

# Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage property

Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu

### 1.2 - World Heritage property details

### 1.3 - Geographic information table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Tamaudun	26.2 / 127.683	1.1	136.9	138	2000
Sonohyan-utaki Ishimon	26.2 / 127.683	0.008	0	0.008	2000
Nakijin-jō site	26.696 / 127.92	7.9	25.3	33.2	2000
Zakimi-jō site	26.422 / 127.735	4.4	78.9	83.3	2000
Katsuren-jō site	26.334 / 127.881	13.2	44.2	57.4	2000
Nakagusuku-jō site	26.289 / 127.809	12.3	178.1	190.4	2000
Shuri-jō site	26.2 / 127.683	7.3	0	7.3	2000
Shikinaen	26.2 / 127.683	4.2	84.2	88.4	2000
Sêfa-utaki	26.161 / 127.807	4.5	12.1	16.6	2000
Total (ha)		54.908	559.7	614.608	

### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Map showing the location of Tamaudun, Sonohyan-utaki Ishimon, Shuri-jō and Shikinaen	1999	
Map showing the location of Nakijin-jō site	1999	
Map showing the location of Zakimj-jō site	1999	
Map showing the location of Katsuren-jō site	1999	
Map showing the location of Nakagusuku-jō site	1999	
Map showing the location of Sêfa-utaki	1999	

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

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

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

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

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**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?**

**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?**

**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?**

**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?**

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

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## 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

Traditional skills, techniques and knowledge for the conservation and transmission of wooden architecture in Japan (Japan, 2020)

## 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 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

Five hundred years of Ryukyuan history (12th-17th centuries) are represented by this group of sites and monuments.

The nine component parts of the property include the sites and archaeological ruins of two stone monuments, five castles, and two cultural landscapes. They are scattered across Okinawa Island, collectively covering 54.9 ha. The surrounding buffer zone covers a total area of 559.7 ha.

In the 10th-12th centuries, Ryukyuan farming communities (*gusuku*) began to enclose their villages with simple stone walls for protection. From the 12th century onwards powerful groups known as *aji* began to emerge. They enlarged the defences of their own settlements, converting them into fortresses for their own households; these adopted the term *gusuku* to describe these formidable castles.

The castle ruins of the Gusuku sites on imposing elevated locations, are evidence for the social structure over much of that period, while the sacred sites provide mute testimony to the rare survival of an ancient form of religion into the modern age. The wide-ranging economic and cultural contacts of the Ryukyu Islands over that period gave rise to a unique culture.

**Criterion (ii):** For several centuries the Ryukyu islands served as a centre of economic and cultural interchange between south-east Asia, China, Korea, and Japan, and this is vividly demonstrated by the surviving monuments.

**Criterion (iii):** The culture of the Ryukyuan Kingdom evolved and flourished in a special political and economic environment, which gave its culture a unique quality.

**Criterion (vi):** The Ryukyu sacred sites constitute an exceptional example of an indigenous form of nature and ancestor worship that has survived intact into the modern age alongside other established world religions.

##### Integrity

In Ryukyu there remain more than three hundred Gusuku sites and related assets, of which five Gusuku sites, two related monuments, and two cultural landscapes are included as component parts of the property. Each of the individual component parts of the property is an outstanding representative of the religious beliefs and activities unique to the Ryukyu cultural tradition. Moreover, they are self contained with their own boundaries and buffer zone. They embody not only the geographical and historical characteristics but also the political, economic, and cultural uniqueness of the kingdom's five hundred years' regime. They firmly maintain the top-quality wholeness and integrity of the property.

##### Authenticity

The entire region suffered considerable damage during the Second World War and reconstruction work has taken place on many of the component parts. In Japan the authenticity of the form/design and materials/substance of each part of the property remains at a very high level, as they have been rehabilitated and restored under strict rules for more than one hundred years. Authenticity of location/setting has been maintained in that none of the component parts of the property has been moved from its original location and traces of buildings discovered through archeological excavations have been preserved underground. Extensive measures have been taken to make it possible to differentiate original materials from those used for rehabilitation and restoration, while sufficient care has been taken in the course of choosing materials. In the immediate aftermath of the Second World War, there were some cases of using improper materials, but adequate steps have been taken to replace these with proper materials or to establish clear distinctions between proper and improper materials. All the projects for such procedures are based on detailed surveys and research conducted in advance.

The main hall of Shuri-jō was restored not only on the basis of the surveyed plans and photographs of the actual architecture as it was seen before its destruction by the wartime fire, but also in strict accordance with the findings of the excavation covering a wide area. The exact replica of the lost structure is now a great monument symbolizing the pride of the Ryukyu people.

Shikinaen was restored utilizing similar procedures, the royal villa and garden being recreated with great precision. The underground structural remains were excavated and documented with the utmost care and, when necessary, covered by layers of innocuous earth or sand in order to facilitate differentiation from the structure restored on the original site, thus protecting the existing remains from the work of restoration and rehabilitation while preserving them in good condition.

With respect to craftsmen's skill, a high level and homogeneous authenticity is properly maintained and their traditional techniques are applied to all projects for restoration, rehabilitation and preservation on an extensive scale.

As described above, the property retains a high level of authenticity in terms of form/design, materials/substance, traditions/techniques, location/setting, function and spirit.

##### Protection and management requirements

Each component part of the property is designated as an Important Cultural Property, a Historic Site or a Special Place of Scenic Beauty under the 1950 Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties and subjected to strict preservation and management.

The component parts of the property are owned either by the Government of Japan as a nation, a wide range of municipalities or, in some cases, particular private persons. Seifa-Utaki and Zakimi-jô are owned by the respective municipalities where they are located. Nakijin-jô, Katsuren-jô and Nakagusuku-jô are publicly owned for the most part except for a small portion under private ownership. Shuri-jô is a joint property of Japan and Okinawa Prefecture. Tamaudun is jointly owned by Okinawa Prefecture and Naha City. Sonohyan-Utaki-Ishimon and Shikinaen are owned by Naha City.

The Agency for Cultural Affairs is the agency with management authority responsibilities for preservation, repairs and utilization of those component parts are assumed by the respective owners and administrators. The Government of Japan and Okinawa Prefecture are authorized to provide necessary financial and technical assistance.

The Okinawa Prefecture is in the process of establishing itself as an internationally resort area promoting the unique natural setting and cultural tradition but the various development plans provide for the protection of the property's component parts. In the buffer zones separating the individual component parts of the property, the height, design, coloring and other factors are also restricted according to the ordinances of the respective municipalities. In addition, almost all such buffer zones are included in the municipalities' city park, which have been or are about to be put into effect with a view to improving the environments of the component parts and promoting exhibition to the public. Individual management plans are in place for the Nakijin-jô site, Nakagusuku-jô site and Katsuren-jô site, however an overall management plan for the entire inscribed property was lacking. Therefore, the Comprehensive Management Plan was established in 2013 by Okinawa Prefecture in cooperation with the municipal governments concerned, in order to ensure the long term conservation and protection of the property.

**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	Design	✕			
3.2.2	Materials	✕			
3.2.3	Techniques	✕			
3.2.4	Environment	✕			
3.2.5					
3.2.6					
3.2.7					
3.2.8					
3.2.9					
3.2.10					
3.2.11					
3.2.12					
3.2.13					
3.2.14					
3.2.15					

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

**4. Factors Affecting the Property**

**4.1. Buildings and Development**

**4.1.1 - Housing**

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.1.2 - Commercial development**

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.1.3 - Industrial areas**

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

✕ Relevant	Not relevant
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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	🔴 Current	🟡 Potential	🟢 Inside	🟢 Outside	📉 Decreasing	➡ Stable	📈 Increasing

Positive							
Negative							

#### 4.1.4 - Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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#### 4.1.5 - Interpretative and visitation facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Outside

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

4.1.3There is an industrial zone reclaimed from the Nakagusuku Bay and a plan to reclaim the Awase Tideland between Katsuren-jō and Nakagusuku-jō. Although these zones are outside of the properties and buffer zones, these may affect the landscape. 4.1.5A guidance facility for Zakimi-jō was completed adjacent to the designated site in 2018. A guidance facility for Katsuren-jō is being built adjacent to the designated site with a scheduled opening in 2022.

### 4.2. Transportation Infrastructure

#### 4.2.1 - Ground transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, 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 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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#### 4.2.3 - Air transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

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

#### 4.2.4 - Marine transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Outside

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

Positive							
Negative							

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- 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

4.2.1 For car parks, the sanctity and tranquility of Seifa-Utaki was improved by moving a visitors' car park from a location next to the designated site to a location about 500 meters away. 4.2.3 For airports, a second runway began service at Naha Airport in April 2020. It can be expected that this will lead to increasing numbers of visitors. 4.2.4 For marine transport, visitors are increasing from the development of cruise ship terminals in Naha and Nakagusuku Bay.

### 4.3. Services Infrastructures

#### 4.3.1 - Water infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

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

#### 4.3.3 - Non-renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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#### 4.3.4 - Localised utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

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

#### 4.3.5 - Major linear utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

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

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

4.3.2 Solar panels were installed by a company based outside of Okinawa Prefecture within Nakagusuku-jô's buffer zone. 4.3.4 For cell phone towers, towers were installed outside Zakimi-jô's buffer zone. Although the towers have some impact on the landscape, they have not worsened it. 4.3.5 High-voltage power lines located outside Nakagusuku-jô were painted dark brown following discussions by cultural property administrators and the power company.

### 4.4. Pollution

#### 4.4.1 - Pollution of marine waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.4.2 - Ground water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.4.3 - Surface water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.4.4 - Air pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.4.5 - Solid waste

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.4.6 - Input of excess energy

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- 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 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.5.2 - Aquaculture

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.5.3 - Land conversion

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.5.5 - Crop production**  
Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.5.6 - Commercial wild plant collection**  
Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.5.7 - Subsistence wild plant collection**  
Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.5.8 - Commercial hunting**  
Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.5.9 - Subsistence hunting**  
Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.5.10 - Forestry/Wood production**  
Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ 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**

**4.6. Physical resource extraction**

**4.6.1 - Mining**  
Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.6.2 - Quarrying**  
Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.6.3 - Oil and gas**  
Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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**4.6.4 - Water (extraction)**  
Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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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 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.7.2 - Relative humidity

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.7.3 - Temperature

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.7.4 - Radiation/Light

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.7.5 - Dust

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.7.7 - Pests

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.7.8 - Micro-organisms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

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

4.8. Social/Cultural uses of heritage

4.8.1 - Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside

✕ Relevant			Not relevant				
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	🔥 Current	🔥 Potential	📍 Inside	📍 Outside	↘ Decreasing	→ Stable	↗ Increasing
🟢 Positive ✕	✕		✕			→	
🔴 Negative							

#### 4.8.2 - Society's valuing of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside

✕ 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 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.8.4 - Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.8.5 - Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside

✕ Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	🔥 Current	🔥 Potential	📍 Inside	📍 Outside	↘ Decreasing	→ Stable	↗ Increasing
➕ Positive ✕	✕		✕			→	
➖ Negative							

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ 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

This falls under criterion (vi). In particular, as is represented by Seifa-Utaki, the Ryukyu region's unique nature worship-oriented belief and thought and ancestor worship continue to live on among the local people through conspicuous examples of cultural landscape. Moreover, these properties serve as an important spiritual foundation given that the Okinawan people restored them from the destruction brought by Okinawa's becoming a battlefield of World War II.

#### 4.9. Other human activities

##### 4.9.1 - Illegal activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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##### 4.9.2 - Deliberate destruction of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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##### 4.9.3 - Military training

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.9.4 - War

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.9.5 - Terrorism

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.9.6 - Civil unrest

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- 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 (29/07/2011):

- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside, Outside

✕ Relevant

Not relevant

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

4.10.2 - Flooding

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.10.3 - Drought

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.10.4 - Desertification

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.10.5 - Changes to oceanic waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.10.6 - Temperature change

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.10.7 - Other climate change impacts

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- 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

4.10.1A portion of Nakijin-jō wall collapsed due to damage caused by a typhoon in July 2018. Steps toward restoration are currently underway following continuous discussions by the property's maintenance committee. Damage from falling trees caused by seasonal typhoons can occur both inside and outside the buffer zones of all property components.

#### 4.11. Sudden ecological or geological events

##### 4.11.1 - Volcanic eruption

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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##### 4.11.2 - Earthquake

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- 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 (29/07/2011):

- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside, Outside

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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##### 4.11.4 - Avalanche/Landslide

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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##### 4.11.5 - Erosion and siltation/Deposition

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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##### 4.11.6 - Fire (wildfire)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 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

4.11.2A portion of Katsuren-jō's wall collapsed from an earthquake (March 2010). Restoration work has been completed.

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

##### 4.12.1 - Translocated species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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##### 4.12.2 - Invasive/Alien terrestrial species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.12.3 - Invasive/Alien freshwater species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.12.4 - Invasive/Alien marine species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.12.5 - Hyper-abundant species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

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

### 4.13. Management and institutional factors

#### 4.13.1 - Management system/Management plan

✕ Relevant	Not relevant
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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	🔴 Current	🟡 Potential	🟢 Inside	🟢 Outside	📉 Decreasing	➡ Stable	📈 Increasing
🟢 Positive ✕	✕	✕	✕	✕			📈
🔴 Negative							

#### 4.13.2 - Legal framework

✕ Relevant	Not relevant
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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	🔴 Current	🟡 Potential	🟢 Inside	🟢 Outside	📉 Decreasing	➡ Stable	📈 Increasing
🟢 Positive ✕	✕	✕	✕	✕			📈
🔴 Negative							

#### 4.13.3 - Governance

✕ Relevant	Not relevant
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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	🔴 Current	🟡 Potential	🟢 Inside	🟢 Outside	📉 Decreasing	➡ Stable	📈 Increasing
🟢 Positive ✕	✕	✕	✕			➡	
🔴 Negative							


#### 4.13.4 - Management activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside, Outside

✕ Relevant	Not relevant
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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	🔴 Current	🟡 Potential	🟢 Inside	🟢 Outside	📉 Decreasing	➡ Stable	📈 Increasing
🟢 Positive ✕	✕		✕	✕		➡	

 Negative							
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#### 4.13.5 - Financial resources

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

#### 4.13.6 - Human resources

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

#### 4.13.7 - Low impact research/monitoring activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside, Outside

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

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (29/07/2011):

- Not relevant

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

A Comprehensive Preservation and Management Plan was formulated in 2013. We constantly grasp preservation and management conditions and information based on the plan in order to quickly ascertain various impacts on the covered properties and take quick and appropriate measures. Okinawa Prefecture and the municipalities where World Heritage properties are located share information closely.















#### 4.14. Other factor(s)

##### 4.14.1 - Other factor(s)

Nine restored structures of Shuri-jō, including the Seiden (main hall), were completely or partially lost to fire on October 31, 2019. Almost all of the underground remnants, which are constituent elements of World Heritage property, were protected by embankments and other features; only the portion within the Seiden that was opened to the public was damaged. Its area amounted to about 0.05% of the entire Shuri-jō property.

#### 4.15. Factors Summary Table

##### 4.15.1 - Factors Summary Table





Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.1 Buildings and Development						
4.1.3 Industrial areas						
						
4.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities						
4.2 Transportation Infrastructure						
4.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure						

4.2.3 Air transport infrastructure	+		P	I		→
4.2.4 Marine transport infrastructure	+	C		I		→
4.3 Services Infrastructures						
4.3.2 Renewable energy facilities	-	C		I		→
4.3.4 Localised utilities	-	C			O	→
4.3.5 Major linear utilities	-	C			O	→
4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage						
4.8.1 Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses	+	C		I		→
4.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage	+	C		I		→
4.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community	+	C		I		→
4.10 Climate change and severe weather events						
4.10.1 Storms	-		P	I	O	→
4.11 Sudden ecological or geological events						
4.11.2 Earthquake	-		P	I		
4.13 Management and institutional factors						
4.13.1 Management system/Management plan	+	C	P	I	O	→
4.13.2 Legal framework	+	C	P	I	O	→
4.13.3 Governance	+	C	P	I		→
4.13.4 Management activities	+	C		I	O	→
4.13.5 Financial resources	+	C	P	I	O	→
4.13.6 Human resources	+	C	P	I	O	→
4.13.7 Low impact research/monitoring activities	+	C		I	O	
Legend	C Current	P Potential	- Negative	+	I Inside	O 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
4.1.3 Industrial areas			
			
			

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
4.1.5 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
<b>Trend - Development over the last 6 years</b>	
	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.2.3 Air transport infrastructure	 		




<b>Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor</b>	
	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
✕	Widespread

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

<b>Impact - Impact on the attributes</b>	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✕	Significant
	Major

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





<b>Trend - Development over the last 6 years</b>	
	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.2.4 Marine transport infrastructure	 		

<b>Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor</b>	
	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

### 4.3 Services Infrastructures

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.3.2 Renewable energy 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
<b>Trend - Development over the last 6 years</b>	
	Decreasing
✕	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.3.4 Localised utilities			
	 		 





<b>Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor</b>	
	Restricted
✕	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

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

<b>Impact - Impact on the attributes</b>	
	Insignificant
✕	Minor
	Significant
	Major

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





<b>Trend - Development over the last 6 years</b>	
	Decreasing
✕	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.3.5 Major linear utilities			
	 		 

<b>Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor</b>	
	Restricted
✕	Localised
	Extensive





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

#### 4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage

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

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

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

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage	 		





<b>Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor</b>	
	Restricted
✕	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

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

<b>Impact - Impact on the attributes</b>	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✕	Significant
	Major

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







<b>Trend - Development over the last 6 years</b>	
	Decreasing
✕	Static
	Increasing

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

<b>Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor</b>	
	Restricted
	Localised

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




#### 4.10 Climate change and severe weather events

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.10.1 Storms						
						

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

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

#### 4.11 Sudden ecological or geological events

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.11.2 Earthquake			
			

<b>Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor</b>	
	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
✕	Widespread

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

<b>Impact - Impact on the attributes</b>	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✕	Significant
	Major

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

<b>Trend - Development over the last 6 years</b>	
	Decreasing
✕	Static
	Increasing

#### 4.13 Management and institutional factors

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.1 Management system/Management plan	  	 	







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

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.2 Legal framework						

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

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



Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.3 Governance	  		

<b>Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor</b>	
	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
✕	Widespread







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

<b>Impact - Impact on the attributes</b>	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✕	Significant
	Major

<b>Management response - Capacity of management to respond</b>	
✕	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
<b>Trend - Development over the last 6 years</b>	
	Decreasing
✕	Static
	Increasing






Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.4 Management activities	 	 	

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




Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.5 Financial resources						

<b>Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor</b>	
	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
✕	Widespread
<b>Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact</b>	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
✕	On-going
<b>Impact - Impact on the attributes</b>	
	Insignificant
	Minor

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

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.6 Human resources	  	 	

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

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.7 Low impact research/monitoring activities	 	 	

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

4.1.3/ Katsuren-jô, Nakagusuku-jô 4.1.5/ Zakimi-jô, Katsuren-jô 4.2.1/ Seifa-Utaki 4.2.34.2.4/ All components 4.3.24.3.5/ Nakagusuku-jô 4.3.4/ Zakimi-jô 4.8.74.10.1/ All components 4.11.2/ Katsuren-jô 4.14.1/ Shuri-jô

#### 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	Design	X			
4.18.1.2	Materials	X			
4.18.1.3	Techniques	X			
4.18.1.4	Environment	X			
4.18.1.5		X			

#### 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).

The monuments and remains comprising the property have been variously designated by the national government as important cultural properties, historic sites, or places of scenic beauty under the law for the Protection of Cultural Properties, and measures have been taken for their protection. In areas given these designations, no alterations may be made without authorization by the national government.

The buffer zones are protected by a variety of national legislation.

Two of the nine properties (Tamaudun and Sonohyan-utaki Ishimon) are designated under Article 27 of the 1950 Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties as Important Cultural Properties. They are also designated as Historic Sites, the designation which applies to the other properties. Any interventions proposed to the protected properties must be submitted for authorization to the national Agency for Cultural Affairs. There are heavy penalties for contravention of this law.

Source: Periodic Reporting Cycle 1; 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

The national government designates the components as Important Cultural Properties, Historic Sites, or Places of Scenic Beauty based on the Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties and implements measures to protect them. These sites cannot be changed from their current state without permission (approval) from the national government. Buffer zones are protected under a variety of national laws, ordinances and other regulations established by Okinawa Prefecture and municipalities.

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

## 5.3. Management System/Management Plan

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

Public management system joint national/ local

If 'Other', please specify

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

A statutory Management Plan or zoning plan for the property.

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

Each property is managed by its owner.. Tamaudun is managed by Naha City and Okinawa Prefecture; Shuri-jō by the national government and Okinawa Prefecture; Nakijin-jō by Nakijin Village; Zakimi-jō by Yomitan Village; Katsuren-jō by Uruma City; Nakagusuku-jō by Nakagusuku Village and Kitanakagusuku Village; Shikinaen and Sonohyan-Utaki-Ishimon by Naha City; and Seifa-Utaki by Nanjo City.

### 5.3.4 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Comprehensive Preservation and Management Plan	N/A	Available	2013	

**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?**

**No 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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**5.3.13 - Is the management system being implemented?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

		Not applicable	Non-existent	Poor	Fair	Good
5.3.16.1	Local communities					✗
5.3.16.2	Local/Municipal authorities					✗
5.3.16.3	Indigenous peoples	✗				
5.3.16.4	Landowners					✗
5.3.16.5	Women				✗	
5.3.16.6	Youth/Children				✗	
5.3.16.7	Researchers				✗	

5.3.16.8	Local Visitors/Tourists					×
5.3.16.9	National/International tourists					×
5.3.16.10	Tourism Industry					×
5.3.16.11	Local businesses and industries				×	
5.3.16.12	NGOs		×			
5.3.16.13	Other specific groups					
	If you selected 'Other specific groups', please specify					

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

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

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

It is our view that nothing in the property's management system inhibits sustainable development.

**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 %	0 %
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)	28 %	28 %
6.1.1.7	Governmental (regional/provincial/state)	2 %	2 %
6.1.1.8	Governmental (local/municipal)	40 %	40 %
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.)	30 %	30 %
6.1.1.11	Commercial activities (e.g. merchandising and catering, filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0 %	0 %
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

### 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 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	60 %	60 %
6.1.6.2	Women	40 %	40 %
		Total 100 %	Total 100 %

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

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

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

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

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

Conservation	Fair
Environmental sustainability	Fair
Community participation and inclusion	Fair
Risk preparedness	Fair
Capacity development and education	Fair
Administration	Fair
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.**

**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**

**7. Scientific Studies and Research Projects**

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

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

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

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

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

Research results are shared with local communities and some national agencies

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

**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	Not applicable
Landowners	Good
Women	Good
Youth/children	Fair
Researchers	Good
Local visitors	Good
National/international tourists	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Local businesses and industries	Good
NGOs	Not applicable
Other specific groups	Not applicable
If you selected 'Other specific groups', please describe	

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

There is a 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
Women
Youth/children
Local Visitors
National/international tourists

**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.)	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**

8.4.7 Websites and other tools are established for each component part. However, the development of a web-based service covering the entire property is planned, so this there is still work to be done. 8.4.8 To a large extent, public transport access is available for each of the component parts. However, the concept for a tour linking all of the parts is under development, so there is still work to be done.

**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
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys

**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**

Interviews with the persons in charge at each component.

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

75 / 40 / 25 / 10 / 10 / 45 /

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

Reiwa Gan'nen-do Kanko Tokei Jittai Chosa (2019 tourism statistics fact-finding survey; Department of Culture, Tourism and Sports)

**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**

Plans for managing visitors and tourism activities as well as effects on the World Heritage property from them are established by the Comprehensive Preservation and Management Plan for "Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu."

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

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

**9.10 - Is the effectiveness of tourism management regularly monitored?**

No

If a different system, please specify

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

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

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

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

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

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

Okinawa Prefecture plans to conduct satisfaction and sustainability surveys targeting tourists, local residents, tourism businesses, and tourism resources, and to support initiatives relating to the development of sustainable tourist destinations in the region.

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

Yes

If 'Yes', please specify

With Okinawa aiming to be a tourism-oriented prefecture, World Heritage-centered tourism brings economic and social benefits for the community. It also helps cover a portion of the financial burden of preserving the property.

**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**

We set up a council based on the Comprehensive Preservation and Management Plan that gathers information through a preservation and management study group and utilization study group.

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

World Heritage managers/coordinators and staff	Good
Local/municipal authorities	Good
Local communities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
Women	Fair
Researchers	Fair
Tourism industry	Poor
Local businesses and industry	Poor
NGOs	Not applicable
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?

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

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

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

## 11. Identification of Priority Management Needs

### 11.1 - Identification of Priority Management Needs

5.3	Management System/Management Plan		
5.3.5	No 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	No use	has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	✕
6.1	Funding		
6.1.10	No use	has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	✕
Please select 0 more issues.			
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## 12. Summary and Conclusions

### 12.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

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4.1	Buildings and Development						
4.1.3	Industrial areas	Port facilities and reclaimed areas with factories in the bay between both components (outside the buffer zone of each)	Undertakings of public works projects, etc.	Visual observation of port facility development and factory locations	Long term	Uruma City and Nakagusuku Village, with cooperation with Okinawa Prefecture	Nothing
4.3	Services Infrastructures						
4.3.2	Renewable energy facilities	Installation of solar panels by a company based outside the prefecture	Repeated discussions with the installing business	Visual observation of facilities	Long term	Nakagusuku Village, with cooperation with Okinawa Prefecture	Nothing
4.3.4	Localised utilities	Installation of cell phone towers by a private company	Repeated discussions with the installing business	Visual observation of facilities	Long term	Yomitan Village, with cooperation with Okinawa Prefecture	Nothing
4.3.5	Major linear utilities	Presence of high-voltage power line towers operated by a private company	Following discussions between government administrators and the company, the towers were painted dark brown and landscape-friendly measures were taken to reduce visibility.	Visual observation	Long term	Nakagusuku Village, with cooperation with Okinawa Prefecture	Nothing
4.10	Climate change and severe weather events						
4.10.1	Storms	Unforeseen storm effects (a recent example: collapse of a wall at Nakijin-jō in July 2018)	Restoration is proceeding following continuous discussions in the maintenance committee.	Regular visual inspections to prevent castle wall collapses, falling trees, landslides, etc.	Implementation on a permanent basis into the future	Nakijin Village, Yomitan Village, Uruma City, Nakagusuku Village, Kitanakagusuku Village, Naha City, Nanjo City, with cooperation with Okinawa Prefecture	Nothing
4.11	Sudden ecological or geological events						

4.11.2	Earthquake	Castle wall collapses caused by earthquakes (a recent example: partial collapse of a wall at Katsuren-jō in March 2010)	Restoration was completed following continuous discussions in the maintenance committee.	Regular visual inspections to prevent castle wall collapses, falling trees, landslides, etc.	Implementation on a permanent basis into the future	Nakijin Village, Yomitan Village, Uruma City, Nakagusuku Village, Kitanakagusuku Village, Naha City, Nanjo City, with cooperation with Okinawa Prefecture	Nothing
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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	<b>No use</b> has been made of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation to develop policies and best practices for the protection of the property	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5.3.7	<b>No use</b> has been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property	First, we want to gather information and then use it as a reference in future preservation and management of the property	To be decided	Okinawa Prefecture (preservation and utilization promotion council), each municipality	Nothing
5.3.9	<b>No use</b> has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	We want to use it as a reference in future preservation and management of the property and ensure that it is considered when revising the current Comprehensive Preservation and Management Plan	To be decided	Okinawa Prefecture (preservation and utilization promotion council), each municipality	Nothing

6.1	Funding				
6.1.10	<b>No use</b> has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	First, we want to gather information and use it as a reference in future preservation and management of the property	To be decided	Okinawa Prefecture (preservation and utilization promotion council), each municipality	Nothing

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	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
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	Positive
Legal/Policy framework	Positive
Advocacy	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Gender equality	Positive
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	Positive
Fostering inclusive local economic development and enhancing livelihood	Positive
Contributing to conflict prevention, including respect for cultural diversity within and around heritage properties	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

[Initiatives following the Shuri-jō fire] The October 2019 fire at Shuri-jō was an unfortunate event that represented the “burning of a symbol of local history.” However, in the wake of the fire, fire-prevention guidelines are being formulated and revised for Japan’s cultural properties, and the restoration of the Seiden (main hall) and other structures is proceeding with stronger countermeasures based on this trend. For the work of restoring the destroyed Seiden and other structures, it was decided to follow the basic concept of the previous restoration. Specifically, the national and prefectural governments would work together to procure materials (lumber and lacquer), and traditional techniques that have been accumulated and passed down in Okinawa Prefecture would be used to manufacture and work with Okinawa’s unique red tiles. [Tourism strategy for communicating value] To respond to increasingly large numbers of international tourists, a “project for easily understandable multilingualization” is being implemented with national assistance at each component part, and initiatives designed to more effectively communicate Ryukyu history and the property’s universal value are underway. With twenty years passing since the property’s inscription, various initiatives are moving forward to improve interpretation. They include preparing and releasing multilingual videos presenting each component and promoting tours that more effectively communicate Ryukyu history and the property’s universal value.

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

Sustainable Development
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## 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 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

**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
External experts

**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**

30 / 10 / 20 /

**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**

**15.5. Training and Guidance**

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

UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Good
UNESCO (other sectors/field offices)	Poor
UNESCO National Commission	No support
ICOMOS International	No support
IUCN International	Not applicable
ICCROM international/regional	Not applicable
ICOMOS national/regional	No support
IUCN national/regional	Not applicable



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

UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Good
State Party Representative (national Focal Point)	Good
UNESCO other sectors (e.g. field office)	Poor
National Commission for UNESCO	No support
ICOMOS International	No support
ICCROM International/regional	Not applicable
ICOMOS national/regional	Not applicable
IUCN national/regional	No support
IUCN International	Not applicable

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

Yes

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

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

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

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.**