

# Ancient Villages in Southern Anhui – Xidi and Hongcun

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage property

Ancient Villages in Southern Anhui – Xidi and Hongcun

### 1.2 - World Heritage property details

### 1.3 - Geographic information table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Xidi	29.904 / 117.988	24	400	424	2000
Hongcun	30.005 / 117.984	28	330	358	2000
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>52</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>782</b>	

### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Present Seatus of Xidi	1999	
Present Seatus of Hongcun	1999	

### Comment

Pursuant to the requirements of the World Heritage Centre, updated maps will be presented soon.

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

### Comment

Official website of Xidi <http://www.chinaxidi.com.cn/> Official website of Hongcun <http://www.hongcun.com.cn/>

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

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

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

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

N/A

**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?**

No

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

No

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

No

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

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

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

Monitoring Center for UNWTO Sustainable Tourism Observatories (MCSTO) conducts heritage monitoring of Xidi and Hongcun

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

No

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

N/A

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

No

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

### 3. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

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

##### Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

###### Brief synthesis

Xidi and Hongcun are two outstanding traditional villages, located in Yi County, Huangshan City in south Anhui Province, with commercial activities as their primary source of income, family and clan-based social organization, and well known for their regional culture. The overall layout, landscape, architectural form, decoration, and construction techniques all retain the original features of Anhui villages between the 14th and 20th centuries.

Deeply influenced by the traditional culture of pre-modern Anhui Province, these two villages, Xidi and Hongcun, were built by successful officials or merchants returning home from official appointments and business, and gradually developed into models of conventional Chinese village construction. Xidi is surrounded by mountains and built along and between three streams running east-west, which converge at the Huiyuan Bridge to the south. Hongcun is located at the foot of a hill next to a stream which forms two pools, the Moon Pond in the centre of the village and the other to the south. Characterised by rhythmic space variation and tranquil alleyways; and with water originating from a picturesque garden, the whole reflects the pursuit of coexistence, unity and the harmony of man and nature. The unique and exquisite style of Anhui buildings is conveyed in plain and elegant colors, their gables decorated with delicate and elegant carvings, their interiors filled with tasteful furnishings. The rigid patriarchal system together with gentle and sincere folk customs reflects the cultural ideas of scholar-bureaucrats in feudal society who paid special respect to Confucianism and Neo-Confucianism. These surviving villages bear scientific, cultural and aesthetic values with their 600-plus-year history. They are rich sources for the study of regional histories and cultures.

**Criteria (iii) :** The villages of Xidi and Hongcun are graphic illustrations of a type of human settlement created during a feudal period and based on a prosperous trading economy.

**Criteria (iv) :** In their buildings and their street patterns, the two villages of southern Anhui reflect the socio-economic structure of a long-lived settled period of Chinese history.

**Criteria (v) :** The traditional non-urban settlements of China, which have to a very large extent disappeared during the past century, are exceptionally well preserved in the villages of Xidi and Hongcun.

###### Integrity

Xidi and Hongcun preserve an abundant tangible and intangible cultural heritage. The current 730 hectare area (Xidi property area and buffer zone: 400 hectares, Hongcun property area and buffer zone: 330 hectares), contains an integrated ecological landscape and unique collection of village alleyways, buildings, waterways dating from the 14th century; the area also serves as a record of "Xidi and Hongcun" art, cuisine, medicine, painting and other elements of intangible cultural heritage, preserving and passing on the site's spirit and culture.

###### Authenticity

Xidi and Hongcun experienced a thousand years of continuous transformation and development, all the while authentically preserving their character as traditional Chinese villages with commercial economies and clan-based social structures. The villages faithfully preserve elements that are typical of traditional pre-modern villages, including the surrounding environment, manmade waterways, the villages' layout, architectural style, decorative arts, construction methods and materials, traditional technology and the overall appearance of the villages; additionally, the site preserves regional art, customs, cuisine, and other forms of cultural and traditional ways of life. Xidi and Hongcun are, without a doubt, ideal sites for contemporary society to seek its history, and to research traditional village culture.

###### Protection and management requirements

"Xidi and Hongcun" are State Priority Protected Sites, National Famous Historic and Cultural Villages. They are protected by laws including the *Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Cultural Relics*, the *Urban and Rural Planning Law of the People's Republic of China*, the *Regulations on the Protection of Historic and Cultural Towns and Villages*, the *Regulations on the Protection of Ancient Dwellings in Southern Anhui Province*, the *Management Measures of World Cultural Heritage* as well as other relevant laws and regulations. Additionally, the heritage site has formulated many normative protection documents including the *Management Measures for the Conservation of Xidi and Hongcun Villages*, and has revised and implemented a series of special plans including the *Conservation Plan for Xidi and Hongcun Villages*, strengthening the monitoring and management of the heritage site and its surrounding area. The site has also established a Conservation and Management Committee, which oversees and co-ordinates the World Heritage Management Office and other dedicated management and conservation bodies, as well as creating a professional conservation team. These measures have all provided legal and administrative conservation for the authenticity and integrity of Xidi and Hongcun.

Long term plans for Xidi and Hongcun are based on the understanding that by preserving the overall spatial pattern and appearance of Xidi and Hongcun; preserving the composition of the cultural heritage property, including the village area, borders, nodes, landmark, street layout, buildings, waterways, traditional gardens, mountain and river scenic spots, and its rural landscape; maintaining the continuation and vivacity of the villages' way of life, the long-term preservation of the cultural heritage site's authenticity and integrity can be achieved.

Further undertakings should be conducted, including uncovering the historic and cultural resources of the site, systematically preserving the site's non-material setting; improving infrastructure and capabilities for communication and presentation; strengthening safety and ecological support systems; improving the quality of the environment, and promoting the harmonious and friendly development of the site's economy, society, population, resources, and development.

The management body will strictly enforce the property's regulations for conservation and management; effectively control the capacity of the site and development activities; curb and mitigate the negative effects of development on the property; plan and coordinate the requirements of various stakeholders; construct new residences for village inhabitants outside the heritage areas and buffer zones; as well as rationally and effectively maintain the balance between measures for conservation and tourism and urban development.

#### 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	The settlements and villages alongside mountains and rivers exhibit a farming-based social and economic structure.	×			
3.2.2	Waterways, streets and buildings	×			

3.2.3	Building forms, material, decorations and techniques	✕			
3.2.4	Merchants' courtyard houses, ancestral halls, and commerce	✕			
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

Xidi and Hongcun are ancient villages of Huizhou people based on clan kinships and geographic relations. Their street styles, historic buildings, ancient houses, waterways and decorations are unique historical and cultural remains, testimonies to the transmission of human culture, typical representatives of traditional buildings, and glorious examples of harmony between man and nature.

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

#### 4.1.5 - 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

Ever-increasing tourism development and local residents living in these villages for generations have brought difficulty to the property's management and low carrying capacity to its environment. Efforts have been intensified to protect the property's core area, while seeking adequate development in its peripheral area, such as the tourist service center and other accommodation facilities, in order to promote coordinated development between heritage conservation and tourism development.

### 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
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#### 4.2.4 - Marine transport infrastructure

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

- Not relevant

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

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

- 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

The property has received ever-increasing tourists in recent years. We have conducted environmental rehabilitation in the peripheral area, improved transportation infrastructure by adding more parking lots. Construction of tourism infrastructure has been increased and supporting service systems improved.

### 4.3. Services Infrastructures

#### 4.3.1 - Water 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							

#### 4.3.2 - Renewable energy facilities

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

- Not relevant

Relevant	✗ Not relevant
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#### 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):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside

✗ Relevant	Not relevant
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	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):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside

✗ Relevant	Not relevant
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	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

Public facilities are important for the overall upgrading of ancient villages, having direct impact on their character and quality. The construction of water conservancy facilities to provide water supply for production, life and fire control, upgrading of mobile phone base stations, sewage pipes, pump stations, and electric, telephone and cable TV wires, have promoted harmony between man and nature and ensure the property's sustainable development as a tourist destination.

### 4.4. Pollution

#### 4.4.1 - Pollution of marine waters

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

- Not relevant

Relevant	✗ Not relevant
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#### 4.4.2 - Ground water pollution

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

- Relevant, Negative, Current, Inside

Relevant	✗ Not relevant
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#### 4.4.3 - Surface water pollution

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

- Not relevant

Relevant	✗ Not relevant
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#### 4.4.4 - Air pollution

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

- Not relevant

Relevant	✗ Not relevant
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#### 4.4.5 - Solid waste

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

- Relevant, Negative, Current, Inside

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

#### 4.4.6 - Input of excess energy

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

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.4.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.4 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

The law enforcement brigade set up in 2000 conduct 24-hour street patrols. Efforts have been made to strengthen the property's daily management, order maintenance, waste clearance, and sewage treatment.

### 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
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#### 4.5.2 - Aquaculture

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

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.5.3 - Land conversion

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

- Not relevant

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

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

#### 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

Suitable crops are still cultivated in the farmland within the boundary of the property and the buffer zone. Food and medicinal plants grow in the surrounding natural environment.

### 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

N/A



### 4.7. Local conditions affecting physical fabric

#### 4.7.1 - Wind

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

- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Outside



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

#### 4.7.2 - Relative humidity

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

- Relevant, Negative, Current, Outside

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

#### 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):

- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside

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

#### 4.7.8 - Micro-organisms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (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

The property is located in the subtropical climate zone. Due to the humid and rainy climate and attacks by termite and other pests, components of ancient buildings are prone to decay or damage. Without timely repairs, their structures may be threatened by safety risks or may even collapse.

#### 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, Negative, 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):

- Relevant, Negative, Current, Outside

✕ 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

Currently, there are ancestor worship rites and customs of choosing son-in-law by throwing balls in Xidi and cockfights and drum dances in Hongcun. The property's management, monitoring and conservation work are progressing. Historical memories of villagers have been activated. Tourism development has created more jobs and hence improved their living qualities and conditions and increased their incomes.

#### 4.9. Other human activities

#### 4.9.1 - Illegal activities

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

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.9.2 - Deliberate destruction of heritage

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

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 4.9.3 - Military training

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

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

#### 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

N/A

### 4.10. Climate change and severe weather events










#### 4.10.1 - Storms

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

- Relevant, Negative, Potential, 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
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#### 4.10.5 - Changes to oceanic waters

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

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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#### 4.10.6 - Temperature change

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

- Not relevant

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

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

- Not relevant

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

Some roads and houses in the ancient villages have been damaged due to rainstorms and floods occurring in mountainous areas in southern Anhui.

#### 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):

- Not relevant

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

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

- Not relevant

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):

- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Outside

✕ Relevant	Not relevant
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	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

Due to the impact of natural disasters, wooden components of ancient houses are prone to pest erosion, decay and deformation and thus require regular maintenance and repair. Meanwhile, wooden buildings are vulnerable to fire accidents, making rescue extremely difficult.

#### 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

N/A

#### 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			
	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, 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		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, 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

The World Heritage Convention has been strictly followed. Laws and regulations have been enacted to ensure law-based conservation, as well as several other local regulations on the conservation and repair of historic buildings and ancient houses. Meanwhile, fiscal funds for conservation have been increased annually, strict conservation plans developed, protected areas at various levels demarcated, county and township-level conservation bodies set up.

#### 4.14. Other factor(s)























































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

Xidi and Hongcun are inhabited villages. Improper use of fire and electricity may easily cause fire accidents and threaten the safety of the property and people living

inside.

## 4.15. Factors Summary Table

### 4.15.1 - Factors Summary Table

Name	Impact		Origin		Trend	
4.1 Buildings and Development						
4.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure						
4.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities						
4.2 Transportation Infrastructure						
4.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure						
4.3 Services Infrastructures						
4.3.1 Water infrastructure						
4.3.4 Localised utilities						
4.3.5 Major linear utilities						
4.4 Pollution						
4.4.5 Solid waste						
						
4.5 Biological resource use/modification						
4.5.5 Crop production						
4.5.7 Subsistence wild plant collection						
4.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
4.7.1 Wind						
						
4.7.2 Relative humidity						
						
4.7.7 Pests						
						
4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage						
4.8.1 Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses						
4.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage						
4.8.5 Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community						
4.8.6 Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation						

4.10 Climate change and severe weather events						
4.10.1 Storms						
	⊖		⚡		🔄	
4.11 Sudden ecological or geological events						
4.11.6 Fire (wildfire)						
	⊖		⚡		🔄	
4.13 Management and institutional factors						
4.13.1 Management system/Management plan	⊕	⚡	⚡	🕒	🔄	➡
4.13.2 Legal framework	⊕	⚡	⚡	🕒	🔄	➡
4.13.3 Governance	⊕	⚡	⚡	🕒	🔄	➡
4.13.4 Management activities	⊕	⚡			🔄	
4.13.5 Financial resources	⊕	⚡	⚡	🕒	🔄	➡
4.13.6 Human resources	⊕	⚡	⚡	🕒	🔄	➡
4.13.7 Low impact research/monitoring activities	⊕	⚡		🕒		➡
Legend	⚡ Current	⚡ Potential	⊖ Negative	⊕ Positive	🕒 Inside	🔄 Outside

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

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

#### 4.1 Buildings and Development

Name	Impact			Origin	Trend
4.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated 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
<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
4.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities	+	!			

<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

## 4.2 Transportation Infrastructure

Name		Impact			Origin		Trend
4.2.1 Ground 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						

## 4.3 Services Infrastructures

Name		Impact			Origin		Trend
4.3.1 Water 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
4.3.4 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
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Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.3.5 Major linear utilities	<div>+</div> <div>🚧</div>	<div>+</div>	

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

## 4.4 Pollution

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.4.5 Solid waste			
	<div>-</div> <div>🚧</div>	<div>+</div>	

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

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic





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

## 4.5 Biological resource use/modification

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.5.5 Crop production						

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
4.5.7 Subsistence wild plant collection	 		

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

## 4.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.7.1 Wind			
	 		




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
4.7.2 Relative humidity						
						

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
4.7.7 Pests			
			

<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

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.8.6 Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation						

<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
4.11.6 Fire (wildfire)			
			
<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			
			

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
4.13.2 Legal framework	  	 	

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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High capacity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium capacity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low capacity
<input type="checkbox"/>	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decreasing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Static
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increasing




Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.3 Governance	  	 	

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

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





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

Management response - Capacity of management to respond	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High capacity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium capacity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low capacity
<input type="checkbox"/>	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Development over the last 6 years	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decreasing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Static
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increasing

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.4 Management activities	 		







Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
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	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
4.13.5 Financial resources	  	 	

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
4.13.6 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
✕	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

#### 4.17. 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**

N/A

#### 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	Settlement environment and village locations	✕			
4.18.1.2	Waterways, streets and buildings	✕			
4.18.1.3	Building forms, materials, decorations and techniques	✕			
4.18.1.4	Merchants' courtyard houses, ancestral halls, commerce	✕			
4.18.1.5		✕			

### 5. Protection and Management of the Property

#### 5.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

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

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

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

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

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

The 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

Boundaries of the property and the buffer zone provide the basis for protected areas. The competent administrative body, village committees, and local residents are aware of the importance of property and buffer zone boundaries for the conservation of the property and consciously participate in the property's conservation.

## 5.2. Protective Measures

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

The two villages are protected by a suite of laws and regulations, from central to local level. Stemming from the Constitution of the PRC, the national legislation that applies includes the Urban Planning Law, the Land Administration Law, the Criminal Law, and the Cultural Relics Protection Law. The last-named law operates through a number of sets of regulations at national level, reinforced by and interpreted through regulations issued by Anhui Province and Yi County. Certain individual buildings in both villages have been registered as Provincial Relics by the People's Government of Anhui Province. The protected areas are surrounded by substantial buffer zones, defined in 1998 by the People's Government of Anhui Province.

In June 2001, State Council of China designated Xidi and Hongcun as major historic sites under the protection at the national level.

In October 2003, the Ministry of Construction and the State Administration of the Cultural Heritage of the People's Republic of China declared Xidi and Hongcun to be a famous historic and cultural villages of China.

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

1 January 1998 / Regulations of Anhui Province on the Conservation of Ancient Houses in Southern Anhui / Responsible entities, components and areas for the conservation and utilization of the property have been identified. Construction activities within the protected area are restricted. Integrity of ancient buildings and authenticity of cultural remains are protected. / 2017 /

Regulations of Huangshan City on the Conservation of Ancient Buildings in Huizhou / Main contents, scope of application, conservation funds, system of responsible persons explained in detail / 2001 / Administrative Measures of Yixian County for the Conservation of the World Cultural Heritage of Xidi and Hongcun /

Conservation of traditional villages effectively implemented / 2018 / Village Rules for Xidi and Hongcun /

Strict protection of the core scenic area, accompanied by adequate development in the peripheral area / 2015 / Conservation Plan for Ancient Building Complexes in Xidi and Hongcun (revised) /

### 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?

An **adequate legal framework** for maintaining of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists **but there are some deficiencies in implementation**

### 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?

An **adequate legal framework** in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists **but there are some deficiencies in implementation**

### 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?

An **adequate legal framework** exists for the broader setting of the World Heritage property, **but there are some deficiencies in implementation** which undermine the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the property

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

There is **acceptable capacity/resources** to enforce legislation and/or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies of enforcement remain

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

Legislations, conservation plans, village rules as well as collaborations with research institutions and universities have improved the property's management system, regulated villagers' conservation activities and improved their awareness of heritage conservation. Property managers, local residents and tourists have their ways of utilization regulated through legislations, and the property's authenticity and integrity have been preserved.

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

The property's conservation and management are based on general cultural heritage laws. There is not a specific law for the property's conservation. Thus some weaknesses have occurred in their implementation. The standards for cultural property apply to the property's conservation.

## 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.

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 code of practice developed by local communities or other groups
A code of practice developed by industry
An integrated management plan combining World Heritage and any other designations
A management plan
An annual work plan or business plan
A disaster, climate or conflict risk management plan
A visitor/visitation management plan
An environmental management framework
A joint approach to management of cultural and natural heritage

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

Guided by the National Cultural Heritage Administration and Anhui Provincial Administration of Cultural Heritage, the county's cultural heritage department strictly performs its responsibility of heritage management and township authorities exercise localized management. A private conservation association was set up by local villagers and the Village Rules developed in order to effect protect the property's heritage value.

### 5.3.4 - Management Documents

#### Comment

Conservation Plan for Ancient Building Complexes in Xidi and Hongcun (revised); Regulations on the Conservation of Ancient Houses in Southern Anhui, Regulations of Huangshan City on the Conservation of Huizhou Ancient Buildings, Administrative Measures for the Conservation of the World Cultural Heritage Property of Xidi and Hongcun, Interim Rules of Yixian County for the Maintenance and Repair of Houses in Core Protected Areas of Xidi and Hongcun.

### 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.

The UNESCO Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape was consulted when preparing the Conservation Plan for Ancient Building Complexes in Xidu and Hongcun (revised) and the Administrative Measures for the Conservation of the World Cultural Heritage Property of Xidi and Hongcun.

### 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:

N/A

### 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

Based on the requirements in the UNESCO manual Managing Disaster Risks for World Heritage, full-time fire control taskforces have been established in Xidi and Hongcun and fire control systems installed. Setting off fireworks is prohibited, 24-hour fire control inspections carried out, in order to control disaster risks in the property.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

An annual work/action plan **exists and 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	Private sectors				

**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	Private sectors				

**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**

A certain portion of tourism revenues is earmarked as heritage conservation funds. 10% and 8% of ticket incomes are used as dividends to villagers in Xidi and Hongcun respectively. Ancestral worship rites in Xidi and cockfight and landscape shows in Hongcun have enriched people's cultural life, promoted local economy and improved villagers' livelihood.

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

Daily regulation and monitoring have been strengthened. Conservation practitioners from the two villages have been organized to participate in regular trainings and conduct exchanges with other heritage sites and universities. Intensive efforts have been made for planning preparation and system building so as to strengthen law-based regulation and rehabilitation and maintain the property's authenticity and integrity.

## 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)	58 %	8 %
6.1.1.7	Governmental (regional/provincial/state)	11 %	28 %
6.1.1.8	Governmental (local/municipal)	9 %	63 %
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.)	22 %	1 %
6.1.1.11	Commercial activities (e.g. merchandising and catering, filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0 %	0 %
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**

Due to natural disasters, ancient houses in Xidi and Hongcun are prone to pest erosion, decay and deformation and therefore need regular maintenance. Most public ancient buildings urgently need repair. However, due to their enormous repair costs there is still a big gap in conservation funds and the county government is working to gain more conservation funds.

**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	70 %	65 %
6.1.6.2	Women	30 %	35 %
		Total 100 %	Total 100 %

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

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

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

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

Enforcement (custodians, police)	Fair
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**6.1.9 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines**

Conservation	Good
Environmental sustainability	Good
Community participation and inclusion	Good
Risk preparedness	Good
Capacity development and education	Good
Administration	Fair
Research and monitoring	Fair
Awareness raising and public information/communication	Good
Marketing and promotion	Fair
Interpretation	Fair
Visitor management/tourism	Good
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.**

N/A

**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**

Site managers attend heritage sessions annually and present heritage monitoring reports. Heritage managers and conservators annually participate in workshops and symposiums organized by NCHA and the Provincial Administration of Cultural Heritage and conduct technical exchanges with other Historical and Cultural Cities and heritage sites so as to enhance their professional capacity.

## 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 **acceptable** for most key areas but there are gaps

**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**

Monitoring Center for UNWTO Sustainable Tourism Observatories carries out monitoring of social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects of Xidi and Hongcun villages. The monitoring activities offer effective guidance to the heritage site's sustainable development and facilitate its international exchanges and cooperation in the field of tourism.

## 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	Fair

Women	Fair
Youth/children	Good
Researchers	Good
Local visitors	Fair
National/international tourists	Fair
Tourism industry	Fair
Local businesses and industries	Fair
NGOs	Fair
Other specific groups	Fair
If you selected 'Other specific groups', please describe	N/A

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

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

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

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

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

Visitor centre	Good
Site museum	Fair
Information booths	Good
Guided tours	Good
Trails/routes	Good
Printed information materials	Good
Online (website, social media, etc.)	Good
Transportation facilities	Fair
Other	Good
If 'Other' is selected, please specify	N/A

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

A great variety of tools have been used to enhance the public's awareness of heritage conservation, including festivals and ceremonies, installation of information desks and promotional boards in schools, dissemination through promotional materials and Internet media, installation of signages at streets and alleys, and development of 3D digital archives.

## 9. Visitor Management

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

3977469 / 3616951 / 3305848 / 3044183 / 2749578 /

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

Entry tickets and registries

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

One day (no overnight stay)

## 9.4 - Please provide the source of information

Monthly statistical reports on scenic attractions in Xidi and Hongcun, compiled by Huangshan City

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

60860 / 11000 / 32000 / 186000 / 68840 / 36720 /

## 9.6 - Please provide the source of information

Monthly statistical reports on ticket sales of scenic attractions in Xidi and Hongcun compiled by Huangshan City as well as other sources from the county's culture, tourism and sport bureau, transportation and transport bureau, market regulation bureau, and public security bureau

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

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

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

The Countryside Inn Alliance, created in Xidi and Hongcun in 2015, has established partnerships with famous travel websites, improved its online sales and coordinated with the high-speed train system. Unqualified alliance members would be discharged based on annual review and new applicants would undergo full examination, with priority consideration given to model inns.

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

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

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

Yes, through the UNESCO Tourism Management Assessment Tool

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

The county's overall plan for tourism development. Master plans for the 13th and 14th Five-Year Plan periods.

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

Yes

If 'Yes', please specify

Incomes of individual villagers and village collectives have been increased and a large number of jobs in the tertiary industry created to drive the country's tourism economy in an indirect manner. Villagers and visitors' awareness of heritage conservation have been enhanced. Huizhou Culture embodied in the property has been promoted. Many insightful professionals have engaged in the property's conservation and transmission.

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

The principle of "more emphasis on conservation rather than development, guidance by the government, and people-oriented regional tourism" has been followed. Efforts have been made to coordinate tourism development, protection of historical environment and improvement of villagers' livelihood.

## 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

A well-functioned conservation system has been established and conservation staff increased. Strict management has been put in place, by using various effective tools for conservation and transmission. A good partnership has been developed between local residents and site managers. Heritage attributes, including historic villages, buildings and waterways, are integrally protected.

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

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

### 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.

Policies and laws have been formulated, protection and management bodies put in place, the four-level conservation system integrating the county, townships, villages and civil groups established. Fire control and security projects and conservation works carried out to improve the environment of the property and maintain its authenticity and integrity.

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

Monitoring work has been conducted in strict accordance with requirements of CACH and SOC reports and monitoring data submitted regularly. From 2012, MCSTO set up by UNWTO in Sun Yat-Sen University in 2010 began to conduct monitoring of the property's social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects. During the 20th anniversary of the property's inscription on the World Heritage List, MCSTO granted to the property the Award for Historic Village Conservation and Sustainable Development.

## 11. Identification of Priority Management Needs

### 11.1 - Identification of Priority Management Needs

5.2	Protective Measures	
5.2.3	An <b>adequate legal framework</b> for maintaining of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists <b>but there are some deficiencies in implementation</b>	
5.2.4	An <b>adequate legal framework</b> in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists <b>but there are some deficiencies in implementation</b>	×
5.2.5	An <b>adequate legal framework</b> exists for the broader setting of the World Heritage property and the buffer zone, <b>but there are some deficiencies in implementation</b> which undermine the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the property	

5.2.6	There is <b>acceptable capacity/resources</b> to enforce legislation and/or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies of enforcement remain	
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Management System/Management Plan</b>	
5.3.5	<b>Some use</b> has been made of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation to develop policies and best practices for the protection of the property	
5.3.7	<b>No use</b> has been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property	✕
5.3.9	<b>Some use</b> has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	✕
5.3.11	There is <b>coordination</b> between the range of administrative bodies involved in the management of the property, <b>but it could be improved</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Funding</b>	
6.1.3	The available <b>budget is acceptable</b> but <b>could be further improved</b> to fully meet the management needs of the World Heritage property	✕
6.1.10	<b>No use</b> has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	✕
<b>8</b>	<b>Education, Information and Awareness Building</b>	
8.2	There is a <b>limited and ad hoc education</b> and awareness programme for children and/or youth	✕
<b>9</b>	<b>Visitor Management</b>	
9.7	There is <b>a strategy</b> to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived impacts on the World Heritage property but there are <b>some deficiencies in implementation</b>	✕
9.9	Visitor use of the World Heritage property is managed but <b>improvements could be made</b>	

Please select 3 more issues.

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## 12. Summary and Conclusions

### 12.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

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<b>4.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>						
4.4.5	Solid waste	Clean streets, harmonized appearance and beautiful environment	Collection and treatment of solid waste	The law enforcement detachment, villagers, and safety and security facilities	24 hours	People's governments of Xidi and Hongcun townships, administrative committees of Xidi and Hongcun villages, villagers' committees of Xidi and Hongcun, and Zhonghuanjie Company	The law enforcement detachment conducts patrol and regulation of the environment of the ancient villages. Zhonghuanjie Company is responsible for daily maintenance of scenic areas and waste treatment. Waster has been effectively disposed.
<b>4.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>						
4.7.1	Wind	No damage to historic villages and buildings	Monitored by the meteorological bureau	Real-time information provided by the meteorological bureau	24 hours	The meteorological bureau	No damage due to winds
4.7.2	Relative humidity	No damage to historic villages and buildings	Ventilation, dehumidification and cleaning conducted regularly	Real-time information provided by the meteorological bureau	24 hours	The meteorological bureau	Dampened structures, decayed wooden components and weathered walls due to the rainy season have undergone timely repair and consolidation.
4.7.7	Pests	No damage to historic villages and buildings	Ventilation, pest control and cleaning conducted regularly	The termite control institute, the villagers committee	24 hours	The termite control institute, the villagers committee	Damaged house structures and decayed wooden components due to termite attacks have undergone timely repair and consolidation.
<b>4.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>						

4.10.1	Storms	No damage to historic villages and buildings	Monitored by the meteorological bureau	Real-time information provided by the meteorological bureau	24 hours	The meteorological bureau	Currently no damage to the property due to rainstorm.
4.11	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>						
4.11.6	Fire (wildfire)	No damage to historic villages and buildings	Patrols, publicity, guidance, education, training and exercises	24-hour fire control facilities in operation and full-time fire control brigade	24 hours	Law enforcement brigade, villagers, and full-time fire control brigade	Currently no damage to the property due to fire disasters.

Summary - Factors affecting the Property **completed**

## 12.2. Summary - Management Needs

### 12.2.1 - Summary - Management Needs

5.2	Protective Measures				
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
5.2.4	An <b>adequate legal framework</b> in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists <b>but there are some deficiencies in implementation</b>	Deficiencies in place	Long term	The administrative body and the villagers' self-governance body	Laws for the property yet to be fully integrated with the country's general cultural heritage laws
5.3	Management System/Management Plan				
5.3.7	<b>No use</b> has been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property	N/A	Whole year	The administrative body and the villagers' self-governance body	N/A
5.3.9	<b>Some use</b> has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	A full-time fire control brigade and a fire control system put into operation	Whole year	The administrative body and the villagers' self-governance body	A full-time fire control brigade and a fire control system put into operation. Setting off fireworks is prohibited within the boundary of the property. 24-hour fire control patrol exercised.
6.1	Funding				
6.1.3	The available <b>budget is acceptable</b> but <b>could be further improved</b> to fully meet the management needs of the World Heritage property	Increasing fund allocation and integration and seeking private investment	Long term.	Management, civil and charity bodies.	Due to financial restraints of the local government and restrictions on the use of funds granted by superior governments, local budgets cannot meet current conservation needs.

6.1.10	No use has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	Education, Information and Awareness Building				
8.2	There is a <b>limited and ad hoc education</b> and awareness programme for children and/or youth	Teaching	Long-term	Education department	The education and heritage departments offer classes to children to raise their awareness of heritage conservation, but no specialized schemes in place.
9	Visitor Management				
9.7	There is a <b>strategy</b> to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived impacts on the World Heritage property but there are <b>some deficiencies in implementation</b>	Rules to handle visitor complaints, rules to manage activities of art students, emergency response plans for peak-time visitation	Long-term	Administrative bodies for the scenic area and the property	Rules to handle visitor complaints, rules to manage activities of art students, emergency response plans for peak-time visitation

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.

While focusing on conservation and construction, more emphasis should be placed on exploration and arrangement of cultural remains. The property's management and monitoring should be strengthened to continue local residents' lives and culture and achieve sustainable development.

## 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	Positive
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

The property's conservation, management, research and monitoring systems and mechanisms have been increasingly improved and recognized by all sectors of society, inputs in infrastructure, education and training, and international exchanges and cooperation increased, conservation policies prioritized, laws and regulations formulated, administrative bodies improved, villagers' awareness of heritage conservation enhanced, and much more jobs have been created, contributing to sustainable social and economic development, cultural diversity of the property, and transmission of Anhui Culture.

## 14. Good Practice in the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention

### 14.1 - Example of good practice in World Heritage protection, identification, conservation or management at the property level

The MCSTO carries out multi-faceted monitoring of social, cultural, economic and environmental dimensions of the property, effectively guiding the county's tourism development and contributing to its international cooperation in tourism. The Award of Best Cases in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Historic Villages in China has been granted to Yixian County.

### 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 <i>World Heritage Convention</i>
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

Data related to the periodic reporting provides references for the monitoring of the property in terms of its social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects.

## 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
Staff from other World Heritage properties
Local communities
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?

No

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

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

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

## 15.4. Format and content of the Periodic Report

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

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

It is strongly suggested that the periodic reporting questionnaire should be concise so as to facilitate reporting by individual sites.

## 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	Poor
UNESCO (other sectors/field offices)	Fair
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
ICOMOS International	Poor
IUCN International	Poor
ICCROM international/regional	Poor
ICOMOS national/regional	Fair
IUCN national/regional	Poor

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

UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Poor
State Party Representative (national Focal Point)	Good
UNESCO other sectors (e.g. field office)	Fair
National Commission for UNESCO	Poor
ICOMOS International	Poor
ICCROM International/regional	Poor
ICOMOS national/regional	Good
IUCN national/regional	Poor
IUCN International	Poor

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

No

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

All types of technical training workshops should be organized.

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

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

- **Map(s)**

Reason for update: Pursuant to the requirements of the World Heritage Centre, updated maps will be presented soon.

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

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

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

It is suggested the periodic reporting questionnaire should be concise and understandable and systematic training should be organized for those who fill in the questionnaire and collect data. The reporting system should be optimized, modules targeting specific conditions of properties developed, and personnel designated to guide the completion of the questionnaire on-site. Key terminologies should be further explained.

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