## Sceilg Mhichíl

- 1. World Heritage Property Data
- 1.1 Name of World Heritage property

Sceilg Mhichíl

## 1.2 - World Heritage property details

## 1.3 - Geographic information table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Sceilg Mhichíl	51.772 / -10.539	21.9	0	21.9	1996
Total (ha)		21.9	0	21.9	

#### Comment

This is a factual error, correct coordinates as follow: 10.53 99 84 0 W 51.77 11 21 1 N The overall area calculated in GIS is 21.58 ha, possibly due to sea level rise.

## 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Skellig Michael - Map of the World Heritage Property	2008	

#### Comment

A GIS based map will be submitted to the World Heritage Centre as soon as possible, this is an updated map in accordance with WHC request accompanied by voluntary submission of GIS data.

- 1.5 Web and Social Media data of the property (if applicable)
  - 1. Heritage of Ireland website
  - 2. National Monuments Service
  - 3. World Heritage Ireland
- 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) is not designated and/or protected under this convention/programme
2.1.1	International Register of Cultural Property under Special Protection (1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict)		×
2.1.2	List of Cultural Property under Enhanced Protection (Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict)		×
2.1.3	The List of Wetlands of International Importance (The Ramsar List) (Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention))		×
2.1.4	World Network of Biosphere Reserves Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme		×
2.1.5	Global Geoparks Network UNESCO Global Geoparks		×

#### 2.2 - Please provide comments on 2.1 if necessary

Enhanced protection is under consideration for the Property under the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict that was ratified in Ireland in 2017.

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

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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?

Not applicable

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?

Not applicable

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 occasionally 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 also manages 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 occasionally 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 occasionally 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 occasionally 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)

The 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict was ratified in Ireland in 2017. The Manager of World Heritage site is a member of the National Advisory Committee for the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict.

- 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

None inscribed.

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

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

None listed

## 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**

Sceilg Mhichíl, also known as Skellig Michael, was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1996. The island of Sceilg Mhichíl lies at the extreme north-western edge of Europe, rising from the Atlantic Ocean almost 12 km west of the Iveragh Peninsula in County Kerry. It is the most spectacularly situated of all Early Medieval island monastic sites, particularly the isolated hermitage perched on narrow, human-made terraces just below the South Peak.

Faulting of Devonian sandstone has created a U-shaped depression known today as "Christ's Valley" or "Christ's Saddle" 130 m above sea level in the centre of the island, and this is flanked by two peaks, that to the north-east rising to 185 m and that to the west-south-west, 218 m. The rock is deeply eroded and weathered, owing to its exposed position, but it is almost frost-free.

The three island landing points communicate by flights of steps with the principal monastic remains, which are situated on a sloping shelf on the ridge running north-south on the north-eastern side of the island: the hermitage is on the steeper South Peak.

The monastery, its cells and oratories and the even more precipitous structures of the South Peak Hermitage symbolise both the arrival and spread of Christianity and emerging literacy of lands so remote that they were beyond the frontiers of the Roman Empire and the ultimate reach of organised monasticism which spread from Egypt by land and sea through Italy and Gaul to Britain and Ireland in a mere two centuries (the 5th and 6th). The date of the foundation of the monastery on this island is not known. It was dedicated to St Michael somewhere between 950 and 1050.

All the physical components of the ideal small monastery exist on Skellig: isolation, difficulty in accessing the site, living spaces, buildings for worship and plots for food production. Here, amongst dramatic and unique settings, the indigenous stone architecture of a past millennium is intact and in a relatively stable condition. A clear evolution of dry stone masonry techniques is evident so this site offers a unique documentation of the development of this type of architecture and construction.

Sceilg Mhichíl is also one of Ireland's most important sites for breeding seabirds, both for the diversity of the species and the size of the colonies it supports.

Criterion (iii): Sceilg Mhichíl illustrates, as no other property can, the extremes of a Christian monasticism characterizing much of North Africa, the Near East and Europe.

Criterion (iv): Sceilg Mhichíl is an outstanding and in many respects a unique example of an early religious settlement deliberately sited on a pyramidal rock in the ocean, preserved because of a remarkable environment.

#### Integrity

In the case of Sceilg Mhichíl, there are two types of integrity: structural-historical integrity, in that the structures have evolved over time; and visual-aesthetic integrity, in other words, the iconic image that has been retained.

The Monastery and Hermitage on Sceilg Mhichíl represent a unique artistic achievement. They provide an outstanding example of a perfectly preserved Early Medieval monastic settlement, and the architectural ensemble is unique because of its level of preservation. It illustrates a significant stage in building history. The dramatic topography of the island and the integration of the various monastic elements within the landscape reinforce the uniqueness of the property. The presence of the monks on the island for such a long period has imbued the place with a strong sense of spirituality.

The sense of remoteness is reinforced by the island's distance from the mainland and its frequent inaccessibility particularly between the months of October and May.

Sceilg Mhichíl is approximately 21.9 ha in size. This area encapsulates the attributes for which the property was inscribed on the World Heritage List. The World Heritage property boundary is drawn tightly to the island, with a buffer zone formed naturally by the Atlantic Ocean.

#### Authenticity

The level of authenticity is very high. Sceilg Mhichil, because of its isolation, has been protected from alterations and adaptations, other than those of the 19th century lighthouse builders. Most of the structures within the monastery are almost complete, as are the stepped terraces and the paved areas. In addition to individual features, the overall layout is almost fully intact.

The island's isolation has helped preserve and protect it from agents of destruction that have adversely affected most other sites of the period. Alterations were made during the lighthouse builders' occupation in the 1820s, but it has been possible to document these through research and on-site investigation. Due to the vicissitudes of time, the extreme environment and increased visitor pressure, a programme of conservation works, structural consolidation and repair has been in train since the late 1970s. The philosophy underpinning this work is that all original features are retained and conserved in situ.

Conservation work began in the 1880s when the monuments came into State guardianship; these included the rebuilding of part of the upper retaining wall along St Michael's Church and some minor repairs to the enclosure walls, where collapse had occurred. Other minor works were carried out in the 1930s. The current programme of preservation and conservation began in 1978 with an objective of the stabilization of the steps, retaining walls and individual structures. All this work was carefully recorded by survey and photography, and revealed a surprising amount of evidence about the monastic structures and layout.

Major conservation works began in 1986 which concentrated on the repair and consolidation of the terraces and their retaining walls. This work was carried out in tandem with archaeological investigations.

#### Protection and management requirements

The protection and conservation of Sceilg Mhichíl is provided by a range of national legislation, international guidelines, statutory and non-statutory guidance. These provisions include the National Monuments Acts 1930-2004, the Wildlife Act 1976 and 2000, Planning and Development Acts, various EU directives and international charters.

Skellig Michael is a national monument in full State ownership. The National Monuments legislative code makes provisions for the protection and preservation of national monuments and for the preservation of archaeological objects in the State. The Planning and Development Acts provide a framework to protect against undesirable development.

The management of Sceilg Mhichíl is in the hands of the Office of Public Works. This State Office has on its staff qualified conservation architects and engineers; skilled craftspeople are employed to carry out consolidation and conservation works. The State Exchequer provides the funding needed for maintenance,

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management and conservation. Archaeological input to the conservation and presentation of the property is provided by the National Monuments Service of the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, while management is carried out under a service level agreement between the Department and the Office of Public Works.

The Office of Public Works has had a full-time presence on the island during the visitor season since the current preservation programme began in 1978. At that time the lighthouse was still staffed, but it is now an unoccupied station. An official guide service was introduced in 1987 with a view to regulating the numbers of visitors to the site during peak visiting hours and preserving the monuments. Since 2007 the Office of Public Works has set out, on an annual basis, the period during which, weather permitting, a guide service is available on the island. This is also the period of the 'season' referred to in the permits issued annually to boatmen and boatwomen to land visitors on the island. In the interest of the continued protection of the island and to prevent damage to the monuments and particularly for reasons of health and safety of visitors, access to the island outside of the defined period is not permitted. Access to the island by private craft is discouraged by the Office of Public Works.

# 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	Most spectacularly sited of all Early Medieval island monasteries in an isolated and dramatic marine setting, deliberately sited on a pyramidal rock in the ocean.	×			
3.2.2	Outstanding example of a perfectly preserved Early Medieval monastic settlement including landing points, flights of steps, terracing, plots for food production, paved areas, living spaces, buildings for worship.	×			
3.2.3	Intact indigenous stone architecture of a past millennium, uniquely documenting the evolution of dry-stone masonry techniques.	×			
3.2.4	Strong sense of spirituality derived from the long presence of the monks on the island and the retention of the visual-aesthetic integrity of this iconic site.	×			
3.2.5	One of Ireland's most important sites for breeding seabirds.	×			
3.2.6	Dramatic topography and scenery of the island with Christ's Valley 130m above sea level flanked by the North and South Peaks.	×			
3.2.7	Integration of the principal monastic remains on a sloping shelf on the north-eastern side of the island and of the hermitage on narrow terraces just below the South Peak within the landscape of the island.	×			
3.2.8	Structural-historical integrity.	×			
3.2.9	Symbol of the spread of Christianity and emerging literacy across the world, illustrating the extremes of early Christian monasticism.	×			
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

There is a possibility that attributes 3.2.2 and 3.2.5 can be compromised due to the effects of climate change.

- 4. Factors Affecting the Property
- 4.1. Buildings and Development

## 4.1.1 - Housing

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

## 4.1.2 - Commercial development

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.1.3 - Industrial areas

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

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## 4.1.4 - Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant

## 4.1.5 - Interpretative and visitation facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

★ Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	• Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>→</b> Decreasing	⇒ Stable	Increasing
Positive X	×	×	×	×			,
Negative							

# 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

The OPW installed new visitors composting toilets near the helipad on Sceilg Mhichíl in the 2021 season. The recommendation no. 10 of the 2007 UNESCO Mission to Sceilg Mhichíl has been fulfilled.

## 4.2. Transportation Infrastructure

## 4.2.1 - Ground transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant

## 4.2.2 - Underground transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

int	X Not relevant

## 4.2.3 - Air transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Positive, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside, Outside

× Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>→</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive X		×	×				7
Negative							

#### 4.2.4 - Marine transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

<b>※</b> Relevant			1	Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	<b>G</b> Current	Potential	<ul><li>Inside</li></ul>	<b>Outside</b>	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive X	×		×	×			7
Negative							

## 4.2.5 - Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant

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# 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

The Landing Pier at Blind Man's Cove is the only access point to Sceilg Mhichíl by boat. The boats depart from Portmagee Harbour and lands at the pier where passengers disembark by climbing the existing steps. The landing pier is maintained and cleaned by the OPW at the start of each season to ensure safe access for visitors and personnel. The existing helipad is located on the Lower Lighthouse Road. The OPW are proposing to carry out repair works to the helipad.

#### 4.3. Services Infrastructures

#### 4.3.1 - Water infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X N	Not relevant
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## 4.3.2 - Renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside

★ Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	<b>G</b> Current	Potential	Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive X	×	×	×				P
Negative							

#### 4.3.3 - Non-renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	✗ Not relevant
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#### 4.3.4 - Localised utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Rel	levant	X Not relevant

## 4.3.5 - Major linear utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X 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

There are solar panels on the roofs of the site huts to provide power for the existing facilities on site.

## 4.4. Pollution

#### 4.4.1 - Pollution of marine waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Current, Inside, Outside

X Relevant			1	Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	• Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>№</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive							
Negative	×		×	×		<b>→</b>	

## 4.4.2 - Ground water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	✗ Not relevant

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#### 4.4.3 - Surface water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

## 4.4.4 - Air pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.4.5 - Solid waste

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

## 4.4.6 - Input of excess energy

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X 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

Waste on the island is removed by OPW and transported by boat to the mainland to be disposed of. The composting toilets are cleaned annually from solids and the composting tanks are topped up with saw dust. The tanks are emptied at the start of the season after the remains are left to decompose over the winter months. All solids and waste are removed by OPW from the island every season and are deposited in a sewer in the OPW Kilarney Depot.

## 4.5. Biological resource use/modification

## 4.5.1 - Fishing/collecting aquatic resources

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

## 4.5.2 - Aquaculture

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.5.3 - Land conversion

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

## 4.5.4 - Livestock farming/Grazing of domesticated animals

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.5.5 - Crop production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

## 4.5.6 - Commercial wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

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## 4.5.7 - Subsistence wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant

## 4.5.8 - Commercial hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant
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## 4.5.9 - Subsistence hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

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## 4.5.10 - Forestry/Wood production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X 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

# 4.6. Physical resource extraction

## 4.6.1 - Mining

positively

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	✗ Not relevant
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## 4.6.2 - Quarrying

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant
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## 4.6.3 - Oil and gas

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant
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## 4.6.4 - Water (extraction)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X 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 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside

X Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>©</b> Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive							
○ Negative X	×	×	×				7

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## 4.7.2 - Relative humidity

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside

X Relevant				Not relevant				
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact			
Impact	<b>G</b> Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	<b>→</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing	
Positive								
○ Negative X	×	×	×				1	

## 4.7.3 - Temperature

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside

× Relevant		Not relevant					
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>©</b> Outside	<b>→</b> Decreasing	<b>⇒</b> Stable	Increasing
Positive							
Negative X	×	×	×				<i>P</i>

## 4.7.4 - Radiation/Light

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside

× Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>→</b> Decreasing	⇒ Stable	Increasing
Positive							
Negative X	×	×	×				<i>P</i>

## 4.7.5 - Dust

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Not relevant

Relevant	✗ Not relevant

## 4.7.6 - Water (rain/water table)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

X Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	• Inside	<b>G</b> Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive							
Negative	×	×	×				P

## 4.7.7 - Pests

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

<b>≭</b> Relevant		Not relevant					
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>G</b> Outside	<b>→</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive							
	×	×	×			<b>→</b>	

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## 4.7.8 - Micro-organisms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant

# 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

Climate change is an increased threat to Sceilg Mhichíl resulting in impact on the historic fabric and biodiversity. Damage caused by climate change is also a threat to the health and safety of visitors and personnel on the island. The OPW have a Biosecurity Protocol in place to prevent invasive species from accessing the island.

#### 4.8. Social/Cultural uses of heritage

## 4.8.1 - Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

## 4.8.2 - Society's valuing of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

## 4.8.3 - Indigenous hunting, gathering and collecting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

## 4.8.6 - Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Positive, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside

× Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	© Outside	<b>→</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive X	×	×	×			$\rightarrow$	
Negative X	×	×	×			<b>→</b>	

# 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

Approximately 15 no. boats are currently approved by the OPW to transport passengers to the island during each season. Each boat is licenced to carry 12 persons each to the island. The visitor season extends from May to September each year, weather permitting. The visitors number is capped at 180 visitors per day and c. 25,000 visitors per season. Approximately 13,300 visitors landed on Sceilg Mhichil in the 2022 season.

## 4.9. Other human activities

#### 4.9.1 - Illegal activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside

× Relevant			Not relevant	
	Impact	Origin		Trend of impact

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Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>G</b> Outside	<b>→</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive							
○ Negative X	×	×	×			$\rightarrow$	

## 4.9.2 - Deliberate destruction of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside

× Relevant			Not relevant				
	Impact Ori		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	• Inside	<b>G</b> Outside	<b>→</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
O Positive							
Negative X		×	×		<b>S</b>		

#### 4.9.3 - Military training

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant
TOTALL	THE THICK AND THE

#### 4.9.4 - War

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not	relevant
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#### 4.9.5 - Terrorism

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant

#### 4.9.6 - Civil unrest

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant
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# 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

Unauthorised landings outside the tourist season are undocumented and unquantified. When guides are not on the island, the site is exposed to unauthorised landings and excursions. The OPW has a number of signs in place warning unauthorised trespassers of the dangers posed to them; however, this alone is not enough of a deterrent. The OPW will endeavour to provide greater security to the site. The OPW are proposing to install CCTV on the storage building adjacent to the landing pier.

## 4.10. Climate change and severe weather events

#### 4.10.1 - Storms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside

★ Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive							
Negative X	×	×	×				1

## 4.10.2 - Flooding

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

× Relevant			Not relevant	
	Impact	Origin		Trend of impact

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Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive							
○ Negative X	×	×	×				7

## 4.10.3 - Drought

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside

× Relevant			1	Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	• Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive							
Negative	×	×	×				7

#### 4.10.4 - Desertification

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant
TOTALL	THE THICK AND THE

#### 4.10.5 - Changes to oceanic waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside

× Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact Orig		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	<b>G</b> Current	Potential	Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive							
Negative X	×	×	×				P

## 4.10.6 - Temperature change

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside

× Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact Orig		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
O Positive							
Negative X	×	×	×				1

## 4.10.7 - Other climate change impacts

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside

evant	✗ 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

Climate change continues to be a threat to Sceilg Mhichíl and the OPW are continuously looking for ways to mitigate its associated risks. The increase in sea levels, sea swells and the increasing severity of storms have been affecting the access to the landing pier. In recent years, increased rainfall has also resulted in increased rock fall and small scale landslides that are damaging the fabric of the site and threatening the safety of both OPW staff and visitors to the island.

## 4.11. Sudden ecological or geological events

#### 4.11.1 - Volcanic eruption

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant

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## 4.11.2 - Earthquake

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside

X Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	<b>G</b> Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	⇒ Stable	Increasing
Positive							
○ Negative X		×	×			<b>→</b>	

#### 4.11.3 - Tsunami/Tidal wave

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside

<b>≭</b> Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	<ul><li>Inside</li></ul>	<b>©</b> Outside	<b>→</b> Decreasing	⇒ Stable	Increasing
O Positive							
Negative X		×	×				7

#### 4.11.4 - Avalanche/Landslide

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside

× Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact Original Origina Origina Origina Origina Origina Origina Origina Origina Orig		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>©</b> Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	⇒ Stable	Increasing
Positive							
○ Negative X	×	×	×				/

## 4.11.5 - Erosion and siltation/Deposition

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside

× Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact Origi		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>G</b> Outside	<b>♦</b> Decreasing	⇒ Stable	Increasing
O Positive							
○ Negative X	×	×	×				7

## 4.11.6 - Fire (wildfire)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X 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

Climate change continues to be a threat to Sceilg Mhichil and the OPW are continuously looking for ways to mitigate its associated risks. The increase in sea levels, sea swells and the increasing severity of storms have been affecting the access to the landing pier. In recent years, increased rainfall has also resulted in increased rock fall and small scale landslides that are damaging the fabric of the site and threatening the safety of both OPW staff and visitors to the island.

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

## 4.12.1 - Translocated species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Delevent	
Relevant	X Not relevant

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## 4.12.2 - Invasive/Alien terrestrial species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside

× Relevant			1	Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>№</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
O Positive							
Negative X	×	×	×			<b>→</b>	

## 4.12.3 - Invasive/Alien freshwater species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

## 4.12.4 - Invasive/Alien marine species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

## 4.12.5 - Hyper-abundant species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

## 4.12.6 - Modified genetic material

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

# 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

The OPW have a Biosecurity Protocol in place to eliminate the risk of invasive species on the island i.e. rodents.

## 4.13. Management and institutional factors

## 4.13.1 - Management system/Management plan

★ Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	© Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
O Positive X	×		×				7
Negative							

## 4.13.2 - Legal framework

× Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact	Impact Origin			Trend of impact		
Impact	<b>Gurrent</b>	Potential	Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	⇒ Stable	Increasing
O Positive X	×	×	×	×			-
Negative							

## 4.13.3 - Governance

¥ Relevant				Not relevant				
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact			
Impact	Current	Potential	<ul><li>Inside</li></ul>	Outside	<b>→</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing	

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O Positive X	×	×	×		,
Negative					

## 4.13.4 - Management activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Positive, Current, Potential, Inside

× Relevant			ı	Not relevant				
	Impact Origin			Trend of impact				
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing	
Positive X	×	×	×				,	
Negative								

## 4.13.5 - Financial resources

× Relevant		Not relevant						
	Impact Origin			Trend of impact				
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing	
O Positive X	×	×	×	×			•	
Negative								

#### 4.13.6 - Human resources

X Relevant	1	Not relevant						
	Impact Origin			Trend of impact				
Impact	<b>G</b> Current	Potential	• Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>→</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing	
Positive X	×	×	×	×		<b>→</b>		
Negative								

## 4.13.7 - Low impact research/monitoring activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Positive, Current, Potential, Inside

× Relevant			Not relevant						
	Impact Origin			Trend of impact					
Impact	Current	Potential	<ul><li>Inside</li></ul>	<b>Outside</b>	<b>→</b> Decreasing	⇒ Stable	Increasing		
O Positive X	×	×	×				-		
Negative									

## 4.13.8 - High impact research/monitoring activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (24/07/2013):

• Relevant, Positive, Negative, Potential, Inside

X Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact Origin			Trend of impact			
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>Outside</b>	<b>→</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive X	×	×	×				1
Negative							

# 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

Archaeological excavations are considered as high impact activities on site.

## 4.14. Other factor(s)

## 4.14.1 - Other factor(s)

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# 4.15. Factors Summary Table

## 4.15.1 - Factors Summary Table

Name	Impact		Origin			Trend
4.1 Buildings and Development						
4.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities	•	9	9	•	<b>G</b>	1
4.2 Transportation Infrastructure						
4.2.3 Air transport infrastructure	•		9	•		<i>P</i>
4.2.4 Marine transport infrastructure	•	q		•	Œ	7
4.3 Services Infrastructures						
4.3.2 Renewable energy facilities	•	4	9	•		1
4.4 Pollution						
4.4.1 Pollution of marine waters						
		9		•	<b>G</b>	<b>→</b>
4.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
4.7.1 Wind		q	ra a			4
4.7.2 Relative humidity		4	9	•		
4.7.2 Relative numbury		a	a	<b>(</b> )		<i>p</i>
4.7.3 Temperature		-1	-1			•
		q	ø	<b>@</b>		_
4.7.4 Radiation/Light						
		q	9	<b>@</b>		<i>&gt;</i>
4.7.6 Water (rain/water table)						
		q	9	•		/
4.7.7 Pests						
		q	9	•		<b>→</b>
4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage						
4.8.6 Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation	•	q	9	•		<b>→</b>
		9	9	•		$\rightarrow$
4.9 Other human activities						
4.9.1 Illegal activities						
		9	9	•		<b>→</b>
4.9.2 Deliberate destruction of heritage						
			9	•		7
4.10 Climate change and severe weather events						
4.10.1 Storms		q	q	<b>@</b>		7
4.10.2 Flooding		~1	4	Q		
		q	9	•		
		-1	-1	G)		•

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4.10.3 Drought	3 Drought						•		,
4.10.5 Changes to oceanic waters									
4.10.6 Temperature change					9	4	<b>Q</b>		1
					9	9	•		1
4.11 Sudden ecological or geological event	s								
4.11.2 Earthquake									
						9	•		$\Rightarrow$
4.11.3 Tsunami/Tidal wave									
						9	•		7
4.11.4 Avalanche/Landslide					ø	en.			2
4.11.5 Erosion and siltation/Deposition					-1	-1	•		
					q	9	<b>@</b>		7
4.12 Invasive/alien species or hyper-abunda	ant species								
4.12.2 Invasive/Alien terrestrial species									
					9	9	•		$\Rightarrow$
4.13 Management and institutional factors									
4.13.1 Management system/Management pl	lan			•	9		•		7
4.13.2 Legal framework				•	9	9	<b>Q</b>	<b>F</b>	7
4.13.3 Governance				<b>©</b>	q		<b>@</b>	<b>F</b>	7
4.13.4 Management activities				<b>O</b>	9	9	<b>©</b>		1
4.13.5 Financial resources				<b>O</b>	9	9	•	<b>G</b>	1
4.13.6 Human resources				•	9		<b>②</b>	<b>(</b>	<b>→</b>
4.13.7 Low impact research/monitoring acti	ivities			•	q	9	<b>(</b>		7
4.13.8 High impact research/monitoring act	ivities			<b>O</b>	q	9	•		P

4.16. Assessment of current and potential positive and negative factors

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

## 4.1 Buildings and Development

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities	<b>O</b>	9	9	•	Œ	P

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Spatial sc	ale - 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 On-going
Impact - In	npact on the attributes
×	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major
Manageme	ent response - Capacity of management to respond
×	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - De	evelopement over the last 6 years
	Decreasing
	Static
×	Increasing

# 4.2 Transportation Infrastructure

Name		Impact		Origin	Trend
4.2.3 Air tra	ansport infrastructure	•	9	•	7
Snatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor				
×	Restricted				
	Localised				
	Extensive				
	Widespread				
Temporal s	scale - Occurence of the impact				
	One off or rare				
×	Intermittent or sporadic				
	Frequent				
	On-going				
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes				

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	Insignificant					
×	Minor					
	Significant					
	Major					
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond					
×	High capacity					
	Medium capacity					
	Low capacity					
	No capacity and / or resources					
Trend - Dev	velopement over the last 6 years					
	Decreasing					
	Static					
×	Increasing					
Name		Impact		Origin		Trend
4.2.4 Marin	e transport infrastructure	<b>O</b>	9	•	<b>©</b>	/
Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor					
	Restricted					
	Localised					
×	Extensive					
	Widespread					
Temporal s	scale - Occurence of the impact					
	One off or rare					
	Intermittent or sporadic					
	Frequent					
×	On-going					
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes					
×	Insignificant					
	Minor					
	Significant					
	Major					
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond					
×	High capacity					
	Medium capacity					
	Low capacity					
	No capacity and / or resources					
Trend - Dev	velopement over the last 6 years					
	Decreasing					
	Static					
×	Increasing					

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## 4.3 Services Infrastructures

## A spatial scales whereign facilities   Para a affected by the factor   Para a affected by t	Name		Impact			Origin		Trend
Restricted  X Localised Extensive Widespread  Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare Intermittent or sporadic Fraquent  X On-going  Impact - Impact on the attributes  X Insignificant Minor Significant Major  Management response - Capacity of management to respond  X High capacity Medium capacity Low capacity and / or resources  Trend - Development over the last 6 years  Decreasing Static	4.3.2 Renewable energy facilities		<b>O</b>	q	9	•		/
Restricted  X Localised Extensive Widespread  Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare Intermittent or sporadic Fraquent  X On-going  Impact - Impact on the attributes  X Insignificant Minor Significant Major  Management response - Capacity of management to respond  X High capacity Medium capacity Low capacity and / or resources  Trend - Development over the last 6 years  Decreasing Static								
Restricted  X Localised Extensive Widespread  Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare Intermittent or sporadic Fraquent  X On-going  Impact - Impact on the attributes  X Insignificant Minor Significant Major  Management response - Capacity of management to respond  X High capacity Medium capacity Low capacity and / or resources  Trend - Development over the last 6 years  Decreasing Static	Spatial sca	Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor						
Extensive Widespread  Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact  Intermitient or sporadic Frequent  X On-going Impact - Impact on the attributes  X Insignificant Minor Significant Major  Management response - Capacity of management to respond  X High capacity Medium capacity Low capacity No capacity of resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing Static	·							
Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare Intermittent or sporadic  Frequent  X On-going  Impact - Impact on the attributes  X Insignificant  Minor Significant  Major  Management to response  X High capacity Medium capacity Medium capacity Low capacity No capacity of resources  Trend - Development over the last 6 years  Decreasing Static	×	Localised						
Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare  Intermittent or sporadic  Frequent  X On-going  Impact - Impact on the attributes  X Insignificant  Minor  Significant  Major  Management response - Capacity of management to respond  X High capacity  Medium capacity  Low capacity  No capacity and / or resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing  Static		Extensive						
One off or rare  Intermittent or sporadic  Frequent   Non-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 of resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing  Static		Widespread						
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 of resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing  Static	Temporal s	cale - Occurence of the impact						
Frequent  X On-going  Impact - Impact on the attributes  X Insignificant Minor Significant Major  Management response - Capacity of management to respond  X High capacity Medium capacity Low capacity No capacity and / or resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing Static								
Impact - Impact on the attributes  Insignificant  Insignificant  Minor  Significant  Major  Management response - Capacity of management to respond  Medium capacity  Medium capacity  Low capacity  No capacity and / or resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing  Static		Intermittent or sporadic						
Impact - Impact on the attributes  Insignificant  Minor  Significant  Major  Management response - Capacity of management to respond  Medium capacity  Low capacity  Low capacity  No capacity and / or resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing  Static		Frequent						
Minor Significant Major Management response - Capacity of management to respond  High capacity Medium capacity Low capacity No capacity of management to respond  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing Static	×	On-going On-going						
Minor  Significant  Major  Management response - Capacity of management to respond  High capacity  Medium capacity  Low capacity  No capacity and / or resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing  Static	Impact - Im	pact on the attributes						
Significant  Major  Management response - Capacity of management to respond  High capacity  Medium capacity  Low capacity  No capacity and / or resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing  Static	×	Insignificant						
Management response - Capacity of management to respond  * High capacity  Medium capacity  Low capacity  No capacity and / or resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing  Static		Minor						
Management response - Capacity of management to respond  High capacity  Medium capacity  Low capacity  No capacity and / or resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing  Static		Significant						
High capacity  Medium capacity  Low capacity  No capacity and / or resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing  Static		Major						
Medium capacity  Low capacity  No capacity and / or resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing  Static	Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond						
Low capacity  No capacity and / or resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing  Static	×	High capacity						
No capacity and / or resources  Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing  Static		Medium capacity						
Trend - Developement over the last 6 years  Decreasing  Static		Low capacity						
Decreasing Static		No capacity and / or resources						
Static	Trend - De	velopement over the last 6 years						
		Decreasing						
X Increasing		Static						
	×	Increasing						

## 4.4 Pollution

Name	me Impact		Origin		Trend		
4.4.1 Pollu	4.4.1 Pollution of marine waters						
			9		•	F	$\rightarrow$
Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor						
	Restricted						
	Localised						
×	Extensive						
	Widespread						
Temporal s	Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact						
	One off or rare						

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×	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
	On-going On-going
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes
	Insignificant
×	Minor
	Significant
	Major
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond
	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
×	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - De	velopement over the last 6 years
×	Decreasing
	Static
	Increasing

# 4.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric

No capacity and / or resources

Name

		•			- 3	
4.7.1 Wind						
			9	9	•	-
Spatial sca	ale - 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 - In	npact on the attributes					
	Insignificant					
	Minor					
	Significant					
×	Major					
Manageme	ent response - Capacity of management to respond					
	High capacity					
×	Medium capacity					
	Low capacity					

Impact

Origin

Trend

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Trend - Developement over the last 6 years								
	Decreasing							
	Static							
×	Increasing							
Name		Impact	Origin	Trend				

Name	Impact		Impact		pact		Impact		Trend
4.7.2 Relative humidity									
		9	9	•	7				

Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor			
	Restricted			
	Localised			
	Extensive			
×	Widespread			
Temporal s	cale - Occurence of the impact			
	One off or rare			
	Intermittent or sporadic			
	Frequent			
×	On-going			
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes			
	Insignificant			
×	Minor			
	Significant			
	Major			
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond			
	High capacity			
	Medium capacity			
	Low capacity			
×	No capacity and / or resources			
Trend - Dev	relopement over the last 6 years			
	Decreasing			
	Static			
×	Increasing			

Name	Impact			pact		Orig		Origin	Trend
4.7.3 Temperature									
		9	9	•	1				

Spatial sca	ale - Area affected by the factor
	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
×	Widespread
Temporal s	scale - Occurence of the impact

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	One off or rare					
	Intermittent or sporadic					
	Frequent					
×	On-going					
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes					
	Insignificant					
	Minor					
×	Significant					
	Major					
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond					
	High capacity					
×	Medium capacity					
	Low capacity					
	No capacity and / or resources					
Trend - Dev	relopement over the last 6 years					
	Decreasing					
	Static					
×	Increasing					
Name		Impact			Origin	Trend
4.7.4 Radia	tion/Light					
			9	9	•	7
Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor	•	9	9	•	1
Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor  Restricted		9	9	•	,
Spatial sca			9	9	•	,
Spatial sca	Restricted	•	9	9	•	/
Spatial sca	Restricted  Localised		4	q	•	/
×	Restricted  Localised  Extensive		9	9	<b>③</b>	,
×	Restricted  Localised  Extensive  Widespread		9	9	•	/
×	Restricted  Localised  Extensive  Widespread  cale - Occurrence of the impact		9	4	•	/
×	Restricted  Localised  Extensive  Widespread  cale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare		4	4	•	/
×	Restricted  Localised  Extensive  Widespread  cale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare  Intermittent or sporadic		4	4	•	
× Temporal s	Restricted  Localised  Extensive  Widespread  cale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare  Intermittent or sporadic  Frequent		4	4	•	
× Temporal s	Restricted  Localised  Extensive  Widespread  cale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare  Intermittent or sporadic  Frequent  On-going		4	4	•	
× Temporal s	Restricted  Localised  Extensive  Widespread  cale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare  Intermittent or sporadic  Frequent  On-going  pact on the attributes		4	4	•	
X Temporal s  X Impact - Im	Restricted  Localised  Extensive  Widespread  cale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare  Intermittent or sporadic  Frequent  On-going  pact on the attributes  Insignificant		4	4	•	
X Temporal s  X Impact - Im	Restricted  Localised  Extensive  Widespread  cale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare  Intermittent or sporadic  Frequent  On-going  pact on the attributes  Insignificant  Minor		4	4		
X Temporal s  X Impact - Im	Restricted  Localised  Extensive  Widespread  cale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare  Intermittent or sporadic  Frequent  On-going  pact on the attributes  Insignificant  Minor  Significant		4	4		
X Temporal s  X Impact - Im	Restricted  Localised  Extensive  Widespread  cale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare  Intermittent or sporadic  Frequent  On-going  pact on the attributes  Insignificant  Minor  Significant  Major			4		
X Temporal s  X Impact - Im	Restricted  Localised  Extensive  Widespread  cale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare  Intermittent or sporadic  Frequent  On-going  pact on the attributes  Insignificant  Minor  Significant  Major  Intersponse - Capacity of management to respond			4		
X Temporal s  X Impact - Im	Restricted  Localised  Extensive  Widespread  cale - Occurence of the impact  One off or rare  Intermittent or sporadic  Frequent  On-going  pact on the attributes  Insignificant  Minor  Significant  Major  nt response - Capacity of management to respond  High capacity			4		

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Trend - Developement over the last 6 years				
	Decreasing			
	Static			
×	Increasing			

Name	Impact	npact		oct Origin		Trend
4.7.6 Water (rain/water table)						
		9	9	•	<i>P</i>	

		7	7		
Spatial scal	e - Area affected by the factor				
	Restricted				
	Localised				
	Extensive				
×	Widespread				
Temporal s	cale - Occurence of the impact				
	One off or rare				
	Intermittent or sporadic				
×	Frequent				
	On-going On-going				
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes				
	Insignificant				
	Minor				
	Significant				
×	Major				
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond				
	High capacity				
×	Medium capacity				
	Low capacity				
	No capacity and / or resources				
Trend - Dev	elopement over the last 6 years				
	Decreasing				
	Static				
×	Increasing				

Name	Impact			Origin	Trend
4.7.7 Pests					
		9	9	•	<b>→</b>

Spatial sca	Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor			
	Restricted			
	Localised			
×	Extensive			
	Widespread			
Temporal	Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact			

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	One off or rare
×	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
	On-going
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes
	Insignificant
	Minor
×	Significant
	Major
Manageme	ent response - Capacity of management to respond
	High capacity
×	Medium capacity
×	Medium capacity  Low capacity
×	
	Low capacity
	Low capacity  No capacity and / or resources
	Low capacity  No capacity and / or resources  velopement over the last 6 years

# 4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage

Name	Name		t		Origin		Trend	
4.8.6 Impa	acts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation	<b>O</b>	9	q	•		$\rightarrow$	
			9	9	•		$\rightarrow$	
Spatial sa	ale - Area affected by the factor							
Spatial St								
	Restricted							
×	Localised							
	Extensive							
	Widespread							
Temporal	scale - Occurence of the impact							
	One off or rare							
	Intermittent or sporadic							
	Frequent							
×	On-going On-going							
Impact - I	mpact on the attributes							
	Insignificant							
	Minor							
×	Significant							
	Major							
Managem	ent response - Capacity of management to respond							
×	High capacity							
	Medium capacity							
	Low capacity							

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	No capacity and / or resources					
Trend - De	Trend - Developement over the last 6 years					
	Decreasing					
×	Static					
	Increasing					

## 4.9 Other human activities

Name	Impact				mpact		Impact		npact Origin		Trend	
4.9.1 Illegal activities												
		9	9	•	<b>→</b>							

		eq.	4	<b>(</b> )	<b>→</b>
Spatial sca	ale - 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 - In	npact on the attributes				
	Insignificant				
×	Minor				
	Significant				
	Major				
Manageme	ent response - Capacity of management to respond				
	High capacity				
×	Medium capacity				
	Low capacity				
	No capacity and / or resources				
Trend - De	velopement over the last 6 years				
	Decreasing				
×	Static				
	Increasing				

Name	Impact			oact Origin		Trend
4.9.2 Deliberate destruction of heritage						
			q	•	<b>S</b>	

Spatial sca	Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor					
	Restricted					
×	Localised					
	Extensive					

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	Widespread
Temporal	scale - Occurence of the impact
×	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
	On-going Control of the Control of t
Impact - Im	npact on the attributes
	Insignificant
×	Minor
	Significant
	Major
Manageme	ent response - Capacity of management to respond
×	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - De	velopement over the last 6 years
×	Decreasing
	Static
	Increasing

# 4.10 Climate change and severe weather events

Name	lame		:		Origin	Trend
4.10.1 Stor	4.10.1 Storms					
			4	9	•	1
Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor					
	Restricted					
	Localised					
	Extensive					
×	Widespread					
Temporal s	scale - Occurence of the impact					
	One off or rare					
	Intermittent or sporadic					
	Frequent					
×	On-going					
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes					
	Insignificant					
	Minor					
	Significant					
×	Major					
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond					
	High capacity					

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×	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Dev	relopement over the last 6 years
	Decreasing
	Static
×	Increasing
×	Increasing

Name	Impact	Impact		Origin		Trend
4.10.2 Flooding						
		9	9	•		1

		4	4	<b>Q</b>	
Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor				
	Restricted				
	Localised				
	Extensive				
×	Widespread				
Temporal s	cale - Occurence of the impact				
	One off or rare				
	Intermittent or sporadic				
×	Frequent				
	On-going				
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes				
	Insignificant				
	Minor				
×	Significant				
	Major				
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond				
	High capacity				
×	Medium capacity				
	Low capacity				
	No capacity and / or resources				
Trend - Dev	relopement over the last 6 years				
	Decreasing				
	Static				
×	Increasing				

Name	Impact		Origin		Trend	
4.10.3 Drought						
			<b>A</b>	•		P

Spatial sca	ale - Area affected by the factor
	Restricted
	Localised

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×	Extensive					
	Widespread					
Temporal s	cale - Occurence of the impact					
	One off or rare					
×	Intermittent or sporadic					
	Frequent					
	On-going					
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes					
	Insignificant					
×	Minor					
	Significant					
	Major					
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond					
	High capacity					
×	Medium capacity					
	Low capacity					
	No capacity and / or resources					
Trend - De	relopement over the last 6 years					
	Decreasing					
	Static					
×	Increasing					
Name		Impact			Origin	Trend
4.10.5 Cha	ges to oceanic waters		eco.	<i></i> 31		
			4	4	•	7
Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor					
	Restricted					
	Localised					
	Extensive					
×	Widespread					
Temporal s	cale - Occurence of the impact					
	One off or rare					
	Intermittent or sporadic					
	Frequent					
×	On-going					
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes					
	Insignificant					

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Significant Major

High capacity

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

	Medium capacity							
×	Low capacity							
	No capacity and / or resources							
Trend - De	velopement over the last 6 years							
	Decreasing							
	Static							
×	Increasing							
Name		Impact			Origin		Trend	
4.10.6 Tem	perature change							
			9	9	•		-	
Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor							
	Restricted							
	Localised							
	Extensive							
×	Widespread							
Temporal s	scale - Occurence of the impact							
	One off or rare							
	Intermittent or sporadic							
	Frequent							
×	On-going							
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes							
	Insignificant							
	Minor							
×	Significant							
	Major							
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond							
	High capacity							

× Medium capacity

Low capacity

No capacity and / or resources

## Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

Decreasing Static

× Increasing

# 4.11 Sudden ecological or geological events

Name	Impact		Origin		Trend
4.11.2 Earthquake					
		9	•		$\rightarrow$

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor							
	Restricted						

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×	Localised			
	Extensive			
	Widespread			
Temporal s	cale - Occurence of the impact			
×	One off or rare			
	Intermittent or sporadic			
	Frequent			
	On-going			
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes			
	Insignificant			
	Minor			
	Significant			
×	Major			
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond			
	High capacity			
×	Medium capacity			
	Low capacity			
	No capacity and / or resources			
Trend - Dev	relopement over the last 6 years			
	Decreasing			
×	Static			
	Increasing			
Name		Impact	Origin	Trend

Name	Impact		Origin		Trend
4.11.3 Tsunami/Tidal wave					
	•	9	•		1

Spatial sca	ale - Area affected by the factor
	Restricted
	Localised
×	Extensive
	Widespread
Temporal s	scale - Occurence of the impact
	One off or rare
×	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
	On-going Control of the Control of t
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes
	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
×	Major
Manageme	ent response - Capacity of management to respond

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	High capacity
×	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Dev	velopement over the last 6 years
	Decreasing
	Static
×	Increasing

Name	Impact		Origin		Trend
4.11.4 Avalanche/Landslide					
		9	9	•	1

		q	9	•	1
Spatial sca	ale - Area affected by the factor				
	Restricted				
	Localised				
×	Extensive				
	Widespread				
Temporal s	scale - Occurence of the impact				
	One off or rare				
	Intermittent or sporadic				
×	Frequent				
	On-going				
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes				
	Insignificant				
	Minor				
	Significant				
×	Major				
Manageme	ent response - Capacity of management to respond				
×	High capacity				
	Medium capacity				
	Low capacity				
	No capacity and / or resources				
Trend - De	velopement over the last 6 years				
	Decreasing				
	Static				
×	Increasing				

Name	Impact			Origin	Trend
4.11.5 Erosion and siltation/Deposition					
		<b>A</b>	9	•	

Spatial sca	ale - Area affected by the factor
	Restricted

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	Localised
×	Extensive
	Widespread
Temporal s	cale - Occurence of the impact
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
×	Frequent
	On-going On-going
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes
	Insignificant
	Minor
×	Significant
	Major
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond
×	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Dev	velopement over the last 6 years
	Decreasing
	Static
×	Increasing

# 4.12 Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species

Name		Impact		mpact Origin		Trend
4.12.2 Invas	sive/Alien terrestrial species					
			9	9	•	$\rightarrow$
Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor					
	Restricted					
×	Localised					
	Extensive					
	Widespread					
Temporal s	cale - Occurence of the impact					
×	One off or rare					
	Intermittent or sporadic					
	Frequent					
	On-going On-going					
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes					
	Insignificant					
	Minor					
	Significant					
×	Major					

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Manageme	Management response - Capacity of management to respond					
×	High capacity					
	Medium capacity					
	Low capacity					
	No capacity and / or resources					
Trend - Dev	velopement over the last 6 years					
	Decreasing					
×	Static					
	Increasing					

# 4.13 Management and institutional factors

Name		Impact			Origin	Trend	
4.13.1 Mana	agement system/Management plan	•	9		•		1
Spatial aga	le - Area affected by the factor						
Spatial Sca							
	Restricted						
×	Localised						
	Extensive						
	Widespread						
Temporal s	cale - Occurence of the impact						
	One off or rare						
	Intermittent or sporadic						
	Frequent						
×	On-going						
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes						
	Insignificant						
	Minor						
	Significant						
×	Major						
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond						
×	High capacity						
	Medium capacity						
	Low capacity						
	No capacity and / or resources						
Trend - Dev	velopement over the last 6 years						
	Decreasing						
	Static						
×	Increasing						



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Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor					
	Restricted					
	Localised					
	Extensive					
×	Widespread					
Temporal s	scale - Occurence of the impact					
	One off or rare					
	Intermittent or sporadic					
	Frequent					
×	On-going On-going					
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes					
	Insignificant					
	Minor					
	Significant					
×	Major					
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond					
×	High capacity					
	Medium capacity					
	Low capacity					
	No capacity and / or resources					
Trend - De	velopement over the last 6 years					
	Decreasing					
	Static					
×	Increasing					
Name		Impact		Origin		Trend
4.13.3 Gov	ernance	•	9	•	<b>F</b>	
Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor					
	Restricted					
	Localised					
×	Extensive					
	Widespread					
Temporal s	scale - Occurence of the impact					
	One off or rare					
	Intermittent or sporadic					
	Frequent					
×	On-going					
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes					
	Insignificant					
	Minor					
	Significant					

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×	Major						
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond						
×	High capacity						
	Medium capacity						
	Low capacity						
	No capacity and / or resources						
Trend - Dev	relopement over the last 6 years						
	Decreasing						
	Static						
×	Increasing						
Name		Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.4 Man	agement activities	0	4	9	•		
Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor						
	Restricted						
	Localised						
×	Extensive						
	Widespread						
Temporal s	cale - Occurence of the impact						
	One off or rare						
	Intermittent or sporadic						
	Frequent						
×	On-going On-going						
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes						
	Insignificant						
	Minor						
	Significant						
×	Major						
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond						
×	High capacity						
	Medium capacity						
	Low capacity						
	No capacity and / or resources						
Trend - Dev	relopement over the last 6 years						
	Decreasing						
	Static						
×	Increasing						
Name	ncial resources	Impact			Origin	100	Trend
4. 13.3 FINA	ilidai 1650ul C65	<b>O</b>	4	9	•	<b>G</b>	

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Snatial coa	le - Area affected by the factor						
Opatiai Sca	Restricted						
	Localised						
×	Extensive						
	Widespread						
Temporal s	cale - Occurence of the impact						
	One off or rare						
	Intermittent or sporadic						
	Frequent						
×	On-going						
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes						
	Insignificant						
	Minor						
	Significant						
×	Major						
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond						
×	High capacity						
	Medium capacity						
	Low capacity						
	No capacity and / or resources						
Trend - De	velopement over the last 6 years						
	Decreasing						
	Static						
×	Increasing						
Name	an resources	Impact	· •	9	Origin	Œ	Trend
4.13.011411	an resources		-1	-1	G	G	
Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor						
	Restricted						
	Localised						
×	Extensive						
	Widespread						
Temporal s	cale - Occurence of the impact						
	One off or rare						
	Intermittent or sporadic						
	Frequent						
×	On-going						
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes						
	Insignificant						
	Minor						
	Significant						
×	Major						

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Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond					
×	High capacity					
	Medium capacity					
	Low capacity					
	No capacity and / or resources					
Trend - Dev	velopement over the last 6 years					
	Decreasing					
	Static					
×	Increasing					
Name		Impact		-71	Origin	Trend
4.13.7 Low	impact research/monitoring activities	<b>O</b>	q	9	•	
Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor					
	Restricted					
	Localised					
×	Extensive					
	Widespread					
Temporal s	cale - Occurence of the impact					
	One off or rare					
	Intermittent or sporadic					
	Frequent					
×	On-going On-going					
Impact - Im	pact on the attributes					
	Insignificant					
	Minor					
	Significant					
×	Major					
Manageme	nt response - Capacity of management to respond					
×	High capacity					
	Medium capacity					
	Low capacity					
	No capacity and / or resources					
Trend - Dev	relopement over the last 6 years					
	Decreasing					
	Static					
×	Increasing					
Name		Impact			Origin	Trend
	impact research/monitoring activities	©	q	9	•	/

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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 - Im	npact on the attributes
	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
×	Major
Manageme	ent response - Capacity of management to respond
×	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - De	evelopement 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

Not applicable.

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	Most spectacularly sited of all Early Medieval island monasteries in an isolated and dramatic marine setting, deliberately sited on a pyramidal rock in the ocean.	×			
4.18.1.2	Outstanding example of a perfectly preserved Early Medieval monastic settlement including landing points, flights of steps, terracing, plots for food production, paved areas, living spaces, buildings for worship.		×		
4.18.1.3	Intact indigenous stone architecture of a past millennium, uniquely documenting the evolution of dry-stone masonry techniques.	×			
4.18.1.4	Strong sense of spirituality derived from the long presence of the monks on the island and the retention of the visual-aesthetic integrity of this iconic site.	×			
4.18.1.5	One of Ireland's most important sites for breeding seabirds.		×		

### 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?

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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).

Skellig Michael World Heritage Site is owned by the Minister for Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht on behalf of the Irish people, with the exception of the lighthouse area.

The protection and conservation of Skellig Michael is controlled by a range of national legislation, local mechanisms, international guidelines, statutory and non-statutory guidance. These legislative provisions include, amongst others, the National Monuments Acts 1930–2004, the Wildlife Act 1976 and 2000, Planning and Development Acts, various EU Directives and international charters.

Skellig Michael is a National Monument, as defined in the National Monuments Act 1930 (as amended). Therefore the site is protected under the Ireland's National Monuments legislation. The National Monuments legislative code makes provision for the protection and preservation of National Monuments and for the preservation of archaeological objects in the State. As such, it provides statutory protection for archaeological elements of the nation's built heritage. Skellig Michael is afforded the highest level of statutory protection. It is a National Monument in State ownership, the preservation of which is a matter of national importance by reason of its historical, architectural, traditional, artistic or archaeological interest.

Great Skellig is covered by two nature conservation designations:

- 1. Nature Reserve: Nature reserves on lands owned by the Minister or by the State are designated by Establishment Order under Section 15 of the Wildlife Act 1976, as amended by the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000. Great Skellig was designated a Statutory Nature Reserve in 1988 (S.I. No. 235/1988).
- 2. Natural Heritage Area (Proposed): Great Skellig is a proposed Natural Heritage Area (NHA) (Site Code 1954). NHAs are the basic designation for the protection of wildlife in Ireland.

Source: Management Plan 2008-2018, Periodic Reporting Cycle 1; Periodic Reporting Cycle 2

#### Comment

Note: Update information as follows. Sceilg Mhichíl World Heritage is owned by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on behalf of the Irish people, with the exception of the lighthouse area. Sceilg Mhichíl, along with An Sceilg Bheag and the surrounding sea, has been designated an SPA (S.I. No. 74/2010 – European Communities (Conservation of Wild Birds (Skelligs Special Protection Area 004007)) Regulations 2010) under the EU Birds Directive (2009/147/EC).

- 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
- 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 at national level

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 statutory Management Plan or zoning plan for the property.

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Other forms of statutory or non-statutory plans (e.g. strategic plans)

Governance mechanisms that foster and respect traditional practices, knowledge and uses of the property

Mechanisms to promote equal participation among and within groups, including different levels of authority, local communities, indigenous people, women and men, and other specific groups

An integrated management plan combining World Heritage and any other designations

A management plan

An annual work plan or business plan

A disaster, climate or conflict risk 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

A joint approach to management of cultural and natural heritage

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

Sceilg Mhichíl World Heritage Property Management Plan 2020-30 (Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage). https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/126d7-sceilg-mhichil-world-heritage-property-management-plan-202030//p>

#### 5.3.4 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Skellig Michael World Heritage Site. Management Plan 2008-2018	In Force	Available	2008	

#### Comment

Sceilg Mhichíl World Heritage Property Management Plan 2020-30 (Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage). https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/126d7-sceilg-mhichil-world-heritage-property-management-plan-202030//p>

# 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?

Some 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:

There is a strategy in place to approach climate change issues affecting the World Heritage property. The strategy is indirectly informed by the UNESCO Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties.

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

Some 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

Mitigating rock falls by carrying out safety sweeps at the start of each season, expanding the existing canopy on the lower lighthouse road and installing 3 no. permanent crash decks on the lower and upper lighthouse roads. Carrying out annual rescue exercises with the Irish Coastguard Mountain Rescue.

# 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 coordination between the range of administrative bodies involved in the management of the property, but it could be improved

#### 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 many of its activities are being implemented

# 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?

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		Not applicable	No mechanisms for participation	Some participation	Direct participation	Transformative participation in all relevant decision processes
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	×				

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

#### 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)	%	%
6.1.1.7	Governmental (regional/provincial/state)	100 %	100 %
6.1.1.8	Governmental (local/municipal)	%	%
6.1.1.9	In-country donations (NGOs, foundations, etc.)	%	%
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

The World Heritage Property is State owned and State run. There no charges imposed by the State to visit the World Heritage Property. The transportation price to access the island stays with the community.

#### 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	0 %	60 %
6.1.6.2	Women	0 %	40 %
		Total 0 %	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	Fair
Risk preparedness	Good
Capacity development and education	Fair
Administration	Good
Research and monitoring	Good
Awareness raising and public information/communication	Good

Marketing and promotion	Good
Interpretation	Fair
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	Fair
Risk preparedness	Good
Capacity development and education	Fair
Administration	Good
Research and monitoring	Good
Awareness raising and public information/communication	Fair
Marketing and promotion	Fair
Interpretation	Fair
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?

Some 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.

The Capacity Building Strategy implemented is indirectly linked to the document.

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 fully implemented; all technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally

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

The OPW runs a local depot and employs skilled and trained personnel local to County Kerry. The OPW provides training to its personnel.

- 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 a **comprehensive**, **integrated programme** of research, which is relevant to 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

A publication programme and research framework are currently being drafted.

### 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	Fair
Local/municipal authorities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Not applicable

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Women	Not applicable
Youth/children	Not applicable
Researchers	Fair
Local visitors	Good
National/international tourists	Fair
Tourism industry	Good
Local businesses and industries	Good
NGOs	Not applicable
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
Youth/children
Researchers
Local Visitors
National/international tourists
Tourism industry
Local businesses and industries

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

# $\textbf{8.5 - Comments}, conclusions \ and/or \ recommendations \ related \ to \ education, information \ and \ awareness \ building$

https://worldheritageireland.ie/category/publications/?page=1&filter=educational-resource/linearity/line

### 9. Visitor Management

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

13,300 / 12,105 / 0 / 15,616 / 16,792 /

#### 9.2 - What information sources are used to collect visitor statistics?

Other

Visitor figures are recorded by guide staff on the island on a daily basis. A final figure is then provided at the end of each season.

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#### 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

The Office of Public Works (OPW) Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)

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

0/0/0/0/0/0/

#### 9.6 - Please provide the source of information

The average daily visitor expenditure is not available to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) and the Office of Public Works (OPW). There is no entrance fee to the World Heritage Property imposed by the State. The transportation fee is set by private boatmen. The 2023 average fee is €140 per person. The boat trip to the island takes approximately one hour.

# 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

#### 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?

Yes, using a different system

#### If a different system, please specify

The Office of Public Works commission a Carrying Capacity on an annual basis.

# 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?

In one location and easily visible to visitors

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

#### 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?

Yes

### If 'Yes', please specify

There is no regulatory control over benefits of tourism to the local community. The tourism benefits local boatmen, accommodations, shops, restaurants, etc.

#### 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 adequate and key indicators have been defined for measuring the state of conservation and are being used in monitoring of how the Outstanding Universal value of the property is being maintained

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

Extend of indicators	Not	No	Indicators have been defined but are	Indicators are in place and in use since the last
	applicable	indicators	not yet in use	Periodic Reporting cycle

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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	Non-existent
Local communities	Non-existent
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Not applicable
Women	Not applicable
Researchers	Fair
Tourism industry	Non-existent
Local businesses and industry	Non-existent
NGOs	Non-existent
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 complete

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

Recommendations from World Heritage mission report 2007 were all achieved. 1. Publication of the excavations and a detailed account of the conservation works. 2. Fully costed publication programme. 3. Academic advisory group. 4. Durable agreement with the passenger boatmen. 5. Annual meetings with boatmen. 6. Future criteria for the issue of permits to boatmen. 7. Assignment of site manager. 8. World Heritage site boundary. 9. Detailed visitor study. 10. Toilet facilities.

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

All of the issues raised have been dealt with or are in the process of being dealt with.

### 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	Some use has been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property	×
5.3.9	Some use has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	×
5.3.11	There is <b>coordination</b> between the range of administrative bodies involved in the management of the property, <b>but it could be improved</b>	×
5.3.17	<ul> <li>The management system of the World Heritage property does not provide ecosystem services/benefits to the local community (e.g. fresh air, water, food, medicinal plants)</li> </ul>	×
6.1	Funding	
6.1.10	Some use has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	×
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Please select 0 more issues.

8.2

☑ 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 condit	ions affecting physical fabri	c				
4.7.1	Wind	Criteria(iii)(iv) affected - The exposed location of the early Medieval Monastery makes it vulnerable to high winds and severe storms. Attributes affected are 2, 3 and 5 - the architectural, archaeological and natural attributes are affected.	Regular monitoring of the effects on the historic fabric and visitors experience.	There is no wind monitoring tools on the island.	Actions can only be carried out between April and October, weather permitting.	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.	Climate change is an increased threat to Sceilg Mhichil resulting in impact on the historic fabric and biodiversity.
4.7.2	Relative humidity	Criteria(iii)(iv) affected - Increased humidity levels can cause biological growth and long-term damage to the historic fabric. Attributes affected are 2, 3 and 5 - the architectural, archaeological and natural attributes are affected.	Regular monitoring of the effects on the historic fabric and visitors experience.	There is no humidity monitoring tools on the island.	Actions can only be carried out between April and October, weather permitting.	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.	Climate change is an increased threat to Sceilg Mhichil resulting in impact on the historic fabric and biodiversity.
4.7.3	Temperature	Criteria(iii)(iv) affected - Global changes in temperatures and climate change are resulting in extreme weather events. Attributes affected are 2, 3 and 5 - the architectural, archaeological and natural attributes are affected.	Regular monitoring and maintenance works.	Monitoring is carried out on an regular basis.	Monitoring and maintenance works can only be carried out between April and October, weather permitting.	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.	Climate change is an increased threat to Sceilg Mhichíl resulting in impact on the historic fabric and biodiversity.
4.7.4	Radiation/Light	Criteria(iii)(iv) affected - Increased radiation/light levels can cause long-term damage to the historic fabric. Attributes affected are 2, 3 and 5 - the architectural, archaeological and natural attributes are affected.	Regular monitoring of the effects on the historic fabric and visitors experience.	There is no radiation/light monitoring tools on the island.	Actions can only be carried out between April and October, weather permitting.	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.	Climate change is an increased threat to Sceilg Mhichil resulting in impact on the historic fabric and biodiversity.
4.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	Criteria(iii)(iv) affected - Increased rainfall can cause long-term damage to the historic fabric. Attributes affected are 2, 3 and 5 - the architectural, archaeological and natural attributes are affected.	Regular monitoring of the effects on the historic fabric and visitors experience.	There is no rain/water table monitoring tools on the island.	Actions can only be carried out between April and October, weather permitting.	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.	Climate change is an increased threat to Sceilg Mhichíl resulting in impact on the historic fabric and biodiversity.
4.10	Climate char	nge and severe weather eve	nts				

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4.10.1	Storms	Criteria(iii)(iv) affected - The exposed location of Sceilg Mhichil makes it vulnerable to severe storms. Attributes affected are 2, 3 and 5 - the architectural, archaeological and natural attributes are affected.	Regular monitoring of the effects on the historic fabric and visitors experience.	There is no storms monitoring tools on the island.	Actions can only be carried out between April and October, weather permitting.	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.	Climate change is an increased threat to Sceilg Mhichíll resulting in impact on the historic fabric and biodiversity.
4.10.5	Changes to oceanic waters	Criteria(iii)(iv) affected - The increase in sea levels and sea swells affect the access to the landing pier and steadily decrease the number of days the island is accessible. Attributes affected are 2, 3 and 5 - the architectural, archaeological an	Regular monitoring of the effects on the historic fabric and visitors experience.	There are no monitoring tools of the changes to oceanic waters on the island.	Actions can only be carried out between April and October, weather permitting.	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.	Climate change is an increased threat to Sceilg Mhichil resulting in impact on the historic fabric and biodiversity.
4.10.6	Temperature change	Criteria(iii)(iv) affected - Global changes in temperatures and climate change are resulting in extreme weather events. Attributes affected are 2, 3 and 5 - the architectural, archaeological and natural attributes are affected.	Regular monitoring and maintenance works.	Monitoring is carried out on an regular basis.	Monitoring and maintenance works can only be carried out between April and October, weather permitting.	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.	Climate change is an increased threat to Sceilg Mhichil resulting in impact on the historic fabric and biodiversity.
4.11	Sudden ecolog	gical or geological events					
4.11.3	Tsunami/Tidal wave	Criteria(iii)(iv) affected - This can have a detrimental effect on the site's criteria. Attributes affected are 2, 3 and 5 - the architectural, archaeological and natural attributes are affected.	Regular monitoring and maintenance works.	There are no monitoring tools for tsunami or tidal wave on the island.	Monitoring and maintenance works can only be carried out between April and October, weather permitting.	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.	An extreme weather event such as a tsunami can have a detrimental effect on Sceilg Mhichíl.
4.11.4	Avalanche/Landslid	le Criteria(iii)(iv) affected - This can have a detrimental effect on the site's criteria. Attributes affected are 2, 3 and 5 - the architectural, archaeological and natural attributes are affected.	Regular monitoring and maintenance works.	There are no monitoring tools for avalanche or landslide on the island.	Monitoring and maintenance works can only be carried out between April and October, weather permitting.	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.	An avalanche or landslide can have a detrimental effect on Sceilg Mhichíl.

# 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>	There is no requirement for a buffer zone due to the remote location of the World Heritage property.	Not applicable.	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.	Not applicable.	
5.1.4	The property has no known and recognised buffer zone	There is no requirement for a buffer zone due to the remote location of the World Heritage property.	Not applicable.	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.	Not applicable.	
5.2	Protective Measu	ıres				

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5.2.4	The property has <b>no buffer zone</b>	buffer zone du	quirement for a ue to the remote World Heritage	ote Government and Herita		artment of Housing, Local ernment and Heritage. The e of Public Works.	Not applicable.		
5.3	Management Sys	tem/Manageme	ent Plan						
5.3.7	Some use has be the Policy Docume Impacts of Climate World Heritage Proproperty	ent on the Change on	There is a strategy ir approach climate chissues affecting the VHeritage property. This indirectly informed UNESCO Policy Doo the Impacts of Clima Change on World Heroperties.	ange World he strategy I by the cument on	Ongoing.		Department of Housing, Loc Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.		
5.3.9	Some use has be the Strategy for Re from Disasters at V Heritage Propertie property	educing Risks World	There is a strategy ir reduce the risks from disasters. The strate indirectly informed by UNESCO Strategy for Reducing Risks from at World Heritage Pr	n gy is y the or n Disasters	Ongoing.		Department of Housing, Loc Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.	carrying out safety sweeps	
5.3.11	There is <b>coordina</b> the range of admir bodies involved in management of th <b>but it could be im</b>	nistrative the e property,	Coordination betwee bodies and Municipa can be improved.		Ongoing.		Department of Housing, Loc Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works. Kerry County Council.		
5.3.17	The mana system of World Her property denot provide ecosystem services/hto the loc community fresh air, food, mediplants)  The mana system of the management of the loc community fresh air, food, mediplants)	the itage loes de n penefits al ty (e.g. water,	Not applicable. The Meritage Property is a remote location.		Not applicable.		Not applicable.	Not applicable.	
6.1	Funding								
6.1.10 Some use has Capacity Bu		ulding Srategy od is indirectly linked to ent.	Ongoin	ig.	Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Office of Public Works.		Capacity Bulding Srategy implemented is indirectly linked to the document.		
8 E	Education, Information and Awareness Building								
lir ho ar pr ch	There is a Education and awareness programme for children and/or youth can be improved.  Strington and awareness programme for children and/or youth		ildren and/or	Gove			t of Housing, Local nt and Heritage. The Office forks.	No further comments.	
hd arr pr ct- yc	oc education young awareness ogramme for hildren and/or	uth can be impr					-		

- 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?

  The Authenticity of the World Heritage property has been preserved
- 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 is intact
- 12.3.3 Following the analysis undertaken for this report, what is the current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value?

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The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been maintained.

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

Other important cultural and/or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are intact

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

# 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	Very positive
Research and monitoring	Very positive
Management effectiveness	Very positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Not applicable
Funding for the property	Very positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal/Policy framework	Very positive
Advocacy	Not applicable
Institutional coordination	Very positive
Security	Very positive
Gender equality	Very positive
Provision of ecosystem services/ benefits to local communities	Positive
Social inclusion and equity, and improvement of opportunities for all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, origin, religion, or economic or other status	Not applicable
Fostering inclusive local economic development and enhancing livelihood	Positive
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 World Heritage Property Management Plan is regularly updated and implemented through regular maintenance and conservation works, and regular health and safety checks.

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

Sustainable Development	
Synergies	
State of Conservation	
Management	
Governance	
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?

The World Heritage Convention

The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and/or Authenticity
The property's Integrity and/or Authenticity
Management effectiveness to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
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	Good
Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS, IUCN, ICCROM)	Good

#### 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

Update of management plans

Awareness raising

Advocacy

### 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

Focal points of other international conventions/programmes

External experts

# 15.3.2 - Has a gender balanced contribution and participation been considered in the filling out of this questionnaire? Gender balance has been given limited consideration and implementation is in 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			×	

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

500 characters are not sufficient to answer some of the questions.

#### 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	Good
UNESCO (other sectors/field offices)	Not applicable
UNESCO National Commission	Not applicable
ICOMOS International	Not applicable
IUCN International	Not applicable
ICCROM international/regional	Good
ICOMOS national/regional	Good
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	Good
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	Good
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?

Yes

### 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

### Geographic information table

Reason for update: This is a factual error, correct coordinates as follow: 10.53 99 84 0 W 51.77 11 21 1 N The overall area calculated in GIS is 21.58 ha, possibly due to sea level rise.

# • Map(s)

Reason for update: A GIS based map will be submitted to the World Heritage Centre as soon as possible, this is an updated map in accordance with WHC request accompanied by voluntary submission of GIS data.

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

- Question 4.8 would have benefited from a comment box. - The comment boxes can benefit from additional characters to be able to provide more information for some of the questions.

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

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