Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage property
Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower

1.2 - World Heritage property details

1.3 - Geographic information table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower	40.367 / 49.833	21.5	12	33.5	2000
Total (ha)		**21.5**	**12**	**33.5**	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower - map of inscribed property	2000	🖼
Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower - map of inscribed property	2015	🖼

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

1. [Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher"](#)
2. [Gobustan National Historical-Artistic Preserve](#)

Comment
Icherisheher Official Website- https://icherisheher.gov.az/en/ Icherisheher Facebook- https://www.facebook.com/Icherisheherlivinghistory Icherisheher Instagram-https://www.instagram.com/icherisheher_living_history/ Icherisheher Youtube- https://www.youtube.com/@icherisheherlivinghistory333 Icherisheher Twitter-https://twitter.com/icherisheher Icherisheher Linkedin- https://www.linkedin.com/company/iç ri h r-dövl t-tarix-memarlıq-qoru u-idar si Icherisheher Tiktok - https://vt.tiktok.com/ZSLDE88M5/

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) **is** 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

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?
Yes

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
"Art of miniature" - The Walled City of Baku is the home to Museum of Miniature Books, established in 2002. "Traditional art and symbolism of Kelaghayi, making and wearing women's silk headscarves - "Icherisheher" Center for Traditional Arts (established in 2012) under the Administration of the Walled City of Baku promotes and regenerates traditional arts, including batik (silk) "Novruz" - Each year, Walled Town of Baku becomes the center of Novruz celebrations.

2.11 - Are you aware of any documentary heritage listed under the Memory of the World Programme associated with the World Heritage property?
Not aware

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.

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

Rising from the south shore of the Apsheron Peninsular at the western edge of the Caspian Sea, the Walled City of Baku was founded on a site inhabited since the Palaeolithic period. The city reveals, along with the dominant Azerbaijani element, evidence of Zoroastrian, Sassanian, Arabic, Persian, Shirvani, Ottoman, and Russian presence in cultural continuity. The inner city (Icherisheher) has preserved much of its 12th-century defensive walls, which define the character of the property. The most ancient monument of Icherisheher is the Maiden Tower – symbol of the city of Baku. Some evidence suggests that the construction of the Tower might have been as early as the 7th-6th centuries BC. Another monument of universal value, one of the pearls of Azerbaijan's architecture is the 12th- to 15th-century Shirvanshahs' Palace, located at the highest point of Icherisheher. Within the Palace complex are the Divankhana (reception hall) or, as some researchers believe, the Tomb of Shah, the residential building of Shirvanshahs, the remains of Key-Kubad Mosque, the Tomb of Seyid Yahya Bakuvi, Murad's Gate (the only monument of the 16th century), the Tomb of Shirvanshahs' Family, the Shah Mosque and the Palace bath-house. Earlier monuments of Icherisheher include the Mohammed Mosque, together with the adjacent minaret built in 1078, and remains of the 9th- to 10th-century mosque near the Maiden Tower.

There are also numerous historical-architectural monuments of the medieval period such as caravanserais, hamams (bath-houses), mosques and residential buildings of the 18th to 20th centuries located within the property.

The magnificence of Icherisheher lies in the combination of its distinct architectural monuments and its historically composed architectural spatial planning with original street views, which have merged into a single entity to reflect its long history and the melding of cultures that have influenced its development over the past nine centuries. Icherisheher is still a living, vibrant city with residential areas housing local communities.

Criterion (iv): The Walled City of Baku represents an outstanding and rare example of an historic urban ensemble and architecture with influence from Zoroastrian, Sassanian, Arabic, Persian, Shirvani, Ottoman, and Russian cultures.

Integrity

The boundary of the property follows the boundary of the Walled City, which with the remains of its walls, planning and buildings encompasses the attributes that express its Outstanding Universal Value.

Considerable erosion of the fabric of some of the buildings within the Walled City occurred soon after inscription of the property, partly as a result of an earthquake but also due to illegal demolition and uncontrolled development. The property was removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger in 2009.

The setting of the property has changed somewhat since inscription, due to building development that accompanied the disintegration of the previous Soviet management system and is still vulnerable to negative visual impacts of adjacent new development. The new management structure effectively combines municipal functions as well as property conservation functions.

Authenticity

Following inscription, the demolition and complete reconstruction of some buildings impacted adversely the authenticity of the overall urban ensemble. As a result of measures taken to enable removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, the remaining attributes can be said to convey the property's Outstanding Universal Value in terms of materials, design and urban planning. The coherence and functions of the historic city are supported by a vibrant local community.

Protection and managements requirements

The Walled City of Baku and its buffer zone are inventoried and protected as National Monuments. The inner city is protected by Presidential Decrees of 2005 and 2007, and the buffer zone is protected by a Decree issued by the Cabinet of Ministers.

In 2007, the Administration of the State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" (SHAHAR), established under the Cabinet of Ministers, was formally given full responsibility for management of the property instead of the authorities of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the City of Baku. SHAHAR is independently staffed and funded by the Government. An Integrated Area Management Action Plan (IAMAP) has been developed, together with a Conservation Master Plan.

The Conservation Master Plan has been reviewed by all stakeholders and formally approved, and will be integrated with the IAMAP and adopted in the urban planning system of the City of Baku. The actions in the IAMAP will be implemented, including preparation of a comprehensive long-term strategy for the protection of Icherisheher and its buffer zone; documentation and monitoring of the state of conservation of the property; formulation of standards and procedures for the regulation of rehabilitation of existing buildings and eventual new constructions; maintenance and improvement of public spaces; development of strategic interventions to improve the quality of life in the area; and organisation and management of community outreach and education programmes.

There is a need to ensure that planning controls respect the characteristics of the modest houses that contribute to the overall qualities of Baku as a reflection of a medieval city. Numerous parts of the property retain original medieval street views and attention must be paid to preserve such views where they exist. Controls on development of the wider setting of the city is also needed so as to ensure it retains its links with the sea and does not become a small island within high-rise developments.

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	historic urban ensemble and architecture	✖			
3.2.2	synthesis of cultures	✖			
3.2.3	vibrant city with residential areas	✖			
3.2.4	narrow streets	✖			
3.2.5	cultural heart of Baku	✖			
3.2.6					

3.2.7					
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3.2.9					
3.2.10					
3.2.11					
3.2.12					
3.2.13					
3.2.14					
3.2.15					

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

4. Factors Affecting the Property

4.1. Buildings and Development

4.1.1 - Housing
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.1.2 - Commercial development
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.1.3 - Industrial areas
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.1.4 - Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.1.5 - Interpretative and visitation facilities
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

✖ Relevant				Not relevant		
	Impact		**Origin**		**Trend of impact**	
Impact	⬕ **Current**	⬕ **Potential**	⦿ **Inside**	⬗ **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	➔ **Stable**	↗ **Increasing**
⊕ Positive ✖	✖		✖	✖			↗
⊖ 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
In 2018, the Administration of the Walled City of Baku inauguarated the new Visitor Information Centre right at the entrance of the site. The visitors are given opportunity to get information about the history, architecture, culture of our city, as well as cultural life in the Old City from the moment they enter the site.

4.2. Transportation Infrastructure

4.2.1 - Ground transport infrastructure
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Relevant, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.2.2 - Underground transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.2.3 - Air transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.2.4 - Marine transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Relevant, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.2.5 - Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

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

Entry of vehicles to the Walled Town of Baku is restricted with the entrance control posts stationed in both entrances of the site. Only residents of the site are allowed to enter free of charge to the site.

4.3. Services Infrastructures

4.3.1 - Water infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.3.2 - Renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.3.3 - Non-renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.3.4 - Localised utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.3.5 - Major linear utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

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

Restriction of vehicle entrance has positive impact as greater mobility is provided for pedestrians. Besides, the Administration use electrical vehicles (golf carts) in touristic services to provide tours to those who have physical difficulty in walking in the site. Paid entrance is applied to other vehicles, provided that the number of cars in the site does not exceed the pre-determined limit.

4.4. Pollution

4.4.1 - Pollution of marine waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant

4.4.2 - Ground water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant

4.4.3 - Surface water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant

4.4.4 - Air pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant

4.4.5 - Solid waste

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant

4.4.6 - Input of excess energy

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant

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

4.5. Biological resource use/modification

4.5.1 - Fishing/collecting aquatic resources

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant

4.5.2 - Aquaculture

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant

4.5.3 - Land conversion

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant

4.5.4 - Livestock farming/Grazing of domesticated animals

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant

4.5.5 - Crop production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant

4.5.6 - Commercial wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.7 - Subsistence wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.8 - Commercial hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.9 - Subsistence hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.10 - Forestry/Wood production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

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

4.6. Physical resource extraction

4.6.1 - Mining

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.6.2 - Quarrying

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.6.3 - Oil and gas

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.6.4 - Water (extraction)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- 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 (15/08/2014):
- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside, Outside

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.2 - Relative humidity

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.3 - Temperature

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.4 - Radiation/Light

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.5 - Dust

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.6 - Water (rain/water table)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Relevant, Positive, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside, Outside

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.7 - Pests

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.8 - Micro-organisms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- 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 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.8.2 - Society's valuing of heritage
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

✖ Relevant						Not relevant	

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	🏳 **Current**	🏳 **Potential**	🔵 **Inside**	🔵 **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	→ **Stable**	↗ **Increasing**
🟢 Positive ✖	✖		✖	✖			
🔴 Negative							

4.8.3 - Indigenous hunting, gathering and collecting
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.8.4 - Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

✖ Relevant			Not relevant				
	Impact		**Origin**		**Trend of impact**		
Impact	🚩 **Current**	🚩 **Potential**	🔵 **Inside**	🏳 **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	→ **Stable**	↗ **Increasing**
⊕ Positive ✖	✖		✖	✖			
⊖ Negative							

4.8.5 - Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

✖ Relevant			Not relevant				
	Impact		**Origin**		**Trend of impact**		
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⊕ Positive ✖	✖		✖				
⊖ Negative							

4.8.6 - Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

✖ Relevant			Not relevant				
	Impact		**Origin**		**Trend of impact**		
Impact	🚩 **Current**	🚩 **Potential**	🔵 **Inside**	🏳 **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	→ **Stable**	↗ **Increasing**
⊕ Positive ✖	✖		✖	✖			↗
⊖ Negative							

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
After the pandemic, the number of visitors is growing. It has positive impact on sustainable livelihoods and sustainable urban heritage development.

4.9. Other human activities

4.9.1 - Illegal activities
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.9.2 - Deliberate destruction of heritage
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

✖ Relevant			Not relevant				
	Impact		**Origin**		**Trend of impact**		
Impact	🚩 **Current**	🚩 **Potential**	🔵 **Inside**	🏳 **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	→ **Stable**	↗ **Increasing**
⊕ Positive							
⊖ Negative ✖		✖		✖	↘		

4.9.3 - Military training
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.9.4 - War

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

| Relevant | ✖ Not relevant |

4.9.5 - Terrorism

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

| Relevant | ✖ Not relevant |

4.9.6 - Civil unrest

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- 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 (15/08/2014):
- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside, Outside

| Relevant | ✖ Not relevant |

4.10.2 - Flooding

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Outside

| Relevant | ✖ Not relevant |

4.10.3 - Drought

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

| Relevant | ✖ Not relevant |

4.10.4 - Desertification

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

| Relevant | ✖ Not relevant |

4.10.5 - Changes to oceanic waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

| Relevant | ✖ Not relevant |

4.10.6 - Temperature change

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

| Relevant | ✖ Not relevant |

4.10.7 - Other climate change impacts

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- 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 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.11.2 - Earthquake
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside, Outside

✖ Relevant		Not relevant				

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	🏷 **Current**	🏷 **Potential**	⊙ **Inside**	⌕ **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	→ **Stable**	✐ **Increasing**
⊕ Positive							
⊖ Negative ✖		✖	✖	✖		→	

4.11.3 - Tsunami/Tidal wave
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.11.4 - Avalanche/Landslide
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside, Outside

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.11.5 - Erosion and siltation/Deposition
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.11.6 - Fire (wildfire)
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside, Outside

✖ Relevant		Not relevant				

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	🏷 **Current**	🏷 **Potential**	⊙ **Inside**	⌕ **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	→ **Stable**	✐ **Increasing**
⊕ Positive							
⊖ Negative ✖		✖	✖	✖		→	

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 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.12.2 - Invasive/Alien terrestrial species
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.12.3 - Invasive/Alien freshwater species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant

4.12.4 - Invasive/Alien marine species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant

4.12.5 - Hyper-abundant species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant

4.12.6 - Modified genetic material

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ 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

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**	↘ **Decreasing**	→ **Stable**	↗ **Increasing**
✚ Positive ✕	✕	✕	✕				↗
⛔ Negative							

4.13.2 - Legal framework

✕ Relevant					Not relevant		

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	🚩 **Current**	🚩 **Potential**	⊙ **Inside**	⤴ **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	→ **Stable**	↗ **Increasing**
✚ Positive ✕	✕	✕	✕				
⛔ Negative							

4.13.3 - Governance

✕ Relevant					Not relevant		

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	🚩 **Current**	🚩 **Potential**	⊙ **Inside**	⤴ **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	→ **Stable**	↗ **Increasing**
✚ Positive ✕	✕	✕	✕				↗
⛔ Negative							

4.13.4 - Management activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Relevant, Positive, Current, Potential, Inside, Outside

✕ Relevant					Not relevant		

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	🚩 **Current**	🚩 **Potential**	⊙ **Inside**	⤴ **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	→ **Stable**	↗ **Increasing**
✚ Positive ✕	✕	✕	✕	✕			↗

	Negative								

4.13.5 - Financial resources

Relevant		Not relevant	

Impact	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
	🏳 Current	🏳 Potential	⊙ Inside	⟲ Outside	↘ Decreasing	→ Stable	✎ Increasing
⊕ Positive ✖	✖	✖	✖	✖		→	
⊖ Negative							

4.13.6 - Human resources

Relevant		Not relevant	

Impact	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
	🏳 Current	🏳 Potential	⊙ Inside	⟲ Outside	↘ Decreasing	→ Stable	✎ Increasing
⊕ Positive ✖	✖	✖	✖				✎
⊖ Negative							

4.13.7 - Low impact research/monitoring activities
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant		Not relevant	

Impact	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
	🏳 Current	🏳 Potential	⊙ Inside	⟲ Outside	↘ Decreasing	→ Stable	✎ Increasing
⊕ Positive ✖	✖		✖				✎
⊖ Negative							

4.13.8 - High impact research/monitoring activities
Previous answer Cycle 2 (15/08/2014):
- Not relevant

Relevant		Not relevant	

Impact	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
	🏳 Current	🏳 Potential	⊙ Inside	⟲ Outside	↘ Decreasing	→ Stable	✎ Increasing
⊕ Positive ✖	✖		✖			→	
⊖ 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

In 2018, the Administration of the Walled City of Baku inaugurated Tourist Information Center, which among others, also conduct regular visitor surveys in the site. The recent project launched with EU/UNDP (Smart Old City Project) aims to support digital transformation in the site, which will facilitate the Administration to better know the visitors. In addition, Scientific Restoration Workshop of the Administration is responsible for regular monitoring of the historical monuments/building

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	⊕	🏳	⊙	⟲	✎
4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage					
4.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage	⊕	🏳	⊙	⟲	

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.8.4 Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system	Positive	Current		Inside	Outside	
4.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	Positive	Current		Inside		
4.8.6 Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation	Positive	Current		Inside	Outside	↗
4.9 Other human activities						
4.9.2 Deliberate destruction of heritage	Negative		Potential		Outside	↘
4.11 Sudden ecological or geological events						
4.11.2 Earthquake	Negative		Potential	Inside	Outside	→
4.11.6 Fire (wildfire)	Negative		Potential	Inside	Outside	→
4.13 Management and institutional factors						
4.13.1 Management system/Management plan	Positive	Current	Potential	Inside		↗
4.13.2 Legal framework	Positive	Current	Potential	Inside		
4.13.3 Governance	Positive	Current	Potential	Inside		↗
4.13.4 Management activities	Positive	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	↗
4.13.5 Financial resources	Positive	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	→
4.13.6 Human resources	Positive	Current	Potential	Inside		↗
4.13.7 Low impact research/monitoring activities	Positive	Current		Inside		↗
4.13.8 High impact research/monitoring activities	Positive	Current		Inside		→

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	Positive	Current		Inside	Outside	↗
Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor						
Restricted						

	Localised
✖	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
	Static
✖	Increasing

4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage

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 - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
	Static
✖	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.8.4 Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system	⊕	🚩		◉	🔄	

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

✖	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

✖	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
✖	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	⊕	🚩		◉		

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
✖	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
✖	Minor
	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
✖	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.8.6 Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation	⊕	🚩		◉	☞	↗

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
✖	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

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

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

4.9 Other human activities

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.9.2 Deliberate destruction of heritage						
	⊖		🚩		↺	↘

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

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact		
✖	One off or rare	
	Intermittent or sporadic	
	Frequent	
	On-going	

Impact - Impact on the attributes		
✖	Insignificant	
	Minor	
	Significant	
	Major	

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

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

4.11 Sudden ecological or geological events

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend

4.11.2 Earthquake

⊖		◀	◉	☞	→

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
✖	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
✖	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.11.6 Fire (wildfire)						
	⊖		◀	◉	☞	→

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

✖	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant

	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement 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 - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
	Static
✖	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.2 Legal framework	🟢	🚩	🚩	◉		

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

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
✖	On-going

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

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

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

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.3 Governance	🟢	🚩	🚩	◉		↗

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

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
✖	On-going

Impact - Impact on the attributes	

✖	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

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

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

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.4 Management activities	⊕	⚑	⚑	⊚	☞	➚

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

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
✖	On-going

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

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

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

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend

4.13.5 Financial resources

4.13.5 Financial resources	⊕	🚩	🚩	◉	🖾	→

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
✖	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
	Static
✖	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.6 Human resources	⊕	🚩	🚩	◉		↗

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
✖	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

	One off or rare						
	Intermittent or sporadic						
	Frequent	⊕	🚩	🚩	◉	🖾	→
✖	On-going						

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant

	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement 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 - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
✖	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.8 High impact research/monitoring activities	⊕	🚩		◉		→

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

	Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact	
	One off or rare	
	Intermittent or sporadic	
	Frequent	
✖	On-going	

	Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant	
	Minor	
✖	Significant	
	Major	

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

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

4.17. Serial inscriptions (national or transnational)

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

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

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

	Attribute	Preserved	Compromised	Seriously compromised	Lost
4.18.1.1	historic urban ensemble and landscape	✖			
4.18.1.2	synthesis of cultures	✖			
4.18.1.3	narrow streets	✖			
4.18.1.4	historical and cultural heart of Baku	✖			
4.18.1.5	vibrant and living heritage city with residential areas	✖			

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

The buffer zone of the Walled City of Baku is protected under the "Regulations on the special legal regime of protection (buffer zone) of the State Historical and Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" adopted by the government in 2011.

5.2. Protective Measures

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

Walled City of Baku ("Icherisheher") with the Shirvanshahs' Palace and the Maiden Tower, including about 500 monuments is protected by the Decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan ("The list of immovable historical and cultural monuments" dated 2001, numbered 132.

In order the long-term protection, conservation and continuation of restoration of the site, as well as the intensification and increasing systemization of this work has established a state agency – Administration of the State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan by the decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 10 February 2005. Administration combines the function of a local executive power (municipal authority) and central executive power agency.

In 2009 Protection Buffer Zone of the State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" has been identified and approved by the Decision of Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Since establishment the Administration has developed number of strategic documents aimed at conservation and development of the city. These include – Conservation Master Plan & Integrated Area Management Action Plan. Conservation Master Plan has been approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan in November 2010.

Besides the Charter on the Special Legal Regime Regulation of Buffer Zone of Icherisheher has been approved by the Cabinet of Ministers (September, 2011). The document stipulates special legal regime for buffer zone where all kind of activities that may endanger the historical monuments are prohibited.

Considering the vital importance of preservation of historical buildings, the first regulations which had been adopted by the Administration of the State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" was "Rules on routing engineering communications, coordination of construction-reinforcement, renovation, capital repair, restoration, conservation, reconstruction and regeneration works, organization of monitoring over the performance of the enumerated works and taking over the completed facilities for exploitation" and "Protection Agreement for use and preservation of monument". There are also number of other internal Rules and Procedures adopted by the Head of the Administration in order to provide full protection of the property.

Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshahs' Palace and the Maiden Tower was also granted enhanced protection status within framework of the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its Second Protocol. Decision was adopted on the 8th meeting of the Committee on 18-19th December, 2013 in Paris.

Source: Periodic Reporting Cycle 2

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 **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

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

Other

If 'Other', please specify

Public management system at local level

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.

Traditional ways of management recognised by local communities and other specific groups

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

A framework for inclusive economic development, including equal access and distribution of resources and opportunities arising from the protection of the property

An integrated management plan combining World Heritage and any other designations

An annual work plan or business plan

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

5.3.4 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Integrated Area Management Plan of Icheri Sheher (IAMAP)	N/A	Available	2007	

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?
Some use has been made of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape

5.3.6 - If the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation has been used at this property, please describe briefly what has been done.
Yes, the survey on the implementation of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation was submitted to UNESCO WH Secretariat earlier this year.

5.3.7 - Has any use been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property?
No use has been made of the World Heritage Policy for Climate Change

5.3.8 - If the Climate Change policy has been used, please briefly describe what has been done along with any research on the impacts of Climate Change on the property:
The Walled City of Baku was a signatory of the EU's Covenant of Mayors intiative, where the Administration committed to decrease CO2 emissions by 20% by 2020. Energy Efficiency Action Plan was developed in 2014. The report on the emission mitigation was submitted in 2020.

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

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

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

5.3.13 - Is the management system being implemented?
The management system is being **fully implemented and monitored**

5.3.14 - Is there an annual work/action plan and is it being implemented?
An annual work/action plan **exists and all of its activities are being implemented and monitored**

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

		Not applicable	No mechanisms for participation	Some participation	Direct participation	Transformative participation in all relevant decision processes
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	Local entrepreneurs, creative industries, youth				

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

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

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

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

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

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.)	%	0 %
6.1.1.2	Bilateral international funding	%	0 %
6.1.1.3	World Heritage Fund (International Assistance)	%	0 %

6.1.1.4	Contribution from other conventions and programmes	%	0 %
6.1.1.5	International donations (NGOs, foundations, etc.)	3 %	3 %
6.1.1.6	Governmental (national/federal)	73 %	73 %
6.1.1.7	Governmental (regional/provincial/state)	%	%
6.1.1.8	Governmental (local/municipal)	%	%
6.1.1.9	In-country donations (NGOs, foundations, etc.)	%	%
6.1.1.10	Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, toilets, parking, camping fees, etc.)	11 %	11 %
6.1.1.11	Commercial activities (e.g. merchandising and catering, filming permit, concessions, etc.)	13 %	13 %
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

6.1.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?
The available **budget is acceptable** but **could be further improved** to fully meet the management needs

6.1.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?
The existing sources of funding are **secure over the medium-term** and **planning is underway to secure funding over the 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	4 %	49 %
6.1.6.2	Women	4 %	43 %
		Total 8 %	Total 92 %

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

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

Conservation	Good
Environmental sustainability	Fair
Community participation and inclusion	Fair
Risk preparedness	Fair
Capacity development and education	Fair

Administration	Good
Research and monitoring	Fair
Awareness raising and public information/communication	Fair
Marketing and promotion	Fair
Interpretation	Fair
Visitor management/tourism	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Fair

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

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

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

The Site Administration cooperated with international organization to build capacities of the staff. Staff were involved in trainings at local and international level organized by OWHC (Organization of World Heritage Cities, ICOM, NEMO, UNESCO (Site Managers Forum, Young Professionals Forum), ICCROM etc. Last year, Young Restorers School was launched by the Administration together with the international partner company to develop restoration and conservation skills of the staff.

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

In 2022, Young Restorers School (MakTab), young restorers training program, was launched to develop the capacities of those involved in restoration. 7 modules out of 9 was completed so far with the participation of 25 young restorers. Workshop for Scientific Production and Restoration, a facility involved designing rehabilitation and regeneration projects for the monuments located in the site, is also place for many university students who wish to make internship here.

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

8. Education, Information and Awareness Building

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

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

Other specific groups	Not applicable
If you selected 'Other specific groups', please describe	

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

There is a planned education and awareness programme for children and/or youth **but it only partly meets the needs**

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

Local communities
Indigenous peoples
Landowners
Women
Youth/children
Researchers
Local Visitors
Local businesses and industries
NGOs

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

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

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

Awareness raising programs: Courses for children by the Center for Traditional Arts; "Divan Saatı" (Public Lectures) open for everybody is organized on a monthly basis to raise awareness of people on the heritage, history, values of the heritage.

9. Visitor Management

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

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

Entry tickets and registries
Transportation services
Tourism industry

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

One to three hours

9.4 - Please provide the source of information

Visitor statistics in the Walled City of Baku is collected based on entry tickets to museums, vehicle entrances to the Walled City, sale of site tours.

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

2.35 USD (average daily fee for entry to Icherisheher with vehicles) / 2.6 USD (average visitor expenditures based on payments for museum tickets and site tours) /

9.6 - Please provide the source of information

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

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

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

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

Regular monitoring and reporting, upgrade of the existing management

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 **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?
Yes

If 'Yes', please specify

there is a specific department responsible for tourism development, which ensures sustainability in all interventions in the site.

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

If 'Yes', please specify

maintenance of site infrastructure, residential buildings, preference for local residents in job hiring and local business activities

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

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

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

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

10.6 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?
Implementation is complete

10.7 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee.
Decision 40 COM 7B.105 Omnibus Decision of WHC - https://whc.unesco.org/en/decisions/6768

10.8 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to Monitoring
Heritage impact assessments are made to analyze possible effects and consequences of development on the OUV of World Heritage properties.

11. Identification of Priority Management Needs

11.1 - Identification of Priority Management Needs

5.3	Management System/Management Plan	
5.3.5	**Some use** has been made of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation to develop policies and best practices for the protection of the property	✖
5.3.7	**No use** has been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property	✖
5.3.9	**Some use** has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	✖
6.1	Funding	
6.1.3	The available **budget is acceptable** but **could be further improved** to fully meet the management needs of the World Heritage property	✖
6.1.10	**No use** has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	✖
8	Education, Information and Awareness Building	
8.2	There is a planned education and awareness programme for children and/or youth **but it only partly meets the needs**	✖

> **Please select 0 more issues.**

> 🔖 **Please save this question to reflect changes**

12. Summary and Conclusions

12.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

12.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

4.9	Other human activities

4.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage	vandalism acts which has negative visual affects with potential damage to heritage building	prosecution of those who violated the rules in close cooperation with the police regular awareness raising campaigns to increase responsibility with respect to cultural heritage public statement by site manager to citizens	24h camera surveillance regular monitoring by site experts (monthly)	monitorings are conducted on a regular basis (monthly) close cooperation with local police on a regular basis to prevent potential vandalism acts ongoing awareness raising campaigns involved by local residents (council of elders, youth)	Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher", public authority in charge of management of world heritage property Ministry of Interior Local council of Elders	None

4.11	Sudden ecological or geological events						

| 4.11.2 | Earthquake | Baku is located in seismic zone. Historical buildings in the site are sensitive to earthquake. Last serious earthquake was in 2000 | Since 2007, when the Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher", a public authority in charge of management of the site, was established, a number of restoration and conservation works were conducted in the site. | Regular monitorings are held to discover any potential deterioration or structural changes in the buildings | ongoing | Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" | None |
| 4.11.6 | Fire (wildfire) | Fire is a potential threat for the site. Some narrow streets in the site do not allow entry of big fire trucks | Practical trainings on fire prevention is held twice a year to improve the staff preparedness agains fire. 25 fire hydrants are installed in the site to use in case of fire emergencies. Earlier this year, most of the hydrants were repaired. | State of fire prevention is monitored twice a year together with the Ministry of Emergencies | ongoing/on a regular basis | Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" Ministry of Emergencies | None |

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**
5.3.5	**Some use** has been made of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation to develop policies and best practices for the protection of the property	Some Recommendations of the Historic Urban Landscape is implemented, monitored and reported regularly. In 2015, Workshop to test the Historic Urban Landscape approach to Baku's urban heritage conservation & development was held in Baku.	HUL Recommendations implementation reports are submitted to UNESCO WHC Secretariat. Last report was sent earlier this year.	Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher"	None
5.3.7	**No use** has been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property	Walled City of Baku is the signatory of the EU's Covenant of Mayors Initiative. The Energy Efficiency Action Plan was developed and implemented in 2014-2020 to mitigate CO2 emissions by 20%. Special rates for eco-friendly vehicles (electrical cars)	ongoing	Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher", a public authority responsible for management of world heritage	We did not use this Policy Document, although the Administration took some measure to mitigate impacts of climate change. Energy Efficiency Action Plan was developed and implemented between 2014-2020.
5.3.9	**Some use** has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	Regular monitoring of historical buildings to assess their resilience to risks	on a regular basis	Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher", a public authority responsible for management of world heritage	Although no use has been made of the given Strategy, the Administration takes regular measure to reduce risks to the property. There is close cooperation with the Ministry of Emergencies to reduce disaster risks in the site.

6.1	Funding				

6.1.3	The available **budget is acceptable** but **could be further improved** to fully meet the management needs of the World Heritage property	Pricing Committee, which reviews pricing for entries, parking, museum tickets in the site Cooperation with international donors: EU/UNDP Program on Mayors for Economic Development Improved mechanism to increase local revenues of entrepreneurs	ongoing	Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher", a public authority responsible for management of world heritage international organizations private sponsors	None
6.1.10	**No use** has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	No use of this program. But the Administration uses every opportunity to increase capacities of the Staff. It was ensured that the staff participates in international capacity building programs organized by OWHC, ICOMOS, NEMO, ICOM, etc.	on a regular basis	Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" international organizations international companies (Attelier Erich and Pummer GmBH, international restoration partner of of the Administration, which trains restoration staff.	none
8	Education, Information and Awareness Building				
8.2	There is a planned education and awareness programme for children and/or youth **but it only partly meets the needs**	Yes. Master classes for kids/children by the Center for Traditional Arts, a facility that focuses on regeneration of four traditional arts. Centre's doors are open for Kids Club so local children can try their hands at the different traditional arts	on a regular basis	dministration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher" (Center for Traditional Arts "Icherisheher")	None

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	Very positive
Research and monitoring	Very positive
Management effectiveness	Very positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Very positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Very positive
Infrastructure development	Very positive
Funding for the property	Very positive
International cooperation	Very positive
Political support for conservation	Very positive
Legal/Policy framework	Very positive

Advocacy	Very positive
Institutional coordination	Very positive
Security	Very positive
Gender equality	Very positive
Provision of ecosystem services/ benefits to local communities	Very positive
Social inclusion and equity, and improvement of opportunities for all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, origin, religion, or economic or other status	Very positive
Fostering inclusive local economic development and enhancing livelihood	Very positive
Contributing to conflict prevention, including respect for cultural diversity within and around heritage properties	Very positive
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

Protection - Walled City of Baku is a well protected area with restricted vehicle entrance, 24h security in the site. Conservation - Workshop for Scientific Production and Restoration, a unique facility in charge of rehabilitation and restoration projects for the monuments conducts regular monitoring of the buildings and investigates if there are any deformation and decay in the buildings and their causes. Management- a unique management system (Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher") with municipal status and with a responsibility of heritage conservation, tourism development and community welfare development Heritage values communication and interpretation - Scientific and Cultural Center and Tourism Information Center, along with other facilities (such as Baku Photography House, expositions installed in the newly restored monuments (Maiden Tower, Palace of Shirvanshahs, etc.), Baku Marionette Theatre, Center for Traditional Arts, communicate and interprete the value of the world heritage.

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 |
| Fundraising |
| 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 |
| Staff from other World Heritage properties |
| UNESCO National Commission |
| Local communities |
| Indigenous people |

15.3.2 - Has a gender balanced contribution and participation been considered in the filling out of this questionnaire?
Gender balance **is explicitly considered and effectively implemented** in the process.

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

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

| over 100 hours / over 60 hours / 30-50 hours / |

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?
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			✖	
15.4.2.2	Clarity of questions			✖	

15.4.3 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire
Additional trainings (online or virtual) would be usefull to complete the report

15.5. Training and Guidance

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

UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Not applicable
UNESCO (other sectors/field offices)	Not applicable
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
ICOMOS International	Not applicable
IUCN International	Not applicable
ICCROM international/regional	Not applicable
ICOMOS national/regional	Not applicable
IUCN national/regional	Not applicable

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.