

Archaeological Area of Agrigento

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage property


Archaeological Area of Agrigento

1.2 - World Heritage property details

1.3 - Geographic information table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Archaeological Area of Agrigento	37.29 / 13.593	934	1869	2803	1997
Total (ha)		934	1869	2803	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Archaeological Area of Agrigento - Map of the inscribed property	2008	

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

1. [Agrigento e Provincia On Line \(only in Italian\)](#)
2. www.comhera.org
3. [Parco dei templi \(in Italian\)](#)

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<https://www.facebook.com/parcodeitempli> Instagram: [valledeitempliofficial](https://www.instagram.com/valledeitempliofficial) <https://www.parcovalledeitempli.it/>

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

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

		The World Heritage property (in whole or in part) <u>is</u> designated and/or protected under this convention/programme	The World Heritage property (in whole or in part) <u>is not</u> designated and/or protected under this convention/programme
2.1.1	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

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?

Not applicable

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?

Not applicable

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

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

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

No

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

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

No

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

3. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

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

Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

Brief synthesis

The archaeological area of Agrigento, the Valley of the Temples, is on the southern coast of Sicily and covers the vast territory of the ancient polis, from the Rupe Atenea to the acropolis of the original ancient city, as well as to the sacred hill on which stand the main Doric temples and up to the extramural necropolis.

Founded as a Greek colony in the 6th century BCE, Agrigento became one of the leading cities in the Mediterranean region. Its supremacy and pride are demonstrated by the remains of the magnificent Doric temples that dominate the ancient town, much of which still lies intact under today's fields and orchards. Selected excavated areas reveal the late Hellenistic and Roman town and the burial practices of its early Christian inhabitants.

Agrigento has a special place among classical sites in the history of the ancient world because of the way in which its original site, typical of Greek colonial settlements, has been preserved, as well as the substantial remains of a group of buildings from an early period that were not overlain by later structures or converted to suit later tastes and cults.

Criterion (i): The great row of Doric temples is one of the most outstanding monuments of Greek art and culture.

Criterion (ii): The archaeological area of Agrigento exhibits an important interchange of human values, being undoubtedly one of the leading cities in the Mediterranean region with its outstanding evidence of Greek influence.

Criterion (iii): As one of the greatest cities of the ancient Mediterranean region, Agrigento is an extraordinary testament of Greek civilization in its exceptionally preserved condition.

Criterion (iv): The temples in the area exemplify Greek architecture and are considered to be among the most extraordinary representations of Doric architecture in the world.

Integrity

The archaeological area of Agrigento includes all the essential elements that contribute to the justification of its Outstanding Universal Value. The site boundary includes the entire territory of the ancient polis, including the extramural area of the necropolis, the substantial excavated areas of the residential area of Hellenistic and Roman Agrigento, the complex network of underground aqueducts and a wide portion of land where there are still unexcavated archaeological structures. The archaeological structures have been preserved in good condition, thus ensuring an authentic representation. However, land instability remains an issue.

Authenticity

The authenticity of the archaeological sites of Agrigento is outstanding. Although some restoration work carried out in the late 18th and 19th centuries CE did not follow the principles of modern conservation as set out in the 1964 Venice Charter, subsequent restoration works have resolved the problems of previous restoration methods and have compensated for past mistakes. Recent works have been conducted in full compliance with the principles of modern restoration.

Protection and management requirements

The site is protected by the national law for protection of cultural heritage, *Decreto Legislativo 42/2004, Codice dei beni culturali e del paesaggio*, and is subject to a safeguarding measure which ensures any activity must be authorized by the relevant *Soprintendenza*.

The Valley of the Temples of Agrigento was declared a Zone of National Interest under the Law of 28 September 1966. Decrees issued by the Ministries of Public Works (6 May 1968) and National Education (7 October 1971) defined the boundary and constraints on use of the site. The boundary was further confirmed legally by the President of the Sicilian Region in Decree No 91 (13 June 1991). This group of statutory instruments imposes an absolute ban on any form of construction within the prescribed area.

The regional Law n.20/2000 has founded the Archaeological and Landscape Park of the Valley of the Temples of Agrigento which aims not only to protect the landscape and historical heritage of the site, but also to improve and promote it. The park enjoys financial administrative autonomy. Therefore the Council of the Park can plan and carry out any intervention of preservation and improvement of the site.

The Council has adopted the Park Plan. This will create and organize visitor itineraries with the objective to extend the length of visits and benefit the local economy. The Park Plan aims to demonstrate the ancient urban organization to tourists, with its system of streets and roads (in part still to be excavated). Some street lines and entrances to the city have stayed in use since medieval times. The Park Plan provides various types of protection of monuments and archaeological sites that are tailored as necessary and allow for greater access by tourists. Expanding such security allows for the creation of new thematic routes and points of interest, more parking, easier accessibility and movement within the park, as well as alternative means of transportation such as a railway and electric buses. Flanked by pedestrian paths and equestrian trails (green ways), green corridors and patches of natural vegetation will be constructed to improve functional relationships between the coast and recreational landscapes as well as between agricultural land and cities.

Traditional methods of production regarding agriculture and the production of artefacts of value will be preserved, in particular for cultural diversity, farming techniques, arboriculture, and Mediterranean gardening. This provides support for the return of biological farming methods. The Park Plan provides active conservation and development of the housing stock, which has dropped in value and is under-used or otherwise available. This is relevant to the Park for the creation of services and cultural facilities, exhibition and educational-informational as well as non-hotel accommodation. An Action Plan for ecotourism has been prepared that includes nature and art in a complete "sea-river-mountain" tour, which opens the Valley of the Temples to new categories of users and expands the tourist season.

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	Great doric temples dating back to the fifth century B.C., considered to be among the most important monuments of Greek art and culture	×			
3.2.2	Classical, hellenistic and roman buildings, an important testimony of the interchanges of human values	×			
3.2.3	The classical temples, considered to be among the most extraordinary testimonies of Doric architecture in the world.	×			
3.2.4	The remains in the great archaeological area, which represent an outstanding example of Greek town planning and architecture	×			
3.2.5	The Concordia temple, one of the best preserved Greek temples, which was transformed into a Christian church, testifying the long continuity of the life in the area	×			

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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

During the last 20 years many important archaeological researches have been conducted in the archaeological area, which have brought to light previously unknown buildings and allowed a more extensive knowledge of the archaeological area, modifying the perspective previously focused almost only on the great Greek temples.

4. Factors Affecting the Property

4.1. Buildings and Development

4.1.1 - Housing

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Relevant, Negative, Current, Inside, Outside

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.1.2 - Commercial development

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.1.3 - Industrial areas

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.1.4 - Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.1.5 - Interpretative and visitation facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant	<input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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Impact	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	Decreasing	Stable	Increasing
Positive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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

Near the temple of Zeus, inside an existing building, a multimedia room dedicated to children was created, to illustrate the architecture and the history of the building. Two new visitor centres are planned, at the entrance of the Hellenistic residential district (Quartiere Ellenistico-Romano) and near the Zeus temple; both will be built in existing buildings.

4.2. Transportation Infrastructure

4.2.1 - Ground transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Relevant, Negative, Current, Inside, Outside

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

4.2.2 - Underground transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.2.3 - Air transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.2.4 - Marine transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.2.5 - Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ 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 construction in 2015 of a pedestrian iron bridge that connects the two sectors of the archaeological area, separated by the provincial road, has minimized the impact of car traffic on the visit experience. The Italian FS Foundation has also built and operates in some particular days the "Temple Railway", a historical train from Palermo to Porto Empedocle, that makes a stop near the temple of Vulcano, allowing to reach the archaeological area with an alternative means of transport.

4.3. Services Infrastructures

4.3.1 - Water infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.3.2 - Renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.3.3 - Non-renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.3.4 - Localised utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.3.5 - Major linear utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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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

The energy crisis has brought back into the present day the previously shelved regasification terminal project. The planned terminal should be located about 1 km from the buffer zone of the archaeological area, potentially causing a negative impact on the landscape and on the skyline, but not affecting directly the attributes. The Soprintendenza di Agrigento and the Archaeological and Landscape Park of the Valley of Temples have already expressed its negative opinion in the past.

4.4. Pollution

4.4.1 - Pollution of marine waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.4.2 - Ground water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.4.3 - Surface water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.4.4 - Air pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.4.5 - Solid waste

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.4.6 - Input of excess energy

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.4.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.4 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

4.5. Biological resource use/modification

4.5.1 - Fishing/collecting aquatic resources

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.5.2 - Aquaculture

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.5.3 - Land conversion

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant	<input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	Decreasing	Stable	Increasing
Positive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negative							
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4.5.4 - Livestock farming/Grazing of domesticated animals

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.5.5 - Crop production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant	Not relevant
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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inside	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decreasing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increasing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negative							

4.5.6 - Commercial wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant	Not relevant
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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inside	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decreasing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increasing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negative							

4.5.7 - Subsistence wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.5.8 - Commercial hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.5.9 - Subsistence hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.5.10 - Forestry/Wood production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.5.11 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.5 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

The Archaeological and Landscape Park is promoting the "Agri/gentium" project, that provides for the assignment of plots of land to associations and enterprises to cultivate them with traditional crops and agricultural techniques. The project involves the production of wine, olive oil, honey, almonds and the collection of wild fruits such as capers. The products bear the "Diodoros" trademark, registered by the park.

4.6. Physical resource extraction

4.6.1 - Mining

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.6.2 - Quarrying

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.6.3 - Oil and gas

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.6.4 - Water (extraction)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

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

4.7. Local conditions affecting physical fabric

4.7.1 - Wind

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.7.2 - Relative humidity

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.7.3 - Temperature

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.7.4 - Radiation/Light

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.7.5 - Dust

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.7.6 - Water (rain/water table)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.7.7 - Pests

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.7.8 - Micro-organisms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ 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

4.8. Social/Cultural uses of heritage

4.8.1 - Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant		Not relevant					
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	Decreasing	Stable	Increasing
Positive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Negative							

4.8.2 - Society's valuing of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant		Not relevant					
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	Decreasing	Stable	Increasing
Positive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Negative							

4.8.3 - Indigenous hunting, gathering and collecting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.8.4 - Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.8.5 - Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.8.6 - Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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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

The Archaeological and Landscape Park promotes many activities to increase the participation of local communities; it promotes also the society's valuing of heritage by educational workshops for schools within the archaeological area, cycles of conferences and seminars, cultural and recreational activities and promotion of agricultural productions. These activities have enhanced the relationship between the Park and the local community.

4.9. Other human activities

4.9.1 - Illegal activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.9.2 - Deliberate destruction of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.9.3 - Military training

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.9.4 - War

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.9.5 - Terrorism

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.9.6 - Civil unrest

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

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

4.10. Climate change and severe weather events

4.10.1 - Storms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.10.2 - Flooding

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.10.3 - Drought

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.10.4 - Desertification

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.10.5 - Changes to oceanic waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.10.6 - Temperature change

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.10.7 - Other climate change impacts

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

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

4.11. Sudden ecological or geological events

4.11.1 - Volcanic eruption

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.11.2 - Earthquake

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.11.3 - Tsunami/Tidal wave

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.11.4 - Avalanche/Landslide

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.11.5 - Erosion and siltation/Deposition

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.11.6 - Fire (wildfire)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

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

4.12. Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species

4.12.1 - Translocated species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.12.2 - Invasive/Alien terrestrial species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.12.3 - Invasive/Alien freshwater species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✘ Not relevant

4.12.4 - Invasive/Alien marine species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.12.5 - Hyper-abundant species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.12.6 - Modified genetic material

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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4.12.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.12 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

4.13. Management and institutional factors

4.13.1 - Management system/Management plan

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant	<input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	Decreasing	Stable	Increasing
Positive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Negative							

4.13.2 - Legal framework

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant	<input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	Decreasing	Stable	Increasing
Positive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Negative							

4.13.3 - Governance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant	<input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	Decreasing	Stable	Increasing
Positive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Negative							

4.13.4 - Management activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant	<input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	Decreasing	Stable	Increasing
Positive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Negative							

4.13.5 - Financial resources

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant	<input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant
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Impact	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	Decreasing	Stable	Increasing
Positive	X		X				↗
Negative							

4.13.6 - Human resources

X Relevant Not relevant

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

4.13.7 - Low impact research/monitoring activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

X Relevant Not relevant

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

4.13.8 - High impact research/monitoring activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

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

The archaeological area is managed by a regional institution, the Park of the Valley of the temples, established by the regional law 20/2000. The management plan dates back to 2005, but the the Park updates regularly its triennial activity plan. The Park finances its activities with the proceeds from the tickets sale; its projects are also financed by national and european funding. There is a small number of specialist technical personnel, that have no management responsibilities.

4.14. Other factor(s)

4.14.1 - Other factor(s)

4.15. Factors Summary Table

4.15.1 - Factors Summary Table

Name	Impact		Origin		Trend
4.1 Buildings and Development					
4.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities	+	Current		+	↗
4.2 Transportation Infrastructure					
4.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure	+	Current		+	→
4.5 Biological resource use/modification					
4.5.3 Land conversion	+	Current		+	↗
4.5.5 Crop production	+	Current		+	→
4.5.6 Commercial wild plant collection	+	Current		+	→

4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage						
4.8.1 Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses	+	🚩		⊙		→
4.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage	+	🚩		⊙		→
4.13 Management and institutional factors						
4.13.1 Management system/Management plan	+	🚩		⊙		→
4.13.2 Legal framework	+	🚩		↻		→
4.13.3 Governance	+	🚩		⊙	↻	→
4.13.4 Management activities	+	🚩		⊙		→
4.13.5 Financial resources	+	🚩		⊙		↗
4.13.6 Human resources	+	🚩		↻		↘
4.13.7 Low impact research/monitoring activities	+	🚩		⊙		→
Legend	🚩 Current	🚩 Potential	⊖ Negative	⊕ Positive	⊙ Inside	↻ Outside

4.16. Assessment of current and potential positive and negative factors

4.16.1 - Assessment of current and potential negative and positive factors





4.1 Buildings and Development

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities	+	🚩	↗

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
	Restricted
✘	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread
Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
✘	On-going
Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant





	Minor
✘	Significant
	Major
Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
✘	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
	Static
✘	Increasing

4.2 Transportation Infrastructure

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure	 		

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

4.5 Biological resource use/modification

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.5.3 Land conversion	 		

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact

	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	On-going

Impact - Impact on the attributes




	Insignificant
	Minor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources

Trend - Development over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
	Static
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increasing

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.5.5 Crop production	 		





Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact

	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frequent
	On-going
Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Significant
	Major
Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
	Static
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increasing

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.5.6 Commercial wild plant collection	 		

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact	
	One off or rare
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
	On-going




Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Minor
	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources

Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing

	Static
✘	Increasing

4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.8.1 Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses	 		

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
✘	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact

	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
✘	Frequent
	On-going

Impact - Impact on the attributes



	Insignificant
	Minor
✘	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

	High capacity
✘	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources

Trend - Development over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
✘	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage	 		

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor





	Restricted
	Localised
✘	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact

	One off or rare
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	Intermittent or sporadic
✘	Frequent
	On-going
Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✘	Significant
	Major
Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
✘	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
	Static
✘	Increasing




4.13 Management and institutional factors

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.1 Management system/Management plan	 		

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

Trend - Development over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.2 Legal framework	 		

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact

	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	On-going

Impact - Impact on the attributes




	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

	High capacity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources

Trend - Development over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Static
	Increasing




Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.3 Governance	 	 	

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact

	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
X	On-going
Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
X	Major
Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
X	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
X	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.4 Management activities	 		

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





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

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
X	Significant
	Major

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

Trend - Development over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.5 Financial resources	 		

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact

	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	On-going

Impact - Impact on the attributes






	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

	High capacity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources

Trend - Development over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
	Static
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increasing





Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.6 Human resources	 	 	

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact

	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
✘	On-going
Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✘	Significant
	Major
Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
	High capacity
✘	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
✘	Decreasing
	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.7 Low impact research/monitoring activities	 		

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

Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Static
	Increasing

4.17. Serial inscriptions (national or transnational)

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

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

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

	Attribute	Preserved	Compromised	Seriously compromised	Lost
4.18.1.1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4.18.1.2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4.18.1.3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4.18.1.4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4.18.1.5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

5. Protection and Management of the Property

5.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **known and recognised by both** the management authority and local communities/landowners

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).

As the site is a cultural and archaeological property, it is protected by national law according to the rules of the Legislative Decree n°. 42 of Jan 22 2004 of the Cultural Heritage and Landscape Code.

The Gui Mancini Act of May 16th 1968 established the perimeter of the Valley of the Temples of Agrigento, as well as the usage precepts and the building limitations of the area.

Moreover the approval of the Park Plan is underway. That plan will also include the renovation and the use of buildings and any activity in the park.

Source: Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006)

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

2000 / Istituzione del Parco archeologico e paesaggistico della Valle dei Templi di Agrigento. Norme sull'istituzione del sistema dei parchi archeologici in Sicilia /

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 **legal framework** in the buffer zone for the maintenance 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**

5.2.5 - 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

Property and buffer zone boundaries has been defined in 1968 by the ministerial decree Gui-Mancini; the 20/2000 regional law the Archaeological and Landscape Park of the Valley of Temples, which includes the area bound by Guy-Mancini law; the Park has financial autonomy and, consequently, adequate economic resources.

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 provincial/regional 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.

A management plan

An annual work plan or business plan

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

The Park of the Valley of the Temples has a Director, appointed by Regional Government and affianked by a Council of the Park to guide the management of the site. The Council is in charge of: approving the three year plan for archaeological research, restoration and maintenance; recovery and renovation of environment and landscape; expropriation of land and buildings; improvement and improvement and development of the site; ruling any activity permitted in the Park.

5.3.4 - Management Documents

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:

An adaptive strategy has been put in place to respond to the increased fire risk due to drought and increased temperatures, by making weeding and cleaning the area more frequent.

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

The risk management policy is **fully based** on the agreed 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

The main risk in the area is constituted by the instability of the rocky ridge that delimits the area of the ancient city. A careful ridge monitoring is accomplished.

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

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

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

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

5.3.13 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is **not being implemented**

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

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

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

Outstanding Universal Value of the property?

		Not applicable	No mechanisms for participation	Some participation	Direct participation	Transformative participation in all relevant decision processes
5.3.15.1	Local communities		X			
5.3.15.2	Local authorities				X	
5.3.15.3	Landowners in the property and the buffer zone		X			
5.3.15.4	Indigenous peoples		X			
5.3.15.5	Women		X			
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				X	
5.3.16.2	Local/Municipal authorities				X	
5.3.16.3	Indigenous peoples	X				
5.3.16.4	Landowners	X				
5.3.16.5	Women	X				
5.3.16.6	Youth/Children				X	
5.3.16.7	Researchers					X
5.3.16.8	Local Visitors/Tourists			X		
5.3.16.9	National/International tourists			X		
5.3.16.10	Tourism Industry			X		
5.3.16.11	Local businesses and industries				X	
5.3.16.12	NGOs	X				
5.3.16.13	Other specific groups	X				
	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	X				
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)	X				
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				X	
5.3.17.4	The management system of the property integrates a human rights-based approach	X				
5.3.17.5	The management system of the property contributes to fostering inclusive local economic development, and to enhancing livelihood				X	
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	X				

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.)	10 %	10 %
6.1.1.2	Bilateral international funding	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.3	World Heritage Fund (International Assistance)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.4	Contribution from other conventions and programmes	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.5	International donations (NGOs, foundations, etc.)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.6	Governmental (national/federal)	10 %	10 %
6.1.1.7	Governmental (regional/provincial/state)	1 %	1 %
6.1.1.8	Governmental (local/municipal)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.9	In-country donations (NGOs, foundations, etc.)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.10	Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, toilets, parking, camping fees, etc.)	76 %	76 %
6.1.1.11	Commercial activities (e.g. merchandising and catering, filming permit, concessions, etc.)	3 %	3 %
6.1.1.12	Other	0 %	0 %
		Total 100 %	Total 100 %

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

The Archaeological and Landscape Park is managing two projects financed by 77/2006 law, actually ongoing.

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	67 %	0 %
6.1.6.2	Women	33 %	0 %
		Total 100 %	Total 0 %

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

Human resources **partly meet** the management needs of the World Heritage property

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

Conservation	Poor
Environmental sustainability	Poor
Community participation and inclusion	Poor
Risk preparedness	Fair
Capacity development and education	Poor
Administration	Fair
Research and monitoring	Fair
Awareness raising and public information/communication	Poor

Marketing and promotion	Poor
Interpretation	Fair
Visitor management/tourism	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Poor

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

Conservation	Not available
Environmental sustainability	Fair
Community participation and inclusion	Fair
Risk preparedness	Fair
Capacity development and education	Fair
Administration	Not available
Research and monitoring	Fair
Awareness raising and public information/communication	Not available
Marketing and promotion	Not available
Interpretation	Not available
Visitor management/tourism	Not available
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not available

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 Park has put in place a strategy to involve stakeholders both in the storytelling and interpretation of the results of new research in the archaeological area and in the agricultural management of state-owned lands according to traditional techniques. The management experience of the park was also shared with the managers of the other Sicilian parks and the Tunisian archaeological areas with the participation in an Italy-Tunisia cross-border cooperation project.

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

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

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

The Archaeological and Landscape Park of the Valley of Temples takes part in a Italy-Tunisia cooperation project aimed at improving the skills of sicilian archaeological parks managers and the training of young workers in Cultural Heritage.

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 widely with active outreach to local communities and national and international audiences

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

Archaeological research are conducted by Italian and European Universities and by the scientific team of the Park. A strategy of community-oriented dissemination of research results is implemented through educational activities, seminars, etc.; the Park organizes an annual conference to share research findings and with national and international scholars; it also publishes books and participates in international conferences. Park publications are shared in a page of website Academia.edu.

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
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Local/municipal authorities	Poor
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Poor
Women	Fair
Youth/children	Fair
Researchers	Good
Local visitors	Good
National/international tourists	Good
Tourism industry	Fair
Local businesses and industries	Fair
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 **planned and effective education and awareness programme** for children and youth that contributes to the protection of the World Heritage property

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

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

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

There are currently no visitor centers on the site, but two new centers are planned; the website is also being redesigned.

9. Visitor Management

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

809.934 / 445.925 / 334.385 / 956.578 / 949.951 /

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

Entry tickets and registries

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

One to three hours

9.4 - Please provide the source of information

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

0 / 10 / 4 / 10 / 10 / 15 /

9.6 - Please provide the source of information

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

There is a **strategy** to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived impacts on the World Heritage property but there are **some deficiencies in implementation**

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

The tourists flow tends to be concentrated physically (along the main route) and temporally (in spring and summer). Several new itineraries have been created to facilitate visits to less frequented areas of the archaeological area. Physical damage to the monuments is avoided by barriers that prevent entry into the buildings; guardians are scattered along the path, but the number should be increased. To facilitate the interpretation of the area, physical and technological tools are available.

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

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is managed but **improvements could be made**

9.10 - Is the effectiveness of tourism management regularly monitored?

No

If a different system, please specify

There is not a formalized monitoring system, but the state of conservation of the monuarea is continuously checked

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 presentation and interpretation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is **acceptable but improvements could be made**

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

In **many locations** 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?

Fees are collected and make a **substantial contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

9.15 - Are there locally driven sustainable tourism initiatives?

No

If 'Yes', please specify

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

Yes

If 'Yes', please specify

a share of ticket revenue is used for cultural activities and improvement of the attractiveness of the territory

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

Visitor management is actually effective, although it can be improved; Agrigento will be the Italian capital of culture in 2025 and a significant increase in visitors flow is foreseeable, therefore it will be necessary to study a strategy that allows better management of flows, in collaboration with local and regional authorities.

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 **considerable monitoring** but it is not directed towards management needs and/or improving the understanding of 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 but monitoring of the status of indicators could be improved**

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

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

12. Summary and Conclusions

12.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

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You have not marked any factor as current and negative/positive, therefore this assessment table is empty.
Summary - Factors affecting the Property **completed**

12.2. Summary - Management Needs

12.2.1 - Summary - Management Needs

5.3 Management System/Management Plan					
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
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	Research about potential impact of climate change will be implemented thanks the cooperation with Palermo University.	A collaboration agreement will be signed by 2024	Center for Sustainability and Ecological Transition of Palermo University	To plan systematic interventions a scientific study is necessary.
5.3.13	The management system at the property is not being implemented	The park management will seek approval of the park plan from the regional institutions;	Approval times are not dependent on the Park management	Regional institutions	Although approval is still awaited, the management system is effective
6.1 Funding					
6.1.7	Human resources partly meet the management needs of the World Heritage property	Training courses are planned by the regional administration to improve employee capacity.	Training courses will be in place within this year	Regional Administration	Selection and hiring of personnel depend on the regional administration and not on the Property management; through the training courses an attempt will be made to improve the personnel's skills
6.1.10	Some use has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	Some actions for capacity development are carried out, but they will be implemented	One year	Archaeological and Landscape Park	Further development of actions aimed at capacity building is necessary in view of 2025, when Agrigento will be the Italian capital of culture
6.1.12	A site-based capacity building plan or programme is in place and partially implemented; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, but most technical work is carried out by external staff	Implementation of the capacity building plan	Three years	Archaeological and Landscape Park	However, many of the skills necessary for management cannot be builded into the site and the use of external staff will still be necessary
9	Visitor Management				

9.7	There is a strategy to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived impacts on the World Heritage property but there are some deficiencies in implementation	In collaboration with the municipal administration, a plan will be developed to improve traffic and parking	Two years	Municipal administration; Archaeological and Landscape Park	Actions aimed at traffic and parking improvement is necessary in view of 2025, when Agrigento will be the Italian capital of culture
9.9	Visitor use of the World Heritage property is managed but improvements could be made	Construction of a new website; new didactic devices for cognitively disabled persons; new internal site signage	one year	Archaeological and Landscape Park	The actions indicated are already in progress
9.12	The presentation and interpretation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is acceptable but improvements could be made	Creation of didactic devices in the archaeological areas brought to light in recent years; realization of the new website	two years	Archaeological and Landscape Park	Some of the actions are already in progress

10	Monitoring				
10.1	There is considerable monitoring at the World Heritage property but it is not directed towards management needs and/or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value	Sustainability report update	two years	Archaeological and Landscape Park; concession-holder for additional services,	The new report will be more directed towards management needs
10.2	Information on the values of the World Heritage property is adequate and key indicators have been defined but monitoring of the status of indicators could be improved	The new sustainability report will check the state of the indicators	two years	Archaeological and Landscape Park; concession-holder for additional services,	For monitoring of the indicators status will be involved the stakeholders of the Park

Summary - Management Needs completed

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?

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	Positive
Research and monitoring	No impact
Management effectiveness	No impact
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	No impact
Legal/Policy framework	No impact
Advocacy	No impact
Institutional coordination	No impact
Security	No impact
Gender equality	No impact
Provision of ecosystem services/ benefits to local communities	No impact
Social inclusion and equity, and improvement of opportunities for all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, origin, religion, or economic or other status	No impact
Fostering inclusive local economic development and enhancing livelihood	Positive
Contributing to conflict prevention, including respect for cultural diversity within and around heritage properties	No impact
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 "Agri Gentium: landscape regeneration" project involves local population and enterprises in the agricultural management of the Valley's land, encouraging the use of ancient biocompatible techniques, in the protected areas of the Park given in concession. Protection and valorisation of the cultural heritage are combined with recovery of the historical memory of ancient production practices, with the aim of re-proposing and developing them for the creation of products of exceptional quality, marked by the specially registered "Diodoros" trademark. It is also capable of developing cooperation between public and private entities, considered as a concrete element of strength for active protection of cultural landscape and environmental regeneration. The "Agri Gentium" project won the Landscape award of Italian Ministry of Culture in 2017 and was the Italian candidate for the Europe Council Europe in the same year.

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

Sustainable Development
Synergies
Management
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 concept of Outstanding Universal Value
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	No follow-up
Site Managers	No follow-up
UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Good
Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS, IUCN, ICCROM)	No follow-up

15.2. Use of Data

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

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

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

15.3. Timing and resources

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

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage

Site Manager/Coordinator World Heritage property staff

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

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

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

Yes

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

30 / 10 / 90 /

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

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

15.4. Format and content of the Periodic Report

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

Most 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			X	
15.4.2.2	Clarity of questions		X		

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

15.5. Training and Guidance

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

UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Fair
UNESCO (other sectors/field offices)	No support
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
ICOMOS International	No support
IUCN International	No support
ICCROM international/regional	No support
ICOMOS national/regional	No support
IUCN national/regional	No support

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

UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Fair
State Party Representative (national Focal Point)	Fair

UNESCO other sectors (e.g. field office)	No support
National Commission for UNESCO	No support
ICOMOS International	No support
ICCROM International/regional	No support
ICOMOS national/regional	No support
IUCN national/regional	No support
IUCN International	No support

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

No item were proposed for update

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

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

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