Armenian Monastic Ensembles of Iran

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage property
Armenian Monastic Ensembles of Iran

1.2 - World Heritage property details

1.3 - Geographic information table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
The Monastery of Saint Thaddeus	39.092 / 44.544	29.85	310.98	340.83	
The village (Saint Thaddeus Ensemble)	39.092 / 44.544	8.3	?	8.3	
Chapel 5 (Sandokht) (Saint Thaddeus Ensemble)	39.092 / 44.544	1.97	?	1.97	
The main church (Monastery of Saint Stepanos Esemble)	38.979 / 45.473	72.05	312.79	384.84	
Darresham Chapel (Saint Stepanos Esemble)	38.99 / 45.452	9.84	?	9.84	
Chupan Chapel (Saint Stepanos Esemble)	38.975 / 45.573	1.17	4	5.17	
The main chapel (Dzordzor)	39.188 / 44.476	0.78	27.23	28.01	
The Baran village (Dzordzor)	39.188 / 44.476	4.25	?	4.25	
Total (ha)		**128.21**	**655**	**783.21**	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Armenian Monastic Ensembles of Iran	2006	

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

Comment
official website: iranchurches.ir (the website will be operationalised by mid May 2021) instagram: iran_churches Email: wh.churchesiran@gmail.com; avediansher@yahoo.com Site Manager: Sherly Avedian (PhD)

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

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

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

2.2 - Please provide comments on 2.1 if necessary

2.3 - Do your national authorities intend to request the granting of Enhanced Protection (if relevant) under the Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict for the World Heritage property in the next three years?
Yes

2.4 - Do your national authorities intend to designate whole or part of the World Heritage property for inclusion in the List of Wetlands of International Importance (The Ramsar List), if relevant, in the next three years?
Not applicable

2.5 - Do your national authorities intend to designate whole or part of the World Heritage property as a Man and Biosphere Reserve (if relevant) in the next three years?
Not applicable

2.6 - Do your national authorities intend to apply for whole or part of World Heritage property to be designated as a UNESCO Global Geopark (if relevant) in the next three years?
Not applicable

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

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

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

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

2.10 - Please list any elements associated with the World Heritage property inscribed under the Convention for the Safeguarding of the

Intangible Cultural Heritage of which you are aware

The Pilgrimage to the St. Thaddeus Apostle Monastery. The nomination file has been prepared jointly by the Republic of Armenia and the Islamic Republic of Iran and has been successfully submitted to UNESCO in 2019 and its evaluation is currently under progress. The element was inscribed in 2020.

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 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

The Armenian monasteries of Iran have borne continuous testimony, since the origins of Christianity and certainly since the 7th century, to Armenian culture in its relations and contact with the Persian and later the Iranian civilisations. They bear testimony to a very large and refined panorama of architectural and decorative content associated with Armenian culture, in interaction with other regional cultures: Byzantine, Orthodox, Assyrian, Persian and Muslim. The monasteries have survived some 2,000 years of destruction, both of human origin and as a result of natural disasters. They have been rebuilt several times in a spirit in keeping with Armenian cultural traditions. Today they are the only important vestiges of Armenian culture in this region. Saint-Thaddeus, the presumed location of the tomb of the apostle of Jesus Christ, St. Thaddeus, has always been a place of high spiritual value for Christians and other inhabitants in the region. It is still today a living place of pilgrimage for the Armenian Church.

Criterion (ii): The Armenian monasteries of Iran illustrate the Outstanding Universal Value of Armenian architectural and decorative traditions. They bear testimony to very important cultural interchanges with the other regional cultures, in particular Byzantine, Orthodox and Persian.

Criterion (iii): Situated at the south-eastern limits of the main zone of Armenian culture, the monasteries were a major centre for its diffusion in the region. Today they are the last regional testimony of this culture in a satisfactory state of integrity and authenticity.

Criterion (vi): The monastic ensembles are the place of pilgrimage of the apostle St. Thaddeus, which bears an outstanding living testimony to Armenian religious traditions down the centuries.

The State Party has made a remarkable long-term effort regarding the restoration and conservation of the Armenian monastic ensembles in Iran. Their integrity and authenticity are satisfactory, and this includes the Chapel of Dzordzor, which (because of a dam construction project) was moved and then rebuilt with an evident concern to retain authenticity.

The legal protection in place is adequate. The monastic ensemble is currently in a good state of conservation. The management plan provides the necessary guarantees for the long-term conservation of the property and the expression of its Outstanding Universal Value.

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	Burial site of St. Thaddeus	✕			
3.2.2	Icon of devotion of followers of Islam and Christianity, i.e. Persians, Turks, Kurds, Armenians and Assyrians	✕			
3.2.3	Promoting of mutual understanding between followers of Islam and Christianity	✕			
3.2.4	They serve as sites of annual pilgrimage by Christians from both Armenia and Iran as well as others	✕			
3.2.5	They display architectural developments through history influenced by the Mithraic, Sasanid, Christian, Islamic, Armenian and even European styles of architecture	✕			
3.2.6	They offer vast potentials for archaeological research and tourism	✕			
3.2.7	The monastery of St. Thaddeus has and still fulfils the four main functions of: a place of worship, a centre for learning, the seat of a diocese, and a site of annual pilgrimage	✕			
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

The status of conservation of the above-mentioned attributes is very good. It should be noted that the above have been listed in full coordination with and according to the relevant submitted nomination file. It is however mention-worthy that through the years, the status of the monastic ensembles has developed in many ways including increased tourism, in which regards many plans are considered (not yet carried out) to develop the site's means of accommodating the many tourists in various ways.

4. Factors Affecting the Property

4.1. Buildings and Development

4.1.1 - Housing
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.1.2 - Commercial development
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.1.3 - Industrial areas
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.1.4 - Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Relevant, Positive, Potential, Outside

✖ 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 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

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

4.1.6 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.1 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

The factors selected as relevant, positively impact on the property. They include few camping and picnic areas that are available only on an annual basis to serve the pilgrims and they are located in the buffer only.

4.2. Transportation Infrastructure

4.2.1 - Ground transport infrastructure
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Relevant, Positive, Current, Potential, 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 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.2.3 - Air transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.2.4 - Marine transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Relevant, Positive, Negative, Current, Outside

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.2.5 - Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

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

4.3. Services Infrastructures

4.3.1 - Water infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- 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 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

✖ Relevant				Not relevant				
	Impact		**Origin**		**Trend of impact**			
Impact	🚩 **Current**	🚩 **Potential**	⦿ **Inside**	🌍 **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	➡ **Stable**	↗ **Increasing**
⊕ Positive ✖		✖		✖		➡	
🚫 Negative							

4.3.3 - Non-renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.3.4 - Localised utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

✖ Relevant				Not relevant				
	Impact		**Origin**		**Trend of impact**			
Impact	🚩 **Current**	🚩 **Potential**	⦿ **Inside**	🌍 **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	➡ **Stable**	↗ **Increasing**

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Positive ✖		✖		✖			
⊖ Negative							

4.3.5 - Major linear utilities
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

✖ Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		**Origin**		**Trend of impact**		
Impact	🏴 **Current**	🏴 **Potential**	🔘 **Inside**	🔲 **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	→ **Stable**	🖋 **Increasing**
⊕ Positive ✖		✖	✖			→	
⊖ Negative							

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

A dam constructed outside the property that is used mainly to provide for local water consumption (including drinking water), as well as hydropower for electricity production. Cell-phone towers are also erected outside the property, which are useful for the local communities. Additionally, there are water channels inside the property to facilitate water transportation to the locals. The sewerage system used is a traditional one, to protect the OUV of the site.

4.4. Pollution

4.4.1 - Pollution of marine waters
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.4.2 - Ground water pollution
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.4.3 - Surface water pollution
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.4.4 - Air pollution
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.4.5 - Solid waste
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.4.6 - Input of excess energy
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

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

4.5. Biological resource use/modification

4.5.1 - Fishing/collecting aquatic resources
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.2 - Aquaculture

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.3 - Land conversion

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.4 - Livestock farming/Grazing of domesticated animals

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.5 - Crop production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.6 - Commercial wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.7 - Subsistence wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.8 - Commercial hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.9 - Subsistence hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.10 - Forestry/Wood production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

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

4.6. Physical resource extraction

4.6.1 - Mining

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.6.2 - Quarrying

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.6.3 - Oil and gas

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.6.4 - Water (extraction)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

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

4.7. Local conditions affecting physical fabric

4.7.1 - Wind

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

✖ 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 (11/09/2011):
- Relevant, Negative, Current, Inside

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.3 - Temperature

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

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

4.7.4 - Radiation/Light

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.5 - Dust

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.6 - Water (rain/water table)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.7 - Pests

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
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 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant ✖

4.7.9 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.7 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

The wind is an issue that occurs mainly in winter. It causes erosion of the engravings on the outer walls of the buildings. Many protective measures are taken, leading to a decrease of the said problem. The growth of algae outside the buildings is also under control and decreasing as a result of using pesticides on a periodic basis. Extreme temperature changes in summer and winter is another problem for which protective measures are undertaken. Noteworthy that relative humidity is not an issue.

4.8. Social/Cultural uses of heritage

4.8.1 - Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Relevant, Positive, Current, Potential, 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 (11/09/2011):
- Relevant, Positive, Current, Potential, 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 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant ✖

4.8.4 - Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant ✖

4.8.5 - Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Relevant, Positive, Current, Potential, 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 (11/09/2011):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Potential, Inside, Outside

✖ Relevant				Not relevant			

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	⚑ **Current**	⚑ **Potential**	◉ **Inside**	⚐ **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	→ **Stable**	↗ **Increasing**
⊕ Positive ✖		✖	✖	✖			↗
⊖ Negative							

4.8.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.8 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

The above positively impact on the site. They mainly occur inside the property and are manifested in growing awareness of the local communities of the importance of heritage, increased sense of pride and ownership, increased sustainable livelihoods, as well as increasing tourism and social cohesion among different communities. Awareness raising has also taken place internationally, linking the site to international NGOs, including the Idea Foundation that donated a sum for restoration purposes.

4.9. Other human activities

4.9.1 - Illegal activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.9.2 - Deliberate destruction of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.9.3 - Military training

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.9.4 - War

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):

- Not relevant

✖ Relevant				Not relevant			

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	⚑ **Current**	⚑ **Potential**	◉ **Inside**	⚐ **Outside**	↘ **Decreasing**	→ **Stable**	↗ **Increasing**
⊕ Positive							
⊖ Negative ✖		✖	✖	✖	↘		

4.9.5 - Terrorism

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.9.6 - Civil unrest

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):

- 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

The one selected factor, armed conflict, may impact on the OUV negatively if a war breaks out, in view of the strategic location of the inscribed property. At present, though, everything is under control and the site enjoys a very good state of conservation.

4.10. Climate change and severe weather events

4.10.1 - Storms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

✖ 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 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.10.3 - Drought

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.10.4 - Desertification

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.10.5 - Changes to oceanic waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.10.6 - Temperature change

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

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

4.10.7 - Other climate change impacts

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.10.8 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.10 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

Severe temperature changes in summer and winter, lightening strikes as well as hails are the most important issues negatively impacting on the Property. Depending on the size of the frost balls, hails are capable of damaging the façade. Lightning strikes broke some stones once, which were immediately restored. Protective measures have been adopted as much as possible, to avoid damages.

4.11. Sudden ecological or geological events

4.11.1 - Volcanic eruption

- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.11.2 - Earthquake
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.11.3 - Tsunami/Tidal wave
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.11.4 - Avalanche/Landslide
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.11.5 - Erosion and siltation/Deposition
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

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

4.11.6 - Fire (wildfire)
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.11.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.11 are affecting the property either negatively or positively
Erosion (mainly) impacts on the Property negatively. The impacts of erosion can be seen in two forms: soil erosion and wind erosion (that impacts on the engravings of the façade). Protective measures are adopted. Although natural phenomena can not be totally eliminated, their affects are somewhat limited.

4.12. Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species

4.12.1 - Translocated species
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.12.2 - Invasive/Alien terrestrial species
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.12.3 - Invasive/Alien freshwater species
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.12.4 - Invasive/Alien marine species
Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.12.5 - Hyper-abundant species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.12.6 - Modified genetic material

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.12.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.12 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

4.13. Management and institutional factors

4.13.1 - Management system/Management plan

✖ Relevant	Not relevant

Impact	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
	🚩 Current	🚩 Potential	◉ Inside	⬤ Outside	↘ Decreasing	➡ Stable	↗ Increasing
⊕ Positive ✖		✖	✖			➡	
⊖ Negative							

4.13.2 - Legal framework

✖ Relevant	Not relevant

Impact	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
	🚩 Current	🚩 Potential	◉ Inside	⬤ Outside	↘ Decreasing	➡ Stable	↗ Increasing
⊕ Positive ✖		✖	✖			➡	
⊖ Negative							

4.13.3 - Governance

✖ Relevant	Not relevant

Impact	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
	🚩 Current	🚩 Potential	◉ Inside	⬤ Outside	↘ Decreasing	➡ Stable	↗ Increasing
⊕ Positive ✖	✖		✖			➡	
⊖ Negative							

4.13.4 - Management activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

✖ Relevant	Not relevant

Impact	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
	🚩 Current	🚩 Potential	◉ Inside	⬤ Outside	↘ Decreasing	➡ Stable	↗ Increasing
⊕ Positive ✖	✖		✖			➡	
⊖ Negative							

4.13.5 - Financial resources

✖ Relevant	Not relevant

Impact	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
	🚩 Current	🚩 Potential	◉ Inside	⬤ Outside	↘ Decreasing	➡ Stable	↗ Increasing
⊕ Positive ✖		✖	✖			➡	
⊖ Negative							

4.13.6 - Human resources

Relevant				Not relevant		

	Impact		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 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

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 (11/09/2011):
- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
	✖ Not relevant

4.13.9 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.13 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

The management system, governance, financial and human resources, etc. ensure the protection of the OUV, the integrity as well as the authenticity of the property as indicated at the very beginning of the Property's inscription. Surveys are undertaken in various areas from visitor surveys, to determine visitor requirements and preparation of annual tourism charts and graphs based on responses, through to monitoring and research for world-class physical protection and safeguarding.

4.14. Other factor(s)

4.14.1 - Other factor(s)

Noteworthy is to mention the current activities undertaken to update the management system of the property, to better meet safeguarding requirements and to put in place new visitation rules and establishments to better meet the growing demands of tourism inside the property, in particular, and the tourism industry outside the property, in general, to help develop sustainable livelihoods of the local communities.

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	⊕		🚩		⧉	→
4.3.2 Renewable energy facilities	⊕		🚩		⧉	→
4.3.4 Localised utilities	⊕		🚩		⧉	

Factor						
4.3.5 Major linear utilities	⊕		⚑	⊙		→
4.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
4.7.1 Wind	⊖	⚑		⊙		↘
4.7.3 Temperature	⊖	⚑		⊙		↘
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	⊕		⚑	⊙	⬚	↗
4.9 Other human activities						
4.9.4 War	⊖		⚑	⊙	⬚	↘
4.10 Climate change and severe weather events						
4.10.1 Storms	⊖		⚑	⊙	⬚	→
4.10.6 Temperature change	⊖	⚑		⊙	⬚	→
4.11 Sudden ecological or geological events						
4.11.5 Erosion and siltation/Deposition	⊖	⚑		⊙	⬚	
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 - Occurence of the impact	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
✖	On-going

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
✖	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major

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

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

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities	⊕	🚩			🔳	→

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
✖	Restricted

	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
✖	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major

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

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

4.2 Transportation Infrastructure

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure	⊕		🚩		☞	➡

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

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
✖	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major

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

4.3 Services Infrastructures

Name	Impact			Origin	Trend
4.3.1 Water infrastructure	⊙		◀	☞	→

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

Name	Impact			Origin	Trend
4.3.2 Renewable energy facilities	⊙		◀	☞	→

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

✖	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

✖	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
✖	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.3.4 Localised utilities	⊕		⚑		☞	

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

✖	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

✖	Insignificant
	Minor

	Significant
	Major

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

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

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.3.5 Major linear utilities	⊕		⚑	◉		➡

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

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
✖	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major

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

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

4.7 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 - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
✖	Minor
	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

✖	Decreasing
	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.7.3 Temperature						
	⊖	🚩		◉		↘

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
✖	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant

✖	Minor	
	Significant	
	Major	

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

✖	Decreasing
	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.7.7 Pests						
	⊖	🚩		◉		↘

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

✖	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

✖	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

✖	Decreasing
	Static
	Increasing

4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.8.1 Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses	⊕	🚩		◉		→

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

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
✖	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major

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

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

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage	⊕		🚩	◉		→

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

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes	

	Insignificant
✖	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major

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

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

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

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

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
✖	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major

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

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

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend

| 4.8.6 Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation | ⊕ | | ⚑ | ◉ | ☞ | ↗ |
| | | | | | | |

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted	
	Localised	◻
	Extensive	
✖	Widespread	

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
✖	Minor
	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
	Static
✖	Increasing

4.9 Other human activities

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.9.4 War						
	⊖		⚑	◉	☞	↘

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
✖	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

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

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

4.10 Climate change and severe weather events

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.10.1 Storms						
	⊖		⚑	◉	☞	➡

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

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years	
	Decreasing
✖	Static

✖	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.10.6 Temperature change						
	⊖	⚑		◎	↪	→

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

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
✖	Minor
	Significant
	Major

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

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

4.11 Sudden ecological or geological events

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.11.5 Erosion and siltation/Deposition						
	⊖	⚑		◎	↪	

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

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

	⊖	⚑		◎	↪	→

✖	Frequent
	On-going

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
✖	Minor
	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

✖	Decreasing
	Static
	Increasing

4.13 Management and institutional factors

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.1 Management system/Management plan	◯		🚩	◉		→

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
✖	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
✖	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
✖	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.2 Legal framework	⊕		⚑	◉		➡

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
✖	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
✖	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
✖	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.3 Governance	⊕	⚑		◉		➡

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
✖	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

	One off or rare

	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
✖	On-going

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
✖	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
✖	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.4 Management activities	⊕	⚑		◉		→

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
✖	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
✖	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
✖	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.5 Financial resources	⊙		⚑	⊙		➡

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

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
✖	Major

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

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

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.6 Human resources	⊙		⚑	⊙	↻	➡

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

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact	
	One off or rare

	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
✖	On-going

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
✖	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
✖	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.7 Low impact research/monitoring activities	⊕		🚩	◉	☞	➚

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
✖	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
✖	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing	
	Static	
✖	Increasing	

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

Considering that the various components of the Property (which is a serial national inscription) are located close to one another and in one geographical, geological and climatic region, all determined factors impact on the Property to the same extent.

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	Burial site of St.Thaddeus	✖			
4.18.1.2	Icon of devotion	✖			
4.18.1.3	Promoting mutual understanding	✖			
4.18.1.4	Sited of annual pilgrimage	✖			
4.18.1.5	Display of architectural development	✖			

5. Protection and Management of the Property

5.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5.1.5 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

5.2. Protective Measures

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

The Law of 3 November 1930 institutes the National Heritage List. The main monuments of the property are protected by this law:

- St. Thaddeus, 1956, no. 405.
- St. Stepanos, 1956, no. 429.
- Chapel of Dzordzor, 2002, no. 6157.
- Chupan Chapel, 2002, no. 7743.
- Church of Darresham, 2005, no. 12444.

Other laws complete the provisions of the natural heritage law, and reinforce the conditions of its application:

- Law of the National Town Construction and Architecture Committee.
- Urban property law.
- Law on purchase of properties, buildings and archaeological sites.

General prevention laws (Islamic law, Law of Islamic Punishments) help ensure the physical integrity of national monuments, e.g. by prohibiting nearby excavations.

The Act on Religious Councils (29-04-1986) governs the relations of the State Party with the Armenian community of Iran.

5.2.2 - Please list any legislation and other measures (regulatory -including spatial planning- contractual, institutional or traditional) not included in 5.2.1 and indicate the category

5.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation including spatial planning) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and/or Authenticity of the property?

The **legal framework** for maintaining of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides an **adequate basis for effective management and protection**

5.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and/or Authenticity of the property?

The **legal framework** in the buffer zone for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides an **adequate basis for effective management and protection**

5.2.5 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation) in the broader setting of the World Heritage property adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and/or Authenticity of the property?

The **legal framework** for the broader setting of the World Heritage property provides an **adequate basis for** effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity

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

There is **adequate capacity/resources** to enforce legislation and/or regulation in the World Heritage property

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

The legal frameworks mentioned above help to restore to and promote the main function of the inscribed property to all its related components. This renders the Property its historical role of a recognised communication system between various religious and ethnic communities. The envisaged plans also promote sustainable cultural and religious tourism in a manner to further protect and promote the Property's OUV. Enriched sustainable livelihoods is yet another outcome of the enforced regulations.

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

The protective measures currently put in place and enforced are adequate to protect the OUV of the Property.

5.3. Management System/Management Plan

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

Public management system joint national/ local

If 'Other', please specify

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

| A statutory Management Plan or zoning plan for the property. |
| Governance mechanisms that foster and respect traditional practices, knowledge and uses of the property |
| A management plan |
| A visitor/visitation management plan |
| A joint approach to management of cultural and natural heritage |

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

The management system currently in place takes account of provincial/regional management rules as well as traditional managerial practices of the local communities and other national plans for conservation of historical monuments, already mentioned above. It is envisaged to have the management plan updated with a view to growing tourism in the area.

5.3.4 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Management Plan	In Force	Available	2007	

5.3.5 - Has any use been made of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape in developing policies and best practices for the protection of this property?

The policy for dealing with development proposals is **fully based** on 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.

Any development project has been carried out with special attention to the human environment as well as the intangible cultural heritage concerned.

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:

Various research activities have been carried out to study the negative impacts of climate change on the Property. However, they were not in line with the Climate Change Policy and were merely based on national policies and plans.

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

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

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

The strategy has not been used. But, various research activities has been carried out with the said intention based on national strategies.

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

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

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

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

5.3.13 - Is the management system being implemented?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

		Not applicable	No contribution	Limited	Significant	Full achievement
5.3.17.1	The management system of the property contributes to gender equality				✖	
5.3.17.2	The management system of the property provides ecosystem services/benefits to the local community (e.g. fresh air, water, food, medicinal plants)				✖	

5.3.17.3	The management system of the property contributes to social inclusion and equity, improving opportunities for all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status				✕	
5.3.17.4	The management system of the property integrates a human rights-based approach				✕	
5.3.17.5	The management system of the property contributes to fostering inclusive local economic development, and to enhancing livelihood					✕
5.3.17.6	The management system of the property contributes to conflict prevention, including respect for cultural diversity within and around the World Heritage property					✕

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

The management system operates good at maintaining the OUV of the Property.

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

As previously mentioned the current management system needs updating to better meet the requirements of the Property from all aspects, with special emphasis on the development of tourism facilities and the tourism industry in the region.

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.)	20 %	20 %
6.1.1.6	Governmental (national/federal)	50 %	50 %
6.1.1.7	Governmental (regional/provincial/state)	20 %	20 %
6.1.1.8	Governmental (local/municipal)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.9	In-country donations (NGOs, foundations, etc.)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.10	Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, toilets, parking, camping fees, etc.)	10 %	10 %
6.1.1.11	Commercial activities (e.g. merchandising and catering, filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.12	Other	0 %	0 %
		Total 100 %	Total 100 %

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

6.1.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?

The available **budget is 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 both the medium- and long-term**

6.1.5 - Comments, conclusion, and/or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure

6.1.6 - Estimate the distribution of men and women involved in the management, conservation, interpretation of the World Heritage properties and the extent to which they are drawn from local communities.

		From local communities %	From elsewhere %
6.1.6.1	Men	90 %	30 %
6.1.6.2	Women	10 %	70 %
		Total 100 %	Total 100 %

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

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

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

Conservation	Good
Environmental sustainability	Fair

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

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

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

6.1.10 - Has any use been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Building at the property?
Training and capacity building at this property is **fully based** on the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Building

6.1.11 - If the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Building has been used, please briefly describe what has been done.
The strategy for capacity-building has been used for training purposes and will be applied to tourism development in future.

6.1.12 - Are there site-specific capacity building plans or programmes that develop local expertise and that contribute to the transfer of skills for the conservation and management of the World Heritage property?
A site-based capacity building plan or programme is in place and partially implemented; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, **but most technical work is carried out by external staff**

6.1.13 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training
Considering that the nearby villages are becoming less populated, the site-based capacity-building plans are mainly focused on engaging and training all youth, including women and children in protection, safeguarding and even restoration programmes under the supervision of external experts, in an attempt to keep the villages up and about and have them run the place locally in the future, without much external assistance. Programmes for raising tourism/visitation capacities are also devised.

7. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

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

7.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and/or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?
There is **considerable research** but it is **not directed towards 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
It is noteworthy that extensive site-specific research is undertaken in almost all required aspects. The results are made available to the local communities and

relevant national agencies and also disseminated internationally, when required.

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

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

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

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

Local communities
Local/municipal authorities
Indigenous peoples
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	Fair
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	Not needed

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

Projects are underway to enhance the visitor centre and to better equip the site museum, also to improve transportation.

9. Visitor Management

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

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

Entry tickets and registries

Accommodation establishments

Transportation services

Tourism industry

Visitor surveys

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

9.4 - Please provide the source of information
Available statistics.

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

13 / 3 / 15 / 2 / 3 / 10 /

9.6 - Please provide the source of information
Accommodation establishments, entry tickets, local souvenir shops and available restaurants.

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
There is a limited site-specific documented plan/strategy to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived impacts. All relevant activities are so far been undertaken in view of relevant regional regulations. With the growing number of tourists, it is envisaged to have a tourism-relevant site-specific plan prepared as part of the master plan for managing the site.

9.9 - Is visitor use effectively managed to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value of the property?
Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **effectively managed and does not impact its Outstanding Universal Value**

9.10 - Is the effectiveness of tourism management regularly monitored?

Yes, using a different system

If a different system, please specify
by means of visitor surveys

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 **some contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

9.15 - Are there locally driven sustainable tourism initiatives?
Yes

If 'Yes', please specify
mainly setting up local lodges and bed and breakfast facilities in the period of the visits and promoting ecotourism.

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

If 'Yes', please specify

The revenue obtained from the local lodges and the selling of local handicrafts all goes to the local communities, helping to promote sustianbale livelihoods of the local communities.

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

In short, the OUV of the site is fully protected and monitored and as explained earlier a site-specific tourism plan/strategy is under preparation.

10. Monitoring

10.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property directed towards management needs and/or towards improving the understanding of the Outstanding Universal Value?

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

10.2 - Is necessary information available in order to define key indicators for measuring the state of conservation and are they used in monitoring how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is being maintained?

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is **adequate and key indicators have been defined** for measuring the state of conservation and **are being used in monitoring** of how the Outstanding Universal value of the property is being maintained

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

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

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

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

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

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

Implementation is underway

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

The recommendation put into practice is the 2011 recommendation on Historic Urban Landscapes. Additionally, recommendations for the preparation of nomination files has also be used.

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

11. Identification of Priority Management Needs

11.1 - Identification of Priority Management Needs

5.3	Management System/Management Plan

5.3.7	**No use** has been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property	✕
5.3.9	**No use** has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	✕
5.3.12	The management system/plan is **only partially adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value	
6.1	**Funding**	
6.1.3	The available **budget is acceptable** but **could be further improved** to fully meet the management needs of the World Heritage property	✕
6.1.7	Human resources **partly meet** the management needs of the World Heritage property	✕
6.1.12	**A site-based** capacity building plan or programme is in place and partially implemented; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, **but most technical work is carried out by external staff**	✕
7	**Scientific Studies and Research Projects**	
7.2	There is **considerable research** in the World Heritage property but it is **not directed towards management needs and/or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value**	✕
8	**Education, Information and Awareness Building**	
8.2	There is a planned education and awareness programme for children and/or youth **but it only partly meets the needs**	✕
9	**Visitor Management**	
9.7	There **is a strategy** to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived impacts on the World Heritage property but there are **some deficiencies in implementation**	✕

> **Please select 1 more issues.**

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12. Summary and Conclusions

12.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

12.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

4.7		**Local conditions affecting physical fabric**					
4.7.1	Wind	Amount of erosion taken place in the façade.	To deal with negative factors a combination of modern techniques based on nanotechnology methods are adopted.	Chemical substances are applied to the limestones which have been subject to wind and damaged. The situation of the engravings are getting better.	The frequency of monitoring activities is annual.	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	Monitoring takes place mainly by the end of winter in Spring when the rainfalls are over.
4.7.3	Temperature	Widening of cracks.	A combination of traditional and region-prevalent techniques are applied. We also use thermocouples, RTD sensors, and thermistors. The results obtained from frequent readings of temperature are used to take appropriate action such as lime injection.	Monitoring temperature changes takes place with thermocouples, RTD sensors, and thermistors. The situation is getting better.	In view of the nature of temperature, monitoring is a biennial process in this case.	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	We do need an exchange of information with UNESCO experts on outcomes of best practices and on relevant training if possible. This is already done in the past but it is needed to be continued.
4.7.7	Pests	These are manifested mainly in the form of plants/algae growing in between the courtyard stones that would break their way into the ancient stones. The criteria for their identification is the widening of cracks. Lichens also grow.	Applying pest control solutions based on nanotechnology to preserve the courtyard stones as well as demolish the unwanted plant growth. Lichen removal is another action undertaken.	Applying pest control solutions and traditional methods of lichen removal, using a soft metallic brush (this method with be replaced with the uses of Nano-copper-particles and dry ice blowing). Conditions will change for the better due to monitoring	one year to check the effectiveness of the pest control solutions applied.	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	We would like to ask UNESCO's assistance in sharing the outcomes of best practices and in planning relevant training. The traditional methods of lichen removal will be replaced by nanotechnology-based modern methods, which are better for the stones.
4.9		**Other human activities**					

4.9.4	War	Deconstruction of the Property.	Action is taken in line with national regulations, whereby legal measures are adopted for preservation purposes at times of war.	Continual monitoring of the property until the end of the war. Certainly monitoring the conditions of the border lines will have positive impact on the status of conservation of the Property.	Throughout the duration of the war and some time after.	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	Exchange of experiences with UNESCO on best practices is also kindly asked for. Additionally, we would like to have the protection of the 1954 convention.
4.10	**Climate change and severe weather events**						
4.10.1	Storms	Degree of Erosion	Using solutions prepared by means of nanotechnology to facilitate runoff over the façade, preventing any kind of water penetration into the stone buildings and repairing stones broken due to lightning strikes.	Ongoing protective measures put in place, considering the nature of the natural phenomenon that can happen at any season, mostly in Spring, Autumn and Winter. The results are positive.	Throughout the year with special focus on the three seasons of Spring, Autumn and Winter.	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	UNESCO's assistance is required in exchanging of outcomes of best practices with our experts and training our experts in related matters and in relevant prevention as well as protection methods.
4.10.6	Temperature change	Breakage of old stone structures.	A combination of traditional and region-prevalent techniques are applied.	Monitoring takes place by the church personnel to check the effectivity of the applied measures. Improvement seen after monitoring.	On a monthly basis	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	Results of best relevant practices are required for better measures to be adopted.
4.11	**Sudden ecological or geological events**						
4.11.5	Erosion and siltation/Deposition	The property faces erosions of the types caused by wind and extreme temperatures that impact negatively on the OUV, mainly by demolishing the stone carvings of the façade.	The actions adopted as already explained are based on nanotechnology. These include the use of certain solutions on the façade.	The two main factors considered for monitoring are the impact(s) of applied solutions on limestone and the degree of temperature-imposed erosion. Monitoring is an ongoing process in view of the nature of the natural phenomena. Improvement seen.	Ongiong processes that take place twice-a-year for extreme temperature changes, once for wind erosion, continually on a monthly basis for pests and quarterly for temperature, with special emphasis on winter and summer.	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	Any assistance offered by UNESCO regarding exchange of outcomes of best practices and/or training of our experts is highly appreciated.

Summary - Factors affecting the Property **completed**

12.2. Summary - Management Needs

12.2.1 - Summary - Management Needs

5.3	**Management System/Management Plan**				
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
5.3.7	**No use** has been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property	The policy document will be considered and taken into account when revising the management policy.	Initiation is soon and will be continued, beginning in April-May 2021.	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	In the event of updating the management system and plan, the policy document will be taken into consideration. UNESCO's assistance is required in the sharing of examples of best practices and awareness raising on the Document.
5.3.9	**No use** has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	The Strategy will be considered and taken into account when revising the management policy.	Initiation is soon and will be continued. April-May 2021.	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	In the event of updating the management system and plan, the Strategy will be taken into consideration. UNESCO's assistance is required in the sharing of examples of best practices and awareness raising on the Strategy.

6.1	**Funding**				
6.1.3	The available **budget is acceptable** but **could be further improved** to fully meet the management needs of the World Heritage property	Linking with international Armenian charities, donors and NGOs. Organising cultural performances out of the site and using the resulting funds for management needs. Meagre local bread and breakfast facilities' funds are also used for this purpose.	This has been an ongoing process.	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	It is envisaged to enhance the bed and breakfast facilities, to increase sustainable livelihoods for the local communities and to use part of the revenue for managerial needs. Enhancing ties with international NGOs and donors is also in progress.
6.1.7	Human resources **partly meet** the management needs of the World Heritage property	Increase specialised human resources. Train the local communities to learn and take over protection activities in part.	Ongoing process	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	Training workshops are planned to be held for youth and women, to help them undertake protection activities.
6.1.12	**A site-based** capacity building plan or programme is in place and partially implemented; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, **but most technical work is carried out by external staff**	Technical workshops are organised for youth and women whenever an international expert is present to raise awareness and most importantly to train them to undertake protection without the help of external staff and encourage locals to stay.	So far, the timing was dependent on the presence of experts for training purposes. However, it is envisaged to organise ongoing capacity-building programmes, to enhance living quality of the locals, encourage them to stay and protect the site.	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	UNESCO's aid is required in the form of sharing outcomes of best practices and helping to organise local, site-specific workshops.
7	**Scientific Studies and Research Projects**				
7.2	There is **considerable research** in the World Heritage property but it is **not directed towards management needs and/or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value**	It is necessary to initially undertake a management needs-assessment research, to identify managerial shortcomings and apply modifications.	Once lockdown eases, enabling the presence of researchers on site. In a year, if not later.	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	Management Needs-assessment research will help promote the OUV of the Property. However, we do need exchange of experiences with UNESCO on this matter.
8	**Education, Information and Awareness Building**				
8.2	There is a planned education and awareness programme for children and/or youth **but it only partly meets the needs**	Lots is done. From annual activities on World Children's Day, to training child tour guides, drawing competitions, introducing the concept of world heritage, selling drawings and spending the revenue in their villages to restore the old school house	Annually, at the time of World Children's Day as well as the annual pilgrimmage.	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	The annual pilgrimmage season has training and entertaining workshops organised for children. Slides and videos on world heritage are screened and summer programmes are also envisaged. A recent project involved kids in cleaning the entire church.
9	**Visitor Management**				
9.7	There **is a strategy** to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived impacts on the World Heritage property but there are **some deficiencies in implementation**	Strategies exist but they need to be upgraded in view of the visitors' growing interest and later included in the management plan. There are plans to build capacities increasing the welfare and sustainable livelihoods of the local communities.	Ongoing process	The Base of World Heritage Site of Iranian Historical Churches.	It is to be emphasised that the strategy therefore exists but to improve it UNESCO's aid in sharing outcomes of best practices is required. For one, it is envisaged to construct a big visitor centre with lodging facilities, as well as parking lots.

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.
The state of conservation of the property is evaluated as good and measures are also been taken to make it even better through updating the management system/plan, as already explained in the sections above.

13. Impact of World Heritage Status

13.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

Conservation	Very positive
Research and monitoring	Very positive
Management effectiveness	Very positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Very positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Very positive
Infrastructure development	Very positive
Funding for the property	Very positive
International cooperation	Very positive
Political support for conservation	Very positive
Legal/Policy framework	Very positive
Advocacy	Very positive
Institutional coordination	Very positive
Security	Very positive
Gender equality	Very positive
Provision of ecosystem services/ benefits to local communities	Very positive
Social inclusion and equity, and improvement of opportunities for all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, origin, religion, or economic or other status	Very positive
Fostering inclusive local economic development and enhancing livelihood	Very positive
Contributing to conflict prevention, including respect for cultural diversity within and around heritage properties	Very positive
Other	Not applicable
If 'Other', please specify	Not applicable

13.2 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to World Heritage status and its impacts
The impact of the property's World Heritage Status has been very good on all indicated areas.

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 most important points that can be highlighted is the trilateral interaction between Iranian, Armenian and Italian experts in restoration and conservation, whereby they combined experiences to restore the "Choopan Chapel" as well as the "Bell Tower" of St. Stepanos Monastery and the domes of St. Thaddeus Apostle Monastery. This activity was also followed by training of the church staffs (from general to professional staffs) in related areas. Additionally, widespread awareness-raising at national and international levels, not only helped raise national and international knowledge about the Armenian Monastic Ensembles of Iran,

but served to enhance ties of friendship between various ethnic groups in the Country and highlight the significance and historical importance of the presence of Armenians in Iran.

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

Synergies
State of Conservation
Capacity Building

15. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

15.1. Relevance of Periodic Reporting

15.1.1 - Has the Periodic Reporting process improved the understanding of the following?

The *World Heritage Convention*
The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and/or Authenticity
The property's Integrity and/or Authenticity
Management effectiveness to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting

15.1.2 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

State Party	Good
Site Managers	Good
UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Good
Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS, IUCN, ICCROM)	Good

15.2. Use of Data

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

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

15.2.2 - Comments on use of data from the Cycle of Periodic Reporting
No comments. All are clearly explained in the above questions.

15.3. Timing and resources

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

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage
Site Manager/Coordinator World Heritage property staff

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

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

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

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

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

15.4. Format and content of the Periodic Report

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

15.4.2 - Was the questionnaire easy to use and clear to understand?

		Very Difficult	Difficult	Easy	Very easy
15.4.2.1	Ease of use of questionnaire				✖
15.4.2.2	Clarity of questions			✖	

15.4.3 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire
The questionnaire is already user-friendly and the fact that it gives information about relevant concepts in the framework of UNESCO and WHC is very helpful. It is suggested to use a response based on the clarity of the questionnaire for item 15.4.2.2., because clarity is not measured by ease, but by transparency and clarity itself. This may not be possible in a single question. Either the questions on clarity and ease should be separated or the rating scale should be updated to meet both views

15.5. Training and Guidance

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

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

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

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

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

15.5.4 - If you found that the online training resources were not adequate, what changes would you like to see implemented?
To my knowledge (person in charge of completing this questionnaire), they were adequate and user-friendly.

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

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

No item were proposed for update

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

15.7.1 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise
The thorough knowledge of all technical and managerial aspects related to the property already existed and was of prime assistance in completing this questionnaire. The main sources used for completing the questionnaire were existing log books/documented information. Consultation with stakeholders and local communities proved very effective and as a result, bilateral ties were strengthened. Our data was also updated. All base personnel and staff were effectively involved.

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