provide the source of information**

**9.5 - What is the approximate average daily visitor expenditure? (Please provide an estimated monetary figure in USD)**

0 / 0 / 400 / 0 / 0 / 0 /
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9.6 - Please provide the source of information

9.7 - Does the management system/plan for the World Heritage property include a strategy with an action plan to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived economic, socio-cultural and environmental impacts?

There is a planned and **effective strategy** to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived impacts on the World Heritage property

9.8 - Please provide any comments relating to the answer provided above in question 9.7

Tourist landings on Gough Island are prohibited.

9.9 - Is visitor use effectively managed to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value of the property?

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **effectively managed** and **does not impact its Outstanding Universal Value**

9.10 - Is the effectiveness of tourism management regularly monitored?

No

If a different system, please specify

9.11 - How does the tourism industry cooperate with the site management to improve visitor experiences and maintain the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage property?

There is **good cooperation** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry **to present the Outstanding Universal Value and increase appreciation**

9.12 - How well is the information on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property **is adequately presented and interpreted**

9.13 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?

**Not displayed at all**

9.14 - How does visitor/tourism revenue (e.g. entry charges, permits) contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?

**No fees** are collected

9.15 - Are there locally driven sustainable tourism initiatives?

Not applicable

If 'Yes', please specify

9.16 - Are the benefits of tourism shared with local communities?

Not applicable

If 'Yes', please specify

9.17 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to visitation/tourism/public use of the World Heritage property

10. Monitoring

10.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property directed towards management needs and/or towards improving the understanding of the Outstanding Universal Value?

There is a **comprehensive, integrated programme of monitoring**, which is relevant to management needs and/or improving understanding of the Outstanding Universal Value

10.2 - Is necessary information available in order to define key indicators for measuring the state of conservation and are they used in monitoring how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is being maintained?

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient to define key indicators**, but **this has not been done**

10.3 - Are key indicators defined and in place for the following principal aspects of the property?

	Extend of indicators	Not applicable	No indicators	Indicators have been defined but are not yet in use	Indicators are in place and in use since the last Periodic Reporting cycle
10.3.1	State of conservation		✗		
10.3.2	Effectiveness of the management system		✗		
10.3.3	Character of governance		✗		
10.3.4	Appropriate synergy with other conservation designations		✗		
10.3.5	Contribution to sustainable development	✗			
10.3.6	Capacity development		✗		

10.4 - Please provide information on relevant key indicators adopted at the property

10.5 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups:

World Heritage managers/coordinators and staff	Good
Local/municipal authorities	Good
Local communities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Good
Landowners	Not applicable
Women	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Local businesses and industry	Good
NGOs	Good
Other specific groups	Not applicable
If you selected 'Other specific groups', please specify	

#### 10.6 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?

Implementation is underway

#### 10.7 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee.

See state of conservation report submitted by the State Party in 2022.

#### 10.8 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to Monitoring

### 11. Identification of Priority Management Needs

#### 11.1 - Identification of Priority Management Needs

5.1	Boundaries and Buffer Zones	
5.1.3	The property has <b>no buffer zone</b>	✕
5.1.4	The property has <b>no known and recognised buffer zone</b>	✕
5.2	Protective Measures	
5.2.4	The property has <b>no buffer zone</b>	✕
5.3	Management System/Management Plan	
5.3.7	<b>No use</b> has been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property	✕
5.3.9	<b>No use</b> has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	✕
6.1	Funding	
6.1.10	<b>No use</b> has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	✕
6.1.12	<b>A site-based</b> capacity building plan or programme is in place and partially implemented; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, <b>but most technical work is carried out by external staff</b>	✕
7	Scientific Studies and Research Projects	
7.2	There is <b>considerable research</b> in the World Heritage property but it is <b>not directed towards management needs and/or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value</b>	✕
8	Education, Information and Awareness Building	
8.2	There is a <b>limited and ad hoc education</b> and awareness programme for children and/or youth	✕
10	Monitoring	
10.2	Information on the values of the World Heritage property is <b>sufficient to define key indicators, but this has not been done</b>	✕

Please select 0 more issues.

☒ Please save this question to reflect changes



## 12. Summary and Conclusions

### 12.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

#### 12.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

4.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
4.7.7	Pests	Criteria vii and x. Seabird colonies.	House mouse eradication programme.	Ongoing monitoring of the house mice population.	Ongoing.	Partnership led by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (UK-based NGO) and the Government of Tristan da Cunha, alongside the UK Government, the Government of South Africa, and six additional non-governmental organisations.	See state of conservation report submitted by the State Party in 2022 for further detail.
4.10	Climate change and severe weather events						
4.10.5	Changes to oceanic waters	Criteria vii and x. Seabird colonies.	No actions.	Continuing monitoring of seabird populations.	Ongoing.	Government of Tristan da Cunha.	N/A
4.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species						
4.12.2	Invasive/Alien terrestrial species	Criteria vii and x. Endemic plant species and undisturbed pristine environment.	Experts have determined its eradication is no longer possible, hence a containment operation is now being implemented, with on-island biosecurity measures in place to prevent its further spread around the island.	Ongoing monitoring.	Ongoing.	Government of Tristan da Cunha.	See state of conservation report submitted by the State Party in 2022 for further detail.
4.12.4	Invasive/Alien marine species	Criteria vii and x. Seabird colonies.	No actions.	The population of the silver porgy is regularly monitored.	Ongoing.	Government of Tristan da Cunha.	None.

Summary - Factors affecting the Property **completed**

### 12.2. Summary - Management Needs

#### 12.2.1 - Summary - Management Needs

5.1		Boundaries and Buffer Zones				
		Actions	Timeframe		Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
5.1.3		The property has <b>no buffer zone</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5.1.4		The property has <b>no known and recognised buffer zone</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5.2		Protective Measures				
5.2.4		The property has <b>no buffer zone</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5.3		Management System/Management Plan				
5.3.7		No use has been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property	We will consider how best to use the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties going forward.	Ongoing	All stakeholders involved in managing the property	N/A

5.3.9	No use has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	We do not consider the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties relevant for this property.	N/A	N/A	N/A
6.1	Funding				
6.1.10	No use has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	We do not consider the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development relevant for this property.	N/A	N/A	N/A
6.1.12	A site-based capacity building plan or programme is in place and partially implemented; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, but most technical work is carried out by external staff	The property is uninhabited, so any technical work must be carried out by external staff.	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	Scientific Studies and Research Projects				
7.2	There is <b>considerable research</b> in the World Heritage property but it is <b>not directed towards management needs and/or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value</b>	We will consider whether it is appropriate to focus research on management needs and/or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value going forward.	Ongoing	All stakeholders involved in managing the property	N/A
8	Education, Information and Awareness Building				
8.2	There is a <b>limited and ad hoc education</b> and awareness programme for children and/or youth	There is high existing awareness of World Heritage status and OUV. Further ad hoc education is provided in schools to share findings of research projects.	N/A	Government of Tristan da Cunha.	N/A
10	Monitoring				
10.2	Information on the values of the World Heritage property is <b>sufficient to define key indicators, but this has not been done</b>	Establishing of key indicators is not relevant for this property.	N/A	N/A	N/A

### 12.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

#### 12.3.1 - Following the analysis undertaken for this report, what is the current state of Authenticity of the World Heritage property?

**Not applicable** (sites inscribed exclusively under criteria vii to x (natural World Heritage properties))

#### 12.3.2 - Following the analysis undertaken for this report, what is the current state of Integrity of the World Heritage property?

The Integrity of the World Heritage property **has been compromised** by factors described in this report

#### 12.3.3 - Following the analysis undertaken for this report, what is the current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value **has been impacted** by factors described in this report, but this situation is being addressed through effective management actions.

#### 12.3.4 - What is the current state of the property's other values?

Other important cultural and/or natural values are being **partially degraded** but the state of conservation of the World Heritage property has **not been significantly impacted**

#### 12.3.5 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to the state of conservation of the property.

See state of conservation report submitted by the State Party in 2022.

### 13. Impact of World Heritage Status

#### 13.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

Conservation	Positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	No impact
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	No impact
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal/Policy framework	Positive
Advocacy	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	No impact
Gender equality	No impact
Provision of ecosystem services/ benefits to local communities	No impact
Social inclusion and equity, and improvement of opportunities for all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, origin, religion, or economic or other status	No impact
Fostering inclusive local economic development and enhancing livelihood	No impact
Contributing to conflict prevention, including respect for cultural diversity within and around heritage properties	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
If 'Other', please specify	

#### 13.2 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to World Heritage status and its impacts

### 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 property level

The mice eradication programme led by the RSPB aims to remove the threat to the property's native species of seabirds, with key findings and lessons learned widely shared to inform other similar projects around the world. There is a dedicated website for the programme on Gough Island where regular blog posts and newsletters are publicly available: <https://www.goughisland.com/>

#### 14.2 - Define which topics are covered by this example of best practice at the property level

State of Conservation

Capacity Building

#### 15. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

##### 15.1. Relevance of Periodic Reporting

###### 15.1.1 - Has the Periodic Reporting process improved the understanding of the following?

Monitoring and reporting

###### 15.1.2 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

State Party	Good
Site Managers	Good
UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Not needed
Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS, IUCN, ICCROM)	Not needed

##### 15.2. Use of Data

###### 15.2.1 - How do the authorities in charge of the property plan to use the data recorded from this cycle of Periodic Reporting?

Revision of priorities/strategies/policies for the protection, management and conservation of heritage

###### 15.2.2 - Comments on use of data from the Cycle of Periodic Reporting

##### 15.3. Timing and resources

###### 15.3.1 - Entities involved in the filling out of this online questionnaire (tick as many boxes as applicable)

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage

Site Manager/Coordinator World Heritage property staff

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

Gender balance is explicitly considered and effectively implemented in the process.

###### 15.3.3 - Were you given adequate time (i.e. roughly ten months) to gather necessary information and to fill in this questionnaire?

Yes

###### 15.3.4 - Please estimate the time (working hours) needed to complete this questionnaire

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###### 15.3.5 - Did you mobilise any additional resources to fill out this questionnaire?

	Additional resources	No	Yes
15.3.5.1	Human resources	✗	
15.3.5.2	Financial resources for organizing consultation meetings/ training	✗	

##### 15.4. Format and content of the Periodic Report

###### 15.4.1 - How accessible was the information required to complete this questionnaire?

All required information was accessible.

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

		Very Difficult	Difficult	Easy	Very easy
15.4.2.1	Ease of use of questionnaire			✗	
15.4.2.2	Clarity of questions			✗	

###### 15.4.3 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire

##### 15.5. Training and Guidance

###### 15.5.1 - Please rate the level of support in terms of training and guidance from the following entities in completing this questionnaire

UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Not applicable
UNESCO (other sectors/field offices)	Not applicable

UNESCO National Commission	Not applicable
ICOMOS International	Not applicable
IUCN International	Not applicable
ICCROM international/regional	Not applicable
ICOMOS national/regional	Not applicable
IUCN national/regional	Not applicable

**15.5.2 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Reporting questionnaire from the following entities**

UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Not applicable
State Party Representative (national Focal Point)	Good
UNESCO other sectors (e.g. field office)	Not applicable
National Commission for UNESCO	Not applicable
ICOMOS International	Not applicable
ICCROM International/regional	Not applicable
ICOMOS national/regional	Not applicable
IUCN national/regional	Not applicable
IUCN International	Not applicable

**15.5.3 - Were the online training resources prepared by the World Heritage Centre regarding Periodic Reporting adequate for you to complete this questionnaire?**

Not applicable (i.e. I did not use these resources)

**15.5.4 - If you found that the online training resources were not adequate, what changes would you like to see implemented?**

**15.6. Actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee**

**15.6.1 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee**

• **Map(s)**

Reason for update: The World Heritage Centre identified in December 2022 that they did not hold an up-to-date clear map which showed the delimitation of the property. We are in the process of producing the requested map in line with the World Heritage Centre's technical requirements, with support from Historic England. It will be submitted for the approval of the World Heritage Committee in advance of 46COM along with others from the UK State Party.

• **Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for the property as adopted by the World Heritage Committee**

Reason for update: There are a number of factual updates to the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value that can be provided separately.

Changes to these items will need to go through the proper processes.

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

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

**15.7.2 - Thank you for having filled in all the questions. Please contact your National Focal Point for validation.**