

Bahá'í Holy Places in Haifa and the Western Galilee

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage property

Bahá'í Holy Places in Haifa and the Western Galilee

1.2 - World Heritage property details


1.3 - Geographic information table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Bahá'í Holy Places in Haifa and the Western Galilee	32.829 / 34.972	62.58	254.7	317.28	2008
Total (ha)		62.58	254.7	317.28	

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Haifa: N32 48 52.6 E34 59 13.9 Acre: N32 56 36.5 E35 5 31.2

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Bahá'í Holy Places in Haifa and the Western Galilee	2006	

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

1. [/www.ganbahai.org.il](http://www.ganbahai.org.il) (in Hebrew)
2. [/www.ganbahai.org.il](http://www.ganbahai.org.il) (in Hebrew)

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For English, the website is: www.ganbahai.org.il or <https://ganbahai.org.il> For Hebrew, the website is: www.ganbahai.org.il/he or <https://ganbahai.org.il/he/>

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

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

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

2.2 - Please provide comments on 2.1 if necessary

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

Not applicable

2.4 - Do your national authorities intend to designate whole or part of the World Heritage property for inclusion in the List of Wetlands of International Importance (The Ramsar List), if relevant, in the next three years?

No

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

No

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

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?

Not aware

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

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

Not aware

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

3. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

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

Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

Bahá'í Holy Places demonstrate Outstanding Universal Value for the Holy shrine of Bahá'u'lláh and the Holy shrine of the Báb, as the most holy places of the Bahá'í faith provide an exceptional testimony to the strong traditions of Bahá'í pilgrimage which have grown up over the last century and draw large numbers of followers from around the world. They also have a profound meaning and value for followers of the Bahá'í faith as sacred sites linked to the faith's two founders.

Criterion (iii): The Holy shrine of Bahá'u'lláh and the Holy shrine of the Báb, as the most holy places of the Bahá'í faith, and visited by thousands of pilgrims each year from around the world, provide an exceptional testimony to, and are powerful communicators of, the strong cultural tradition of Bahá'í pilgrimage.

Criterion (vi): The two holy Bahá'í shrines are tangible places of great meaning for one of the world's religions.

The property demonstrates integrity linked to the history and spiritual home of the Bahá'í faith and it demonstrates authenticity as tangible expression of the body of doctrine and system of values and beliefs that form the Bahá'í faith.

The legal protection of the nominated areas and their buffer zones will be improved once the TAMA 35 provisions come into force for Haifa. Conservation approaches are appropriate and the management system for the property provides high quality management.

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	Shrine of the Báb	✕			
3.2.2	Shrine of Bahá'u'lláh	✕			
3.2.3	The Bahá'í pilgrimage path/way		✕		
3.2.4	The surrounding gardens	✕			
3.2.5	The associated buildings and monuments	✕			
3.2.6					
3.2.7					
3.2.8					
3.2.9					
3.2.10					
3.2.11					
3.2.12					
3.2.13					
3.2.14					
3.2.15					

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

4. Factors Affecting the Property

4.1. Buildings and Development

4.1.1 - Housing

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Outside












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

4.1.2 - Commercial development

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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

Impact	 Current	 Potential	 Inside	 Outside	 Decreasing	 Stable	 Increasing
 Positive							
 Negative 							

4.1.3 - Industrial areas

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	 Not relevant
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4.1.4 - Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	 Not relevant
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4.1.5 - Interpretative and visitation facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	 Not relevant
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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


Recent commercial development, and proposed development, in the Buffer Zone surrounding the Shrine of the Báb and Terraces on Mt. Carmel compromise the experience of Baha'i Pilgrims. These developments, and others proposed, are altering the atmosphere in the surroundings of this Holy Place due to noise, light and activities inconsistent with Pilgrimage.

4.2. Transportation Infrastructure

4.2.1 - Ground transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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

4.2.2 - Underground transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	 Not relevant
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4.2.3 - Air transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	 Not relevant
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4.2.4 - Marine transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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

Positive							
Negative							

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 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.3.2 - Renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.3.3 - Non-renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.3.4 - Localised utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.3.5 - Major linear utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.3.6 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors selected as relevant in 4.3 are affecting the property either negatively or positively

4.4. Pollution

4.4.1 - Pollution of marine waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.4.2 - Ground water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.4.3 - Surface water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.4.4 - Air pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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

Positive							
Negative							

4.4.5 - Solid waste

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.4.6 - Input of excess energy

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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

Regarding 4.4.4, air quality is a recognized issue in Haifa and is of concern. Over time this could affect Bahá'í volunteers serving at the Bahá'í World Centre, as well as lessening the quality of the experience of Bahá'í Pilgrims and other visitors.

4.5. Biological resource use/modification

4.5.1 - Fishing/collecting aquatic resources

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.5.2 - Aquaculture

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.5.3 - Land conversion

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.5.4 - Livestock farming/Grazing of domesticated animals

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.5.5 - Crop production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.5.6 - Commercial wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.5.7 - Subsistence wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.5.8 - Commercial hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	Not relevant
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4.5.9 - Subsistence hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.5.10 - Forestry/Wood production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

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

4.6. Physical resource extraction

4.6.1 - Mining

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.6.2 - Quarrying

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.6.3 - Oil and gas

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.6.4 - Water (extraction)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

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

4.7. Local conditions affecting physical fabric

4.7.1 - Wind

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.7.2 - Relative humidity

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.7.3 - Temperature

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.7.4 - Radiation/Light

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.7.5 - Dust

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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

4.7.7 - Pests

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.7.8 - Micro-organisms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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

With regard to 4.7.6 the effects of climate change are forecast to increase temperatures and decrease precipitation in much of the Eastern Mediterranean basin. This is something the Bahá'í World Centre is aware of, and which is being monitored.

4.8. Social/Cultural uses of heritage

4.8.1 - Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside

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

4.8.2 - Society's valuing of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.8.3 - Indigenous hunting, gathering and collecting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.8.6 - Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

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

4.9. Other human activities

4.9.1 - Illegal activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.9.2 - Deliberate destruction of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.9.3 - Military training

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.9.4 - War

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.9.5 - Terrorism

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.9.6 - Civil unrest

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

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

4.10. Climate change and severe weather events

4.10.1 - Storms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.10.2 - Flooding

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.10.3 - Drought

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Relevant, Negative, Potential, Outside

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

4.10.4 - Desertification

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.10.5 - Changes to oceanic waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.10.6 - Temperature change

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- 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 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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

As stated previously, climate models show that temperature will likely increase and precipitation decrease in much of the Eastern Mediterranean basin. The Bahá'í World Centre is aware of these factors and monitoring changes.

4.11. Sudden ecological or geological events

4.11.1 - Volcanic eruption

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.11.2 - Earthquake

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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

4.11.3 - Tsunami/Tidal wave

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.11.4 - Avalanche/Landslide

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.11.5 - Erosion and siltation/Deposition

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.11.6 - Fire (wildfire)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

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

With regard to 4.11.2, the Bahá'í World Centre is aware of the earthquake risk that has been discussed in Israel. These challenges are incorporated into planning.

4.12. Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species

4.12.1 - Translocated species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.12.2 - Invasive/Alien terrestrial species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.12.3 - Invasive/Alien freshwater species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.12.4 - Invasive/Alien marine species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.12.5 - Hyper-abundant species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant

4.12.6 - Modified genetic material

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant

✕ Not relevant









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

4.13. Management and institutional factors

4.13.1 - Management system/Management plan

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

4.13.2 - Legal framework

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





4.13.3 - Governance

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.13.4 - Management activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside

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

4.13.5 - Financial resources

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.13.6 - Human resources

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.13.7 - Low impact research/monitoring activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

Relevant	✕ Not relevant
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4.13.8 - High impact research/monitoring activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (30/07/2014):

- Not relevant

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

4.13.2: As mentioned, development pressures around the Bahá'í World Heritage sites in Haifa are negatively impacting the experience of Bahá'í Pilgrims. Various agencies and authorities have differing understandings about how to incorporate World Heritage status into decisions. We are working with Israel WH to improve understandings.

4.14. Other factor(s)

4.14.1 - Other factor(s)

4.15. Factors Summary Table

4.15.1 - Factors Summary Table

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.1 Buildings and Development						
4.1.1 Housing						
	⊖		⚡		↻	↗
4.1.2 Commercial development						
	⊖	⚡			↻	↗
4.2 Transportation Infrastructure						
4.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure						
	⊖		⚡		↻	↗
4.2.5 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure						
	⊖	⚡			↻	↗
4.4 Pollution						
4.4.4 Air pollution						
	⊖	⚡			↻	→
4.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
4.7.6 Water (rain/water table)						
	⊖		⚡		↻	↘
4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage						
4.8.1 Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses	⊕	⚡		⊕		↗
4.10 Climate change and severe weather events						
4.10.3 Drought						
	⊖		⚡		↻	↗
4.10.6 Temperature change						
	⊖		⚡		↻	↗
4.11 Sudden ecological or geological events						
4.11.2 Earthquake						
	⊖		⚡		↻	→
4.13 Management and institutional factors						
4.13.1 Management system/Management plan	⊕	⚡		⊕		→
4.13.2 Legal framework						
	⊖	⚡			↻	↘
4.13.4 Management 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
4.1.1 Housing							
Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor							
	Restricted						
✕	Localised						
	Extensive						
	Widespread						
Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact							
	One off or rare						
✕	Intermittent or sporadic						
	Frequent						
	On-going						
Impact - Impact on the attributes							
	Insignificant						
✕	Minor						
	Significant						
	Major						
Management response - Capacity of management to respond							
✕	High capacity						
	Medium capacity						
	Low capacity						
	No capacity and / or resources						
Trend - Development over the last 6 years							
	Decreasing						
	Static						
✕	Increasing						



Name		Impact			Origin		Trend
4.1.2 Commercial development							
Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor							
	Restricted						
✕	Localised						
	Extensive						
	Widespread						
Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact							
	One off or rare						
✕	Intermittent or sporadic						
	Frequent						
	On-going						
Impact - Impact on the attributes							

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

4.2 Transportation Infrastructure

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure						
						

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

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.2.5 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure			
			

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
✕	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
✕	Minor
	Significant
	Major




Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Development over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing

4.4 Pollution

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.4.4 Air pollution			
			

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
✕	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact

	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic

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





4.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.7.6 Water (rain/water table)						

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

✕	Decreasing
	Static
	Increasing

4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage

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

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
	Extensive
✕	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurrence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
✕	Major




Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Development over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
	Static
✕	Increasing





4.10 Climate change and severe weather events

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.10.3 Drought						
						

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
✕	Extensive




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

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.10.6 Temperature change						
						

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



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

4.11 Sudden ecological or geological events

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.11.2 Earthquake			
			

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

4.13 Management and institutional factors





Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.1 Management system/Management plan			
Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor			

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

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.2 Legal framework						
	⊖	🚩			🔄	📈

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

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

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend
4.13.4 Management activities	 		

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

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
✕	Major

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

This is a serial inscription encompassing two areas: "Carmel North," in Haifa, which includes the Shrine of the Bab, Baha'i administrative edifices and other significant structures, and the terraced gardens; and "Bahji," in Akka (Acre), which includes the Shrine of Baha'u'llah and other significant structures, and surrounding gardens. These are all equally affected by the challenges so far described.

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	Shrine of the Báb	×			
4.18.1.2	Shrine of Bahá'u'lláh	×			
4.18.1.3	The Bahá'í pilgrimage path/way		×		
4.18.1.4	The surrounding gardens	×			
4.18.1.5	The associated buildings and monuments	×			

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 the management authority **but are not known** by 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 **do not limit** the ability to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value but they could be improved

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 the management authority **but are not known** by local communities/landowners

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

While some are aware, certainly not everyone is aware of the nature of the protections required for World Heritage Core and Buffer Zones. Some aspects of the Buffer Zone designation are ambiguous, and it is difficult to achieve consensus on the meaning and enforceability. Further, with respect to the Buffer Zones designated originally around Bahji, there is a large triangular area carved out of the Buffer on the southeast side which comes very close to the Core Area.

5.2. Protective Measures

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

Legal protection of the sites is provided by legislation applicable to heritage sites in general, and through regulations protecting their character as holy places: the Antiquities Law (1978), the Palestine Order in Council (1922 and 1924), the Law for the Protection of Holy Places (1967), the International Agreement between the Bahá'í International Community and the Government of Israel (1987), and the Planning and Building Law (1965). At the national level, the Combined National Scheme for Building, Development and Conservation ("TAMA 35"), designates most of the Bahá'í sites as "urban complexes for preservation" and the Mansion of Mazra'ih as a "rural complex for preservation". This designation recognizes sites of historic or architectural value where integrity needs be protected. Bahji, the North Slope of Mount Carmel, Ridván Gardens, the Place of Revelation of the "Tablet of Carmel", Junayn Garden and the entire Old City of Acre are "urban complexes for preservation". This means that not all the sites are protected as properties of national importance through this legislation.

Source: Advisory Body Evaluation

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

2019 / HF/2000 / Local outline plan for the city of Haifa /
<https://apps.land.gov.il/TabaSearch/#/Plans/Plan/3008503>

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 the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property **is inadequate**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As the 'add item' in 5.2.2 did not work another item is listed here: Year: 2017 Title: C/21535 Regulatory including spatial planning: Master plan for Acre Web link of

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

In practice, we have found that the effectiveness of the World Heritage designation has varied significantly. In some cases, it is effective but in many cases attempts to refer to World Heritage have not been effective in efforts to influence development plans.

5.3. Management System/Management Plan

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

Other

If 'Other', please specify

These sites are Holy Places, owned and administered by the World Centre of the Baha'i Faith

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.

Other forms of statutory or non-statutory plans (e.g. strategic plans)

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

Mechanisms to promote equal participation among and within groups, including different levels of authority, local communities, indigenous people, women and men, and other specific groups

A code of practice developed by local communities or other groups

A management plan

A visitor/visitation management plan

An environmental management framework

An assessment of biological and cultural diversity and ecosystem services provided by the property

Other (please specify below)

These are Holy Places owned and administered by the World Centre of the Baha'i Faith

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

These sites are Holy Places, owned and administered by the World Centre of the Baha'i Faith. As such, decisions about the properties are made by the world governing council of the Baha'i Faith, the Universal House of Justice, and carried out by the volunteer staff of the Baha'i World Centre.

5.3.4 - Management Documents

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

No use has been made of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape

5.3.6 - If the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation has been used at this property, please describe briefly what has been done.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There is **no coordination** between the range of administrative bodies involved in the management of the property

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

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

5.3.13 - Is the management system being implemented?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Some of these questions do not really apply, as these sites are Holy Places for the Baha'i Faith. While we are conscious of some of the implications, we do not--cannot--make decisions based on factors such as tourism and economic impact. As for the other social factors, we would hope as a matter of principle that we would be making contributions to these goals. But we are always looking for ways that we can improve how we contribute to the surrounding society.

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

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

All funding for the maintenance and operation of these Baha'i Holy Places is covered by the Baha'i World Centre.

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

The available **budget is adequate** for effective management of the World Heritage property

6.1.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?

The existing sources of funding are **secure over both the medium- and long-term**

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

As stated previously, maintenance and operation of these sites is covered by the Baha'i World Centre, funded by contributions from Baha'is around the world. Baha'is are not permitted to accept contributions from those who are not Baha'is, so we do not accept any funding from any other source.

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	82 %	49 %
6.1.6.2	Women	18 %	51 %
		Total 100 %	Total 100 %

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

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A site-based capacity building plan or programme is in place and fully implemented; **all technical skills are being transferred** to those managing the property locally

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

The Baha'i Holy Places do not fit the typical model of a World Heritage site. The Baha'i World Centre does employ a modest number of Israelis, but the vast majority of staff at the World Centre are Baha'i volunteers from around the world. So the vast majority of the work done to maintain these Holy Places is done by Baha'i volunteers. Some of these develop their capacities. But there are also specialists from around the world who contribute expertise. We really do not fit these questions.

7. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

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

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

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

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

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

Research results are **not shared at any level**

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

Because these are Baha'i Holy Places, they are managed by Baha'i World Centre staff, under the direction of the world governing council, the Universal House of Justice. There are research projects about the Holy Places, and these results are shared internally to drive decisions. But, these results are not routinely shared outside the World Centre.

8. Education, Information and Awareness Building

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

Local communities	Fair
Local/municipal authorities	Poor
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Poor
Women	Fair
Youth/children	Poor
Researchers	Fair
Local visitors	Poor
National/international tourists	Poor
Tourism industry	Fair
Local businesses and industries	Fair
NGOs	Good
Other specific groups	Good
If you selected 'Other specific groups', please describe	Baha'i Pilgrims from around the world

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 **no need** for an education and awareness programme for children and/or youth

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

Local/municipal authorities
Researchers
NGOs
Other specific groups
Baha'i Pilgrims from around the world

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

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

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

This is another area where the Baha'i Holy Places do not fit the typical model of World Heritage sites. While we welcome visitors, we make no efforts to market or build external support for the sites. As we cannot accept outside funding, and we do not seek converts in Israel, we view sharing the sites with others as a gift to the nation and the region.

9. Visitor Management

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

626,264 / 135,959 / 158,063 / 1,263,120 / 1,101,642 /

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

Entry tickets and registries

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

One to three hours

9.4 - Please provide the source of information

Information is from Baha'i World Centre statistics.

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

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9.6 - Please provide the source of information

We do not track this kind of information about our visitors.

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

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

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

The Baha'i World Centre staff evaluate the pressures put on the sites by Pilgrims, tourists and other visitors. Choices are made with a view toward the long-term preservation of the sites.

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

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

9.10 - Is the effectiveness of tourism management regularly monitored?

No

If a different system, please specify

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

There **is contact** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry but this **is largely confined to administrative or regulatory matters**

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?

No fees are collected

9.15 - Are there locally driven sustainable tourism initiatives?

Not applicable

If 'Yes', please specify

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

Not applicable

If 'Yes', please specify

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

The Baha'i Holy Places are maintained to a very high standard, including awareness of the impact of visitors. They are shared as a gift to the nation and the world-not as a tourist site. But free guided visits are offered by professionals employed by the Baha'i World Centre, in multiple languages.

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

As these are the Holiest Sites in the world to Baha'is, they are always maintained and managed to the highest possible standards. We are conscious of the World Heritage designation, and the Outstanding Universal Value, but the importance of the sites as Holy Places transcends these considerations. In other words, the work done at the Baha'i World Centre to maintain the Holy Places by default ensures the preservation of the Outstanding Universal Value.

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

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

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

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

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

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

Due to the nature of these sites, and the fact that decisions about the sites are made by the world governing council of the Baha'i Faith, the Universal House of Justice, there really isn't a "monitoring" relationship here. We very much appreciate the support and assistance of the World Heritage team--especially when speaking about development plans that would impact the sites.

11. Identification of Priority Management Needs

11.1 - Identification of Priority Management Needs

5.1	Boundaries and Buffer Zones	
5.1.2	The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by the management authority but are not known by local communities/landowners	
5.1.4	The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are known and recognised by the management authority but are not known and recognized by local communities/landowners	×
5.2	Protective Measures	
5.2.3	The legal framework for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property is inadequate	×
5.2.4	An adequate legal framework in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists but there are some deficiencies in implementation	×
5.2.5	An adequate legal framework exists for the broader setting of the World Heritage property and the buffer zone, but there are some deficiencies in implementation which undermine the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the property	×
5.2.6	There is acceptable capacity/resources to enforce legislation and/or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies of enforcement remain	×
5.3	Management System/Management Plan	
5.3.5	No use has been made of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation to develop policies and best practices for the protection of the property	
5.3.7	No use has been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property	×
5.3.9	No use has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	×

5.3.11	There is no coordination between the range of administrative bodies involved in the management of the property	
6.1	Funding	
6.1.10	No use has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	✕
7	Scientific Studies and Research Projects	
7.3	Research results are not shared at any level	✕
9	Visitor Management	
9.11	There is contact but this is largely confined to administrative or regulatory mattersThere is contact between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry but this is largely confined to administrative or regulatory matters	✕

Please select 0 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

4.1	Buildings and Development						
4.1.1	Housing	(iii) + (vi)	Our staff continuously monitors developments and proposals near and in the Buffer Zones. In addition, we maintain contact with the Israel World Heritage office and seek advice and assistance when faced with concerning developments.	This is a significant challenge for staff--monitoring proposals with various planning agencies from the local, regional and national levels.	Ongoing	Multiple agencies are involved from the local to regional to national levels.	None
4.1.2	Commercial development	(iii) + (vi)	Our staff continuously monitors developments and proposals near and in the Buffer Zones. In addition, we maintain contact with the Israel World Heritage office and seek advice and assistance when faced with concerning developments.	This is a significant challenge for staff--monitoring proposals with various planning agencies from the local, regional and national levels.	Ongoing	Multiple agencies are involved from the local to regional to national levels.	None
4.2	Transportation Infrastructure						
4.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	(iii) + (vi)	There is ongoing discussion with the Haifa municipality, along with conversations with Israel World Heritage.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Municipality of Haifa	Nothing further
4.2.5	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	(iii) + (vi)	There is ongoing discussion with the Haifa municipality, along with conversations with Israel World Heritage.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Municipality of Haifa	None
4.4	Pollution						
4.4.4	Air pollution	(vi)	We monitor developments related to air quality, which is a recognized issue in the Haifa and Akka areas.	Air quality issues are monitored for developments that may affect the sites, staff, Baha'i Pilgrims and other visitors.	Ongoing	There are multiple government agencies concerned in this matter.	None
4.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric						
4.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	(vi)	In addition to monitoring weather and climate issues, the Baha'i World Centre makes great efforts to use and re-use water in the most responsible way possible. Plants are chosen for their ability to tolerate the climate.	These issues are monitored in real-time with weather instruments and utilizing forecasts. In a longer term, the issue of rainfall and climate change is monitored on an ongoing basis.	Ongoing	There are multiple government agencies involved in responding to these challenges.	None
4.10	Climate change and severe weather events						

4.10.3	Drought	(vi)	Baha'i World Centre staff maintain an awareness of these issues and incorporate these challenges into management plans. This particularly involves high standards for water conservation, and designing the gardens for future changes.	There are weather instruments in the Baha'i World Centre sites to supplement official weather information. On a wider basis, staff monitor the subject of climate change and severe weather as part of management plans.	Weather is defined as being short-term, while climate by definition is long term. But both issues require constant awareness and planning.	This is another issue which involves multiple agencies at the local, regional and national levels.	None
4.10.6	Temperature change	(vi)	Baha'i World Centre staff maintain awareness of these issues and incorporate these challenges into management plans. Plants are chosen for compatibility with the climate. And Baha'i Pilgrims and other visitors are advised on heat safety information.	There are weather instruments in the Baha'i World Centre sites to supplement official weather information. On a wider basis, staff monitor the subject of climate change and severe weather as part of management plans.	Weather is defined as being short-term, while climate by definition is long term. But both issues require constant awareness and planning.	This is another issue which involves multiple agencies at the local, regional and national levels.	None
4.11	Sudden ecological or geological events						
4.11.2	Earthquake	(iii) + (vi)	Baha'i World Centre staff are aware of the earthquake risk in the region. Structures are strengthened when possible and appropriate, and plans are made for reacting to an earthquake scenario.	In real-time, awareness is maintained of earthquake activity. In the longer term, plans are made for how to respond to an earthquake, for the safety of staff, Baha'i Pilgrims and visitors. Structures are strengthened as opportunities arise.	Ongoing.	This involves not only internal work, but also maintaining relationships with emergency services of the municipalities.	None
4.13	Management and institutional factors						
4.13.2	Legal framework	(iii) + (vi)	As mentioned previously, we monitor developments and proposals. We engage with the Israel World Heritage officials and all for assistance when needed. In dialogue with local, regional and national officials we advocate for World Heritage protections	This is an ongoing process of monitoring developments and proposals in and near the Buffer Zones which could negatively impact the Outstanding Universal Value.	Ongoing	One of the challenges is that various local, regional and national agencies are involved in planning and development.	None

Summary - Factors affecting the Property **completed**

12.2. Summary - Management Needs

12.2.1 - Summary - Management Needs

5.1	Boundaries and Buffer Zones				
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
5.1.4	The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are known and recognised by the management authority but are not known and recognized by local communities/landowners	While some in government and planning agencies are aware of the zones and the meaning, this is not universally true. Sometimes there is little or no awareness of the boundaries, and little or no understanding of the meaning and protections required.	Ongoing	Again, various agencies at the local, regional and national levels can be involved in planning issues which complicates matters.	None
5.2	Protective Measures				
5.2.3	The legal framework for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property is inadequate	Our experience is that there is uneven understanding of the meaning of World Heritage designation, the protections required, and whether those legal protections have the force of low.	Ongoing	Various	None

5.2.4	An adequate legal framework in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists but there are some deficiencies in implementation	There are questions as to the legal standing of the protections granted to the Core and Buffer Zones in the WH nomination. This results in challenging conversations when plans should be curtailed to protect Outstanding Universal Value	Ongoing	As previously mentioned, this involves local, regional and national planning agencies, which might possess differing understandings of the enforceability of World Heritage protections.	None
5.2.5	An adequate legal framework exists for the broader setting of the World Heritage property and the buffer zone, but there are some deficiencies in implementation which undermine the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the property	There are questions as to the legal standing of the protections granted to the Core and Buffer Zones in the WH nomination. This results in challenging conversations when plans should be curtailed to protect Outstanding Universal Value	Ongoing	As previously mentioned, this involves local, regional and national planning agencies, which might possess differing understandings of the enforceability of World Heritage protections.	None
5.2.6	There is acceptable capacity/resources to enforce legislation and/or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies of enforcement remain	Our experience is that there is uneven understanding of the meaning of World Heritage designation, the protections required, and whether those legal protections have the force of law. We are engaged with Israel WH on this issue.	Ongoing	Israel World Heritage	None
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	This specific document has not been utilized but the issue is one which receives attention and concern.	Ongoing	NA	None
5.3.9	No use has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	This specific document has not been utilized but the issue is one which receives attention and concern.	Ongoing	This document has not been utilized. But, there are interactions with various agencies with expertise in the process of increasing the resilience of the Baha'i World Centre including the World Heritage sites.	None
6.1	Funding				
6.1.10	No use has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	This specific document has not been utilized but the issue is one which receives attention. As stated previously, this looks different here because the vast majority of staff are Baha'i volunteers from around the world.	Ongoing	NA	None
7	Scientific Studies and Research Projects				

7.3	Research results are not shared at any level	Because these sites are Baha'i Holy Places, managed, protected and conserved by the Baha'i World Centre, the process of management of the sites is different here. Research is chiefly internal, and used internally to maintain the high standard set.	Ongoing	NA	None
9	Visitor Management				
9.11	There is contact but this is largely confined to administrative or regulatory mattersThere is contact between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry but this is largely confined to administrative or regulatory matters	There are friendly relations with government tourism officials, as well as with others such as tour guides. But these sites are Baha'i Holy Places, and they are not managed for tourism. We are happy to host visitors but are not focused on that.	Ongoing	Cordial relations are maintained with various agencies such as the Ministry of Tourism, as well as others such as tour guides, historical societies, etc.	None

Summary - Management Needs completed

12.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

12.3.1 - Following the analysis undertaken for this report, what is the current state of Authenticity of the World Heritage property?

The Authenticity of the World Heritage property **has been preserved**

12.3.2 - Following the analysis undertaken for this report, what is the current state of Integrity of the World Heritage property?

The Integrity of the World Heritage property **has been compromised** by factors described in this report

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 impacted by factors described in this report, but this situation is being addressed through effective management actions.**

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.

As these sites are in urban areas, constant vigilance is required. Concerned parties must be educated about World Heritage, and protections required to preserve Outstanding Universal Value. It is emphasized that the nomination document states that many activities and elements that would be acceptable elsewhere can still compromise the Outstanding Universal Value of the sites.

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	No impact
Management effectiveness	No impact
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Very positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Not applicable
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal/Policy framework	Positive

Advocacy	No impact
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Very positive
Gender equality	Positive
Provision of ecosystem services/ benefits to local communities	No impact
Social inclusion and equity, and improvement of opportunities for all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, origin, religion, or economic or other status	Positive
Fostering inclusive local economic development and enhancing livelihood	Positive
Contributing to conflict prevention, including respect for cultural diversity within and around heritage properties	Positive
Other	Not applicable
If 'Other', please specify	

13.2 - Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to World Heritage status and its impacts

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

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

Because these sites are Baha'i Holy Places, they are maintained at a very high level. In all decisions, the standards applied are the very highest. This is so whether you are discussing how to restore a structure, or maintain an area of garden, or welcome guests. There is a dedication to excellence, and an attitude of service that permeates the staff and the sites. This is an intangible that animates every effort, and so contributes to a very special atmosphere. Even those who are Israeli employees--not Baha'i volunteers--feel this, and manifest it in the way they do their jobs.

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

Sustainable Development
State of Conservation
Management
Governance

15. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

15.1. Relevance of Periodic Reporting

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

The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Outstanding Universal Value
Management effectiveness to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting

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

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

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?

Awareness raising
Advocacy

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

15.3. Timing and resources

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

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

UNESCO National Commission
ICOMOS national/regional

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

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

15.4. Format and content of the Periodic Report

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

Most required information was accessible.

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

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

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

Minor suggestion.... Make it easier and more clear how to navigate within. I only accidentally found the place where you can see all of the sections you have filled out and navigate easily from section to section. That should be much easier to find and return to. Also, when returning to make a final check of the document before submission, a number of answers to questions had disappeared even though the question was marked "Completed."

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	Good
ICOMOS International	Not applicable
IUCN International	Not applicable
ICCROM international/regional	Not applicable
ICOMOS national/regional	Good
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)	Not applicable
National Commission for UNESCO	Good
ICOMOS International	Not applicable
ICCROM International/regional	Not applicable
ICOMOS national/regional	Good
IUCN national/regional	Not applicable
IUCN International	Not applicable

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

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

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

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

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

- **Geographic information table**

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

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

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

As stated throughout, this is an unusual WH site in that it is something else primarily--the Holiest Places in the world to the Baha'i Faith. As such, the sites are always maintained to the highest level and this is done internally, including funding. The sites are also not seen, marketed or positioned as "tourist attractions." In these ways, these sites are very different. And yet, the work is really aligned with the values of World Heritage, and we are pleased to have that designation.

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