## Abbey and Altenmünster of Lorsch

## 1. World Heritage Property Data

## 1.1 - Name of World Heritage property

Abbey and Altenmünster of Lorsch

#### 1.2 - World Heritage property details

## 1.3 - Geographic information table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
Kloster Lorsch	49.654 / 8.569	3.11	29.65	32.76	1991
Ruine Altenmuster	49.657 / 8.576	0.32	?	0.32	1991
Total (ha)		3.43	29.65	33.08	

#### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Stadt Lorsch. Scale: 1:2500	2006	
Abbey and Altenmünster of Lorsch - inscribed minor boundary modification	2011	

## Comment

There is an ongoing process with the WHC.

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

- 1. Kloster Lorsch (Deutsche UNESCO-Kommission)(german only)
- 2. UNESCO Commission of Germany
- 3. Kloster Lorsch (in German)
- 4. Kloster Lorsch (in German)
- 5. Staatlichen Schlösser und Gärten Hessen (in German)
- 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?

No

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

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

2.6 - Do your national authorities intend to apply for whole or part of World Heritage property to be designated as a UNESCO Global Geopark (if relevant) in the next three years? No

#### 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 <b>no contact</b> 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 <b>no contact</b> 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 <b>no contact</b> 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 <b>no contact</b> 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 <b>no contact</b> 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?

Yes

# 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.

Lorsch Pharmacopoeia (Lorsch Pharmacopoeia)

#### 3. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

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

## Statement of Outstanding Universal Value Brief synthesis

The town of Lorsch in Hesse, Germany, hosts the renowned "Königshalle". Apart from the Gothic gables and a few relics of past repairs and completion, this gatehouse is one of the very rare buildings from the Carolingian era whose original appearance is intact. It is a reminder of the past grandeur of an abbey founded around 764. The monastery's zenith was probably in 876 when, at the death of Louis II the German, it became the burial place for the Carolingian kings of the Eastern part of the Frankish Realm.

The monastery flourished throughout the 11th century, but in 1090 was ravaged by fire. In the 12th century, an expansive reconstruction was carried out. After Lorsch had been incorporated in the Electorate of Mainz (1232), it lost a large part of its privileges. The Benedictines were replaced first by Cistercians and later by Premonstratensians. Moreover, the church had to be restored after yet another fire and be adapted to changing liturgical needs. The glorious Carolingian establishment slowly deteriorated under the impact of the vagaries of politics and war: Lorsch was attached to the Palatinate in 1461, returned to Mainz in 1623, and incorporated in the Electorate of Hesse in 1803. Monastic life finished in succession of the protestant reformation of the Palatinate in 1556.

Criterion (iii): The religious complex represented by the former Lorsch Abbey, with its 1200-year-old gatehouse in unique and excellent condition, comprises a rare architectural document of the Carolingian era with impressively preserved sculpture and painting of that period.

Criterion (iv): The Lorsch Abbey, with its Carolingian gatehouse, gives architectural evidence of the awakening of the West to the spirit of the Early and High Middle Ages under the first King and Emperor, Charlemagne.

#### Integrity

In the case of the Abbey and Altenmünster of Lorsch, the integrity is related to the architectural remains, i.e. the entrance hall and main body of the Abbey church, documenting an astonishing variety of architectural styles. The Abbey wall and the commercial constructions following the heyday of the Abbey provide an example and – to a certain extent – represent symbols of the rise, glory, and fall of one of Europe's great Abbeys, of which not one has remained preserved. Never having been superstructured, at least two thirds of the Abbey's area represents an intact archaeological site, preserving the material relics of more than 800 years of monastic life. Together with the monumental remains and the conserved fragments of the ancient library, the cultural heritage of Lorsch Abbey has been one of the most powerful and active spiritual centers in Central Europe for several centuries.

#### Authenticity

The Abbey and Altenmünster of Lorsch fulfils the conditions of authenticity through the preserved buildings themselves, in particular through the "Königshalle", which still represents the best preserved and largely intact surviving example of architecture of the Carolingian era in Central Europe.

All the buildings are maintained, preserved, researched, and presented with the greatest possible care. The sculptures and paintings from this period are still in remarkably good condition.

#### Protection and management requirements

The laws and regulations of the Federal Republic of Germany and the State of Hesse guarantee the consistent protection of the Abbey and Altenmünster of Lorsch and its surroundings. Both are listed monuments according to the Act on the Protection of Cultural Monuments in the State of Hesse. The Hessian building code regulates the realisation of single building projects. The land-use plan, as well as building plans and the preservation statute of the city of Lorsch, guarantees the protection of the visual integrity. Complemented by the management plan, this differentiated protective system ensures an efficient preservation of the historical substance in good condition. The buffer zone underwent a minor boundary modification to further ensure the protection of the site.

The State Administration for Palaces and Gardens of Hesse is in charge of the management of the Abbey, the city of Lorsch is responsible for the Altenmünster. A special heritage service led by an expert acts on site. In the case of difficult conservation issues, the State Administration for Palaces and Gardens of Hesse calls an independent, international expert commission to guarantee highest standards for the preservation of the historical substance of the World Heritage property.

# 3.2 - Please list the key attributes of Outstanding Universal Value of your property and give an assessment of their condition. As a guideline, it is suggested to focus on approximately five key attributes (no more than 15 overall).

	Brief identification of attribute	Preserved	Compromised	Seriously compromised	Lost
3.2.1	archaeological site and remains of Altenmünster	×			
3.2.2	archaeological site and remains of the second monastery	×			
3.2.3	carolingian gatehouse with impressively preserved sculptural and painted decorand painting	×			
3.2.4	architectural remains of the main church	×			
3.2.5	archaeological finds	×			
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 (12/07/2013):

Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.1.2 - Commercial development</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.1.3 - Industrial areas</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.1.4 - Major visitor accommodation and associated infras</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	structure
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.1.5 - Interpretative and visitation facilities</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Relevant, Positive, Potential, Outside</li> </ul>	
X Relevant	Not relevant

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	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
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O Positive X		×		×			1
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

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## 4.2. Transportation Infrastructure

#### 4.2.1 - Ground transport infrastructure

- Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):
  - Not relevant

Relevant

× Not relevant

## 4.2.2 - Underground transport infrastructure

## Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant

## 4.2.3 - Air transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.2.4 - Marine transport infrastructure</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.2.5 - Effects arising from use of transportation infrastruct</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	cture
Relevant	X Not relevant
4.2.6 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors s positively	selected as relevant in 4.2 are affecting the property either negatively or
4.3. Services Infrastructures	
<ul><li><b>4.3.1 - Water infrastructure</b></li><li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li><li>Not relevant</li></ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.3.2 - Renewable energy facilities</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.3.3 - Non-renewable energy facilities</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.3.4 - Localised utilities</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.3.5 - Major linear utilities</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
4.3.6 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors s positively	selected as relevant in 4.3 are affecting the property either negatively or
4.4. Pollution	
<ul> <li>4.4.1 - Pollution of marine waters</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	

× Not relevant

× Not relevant

**4.4.2 - Ground water pollution** Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):

Relevant

Relevant

Not relevant

## 4.4.3 - Surface water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li><b>4.4.4 - Air pollution</b></li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul><li>4.4.5 - Solid waste</li><li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li><li>Not relevant</li></ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.4.6 - Input of excess energy</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
4.4.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors s positively	elected as relevant in 4.4 are affecting the property either negatively or
4.5. Biological resource use/modification	
<b>4.5.1 - Fishing/collecting aquatic resources</b> Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):	

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul><li>4.5.2 - Aquaculture</li><li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li><li>Not relevant</li></ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.5.3 - Land conversion</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.5.4 - Livestock farming/Grazing of domesticated animals</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	5
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.5.5 - Crop production</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.5.6 - Commercial wild plant collection</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.5.7 - Subsistence wild plant collection</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant

## 4.5.8 - Commercial hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013): • Not relevant	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul><li>4.5.9 - Subsistence hunting</li><li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li><li>Not relevant</li></ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.5.10 - Forestry/Wood production</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
4.5.11 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors positively	selected as relevant in 4.5 are affecting the property either negatively or
4.6. Physical resource extraction	
<ul><li>4.6.1 - Mining</li><li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li><li>Not relevant</li></ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul><li>4.6.2 - Quarrying</li><li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li><li>Not relevant</li></ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul><li>4.6.3 - Oil and gas</li><li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li><li>Not relevant</li></ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.6.4 - Water (extraction)</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
4.6.5 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors s positively	selected as relevant in 4.6 are affecting the property either negatively or
4.7. Local conditions affecting physical fabric	
<ul><li>4.7.1 - Wind</li><li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li><li>Not relevant</li></ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.7.2 - Relative humidity</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
4.7.3 - Temperature	

## Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):

Not relevant

× Not relevant

#### 4.7.4 - Radiation/Light

Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):

Not relevant	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.7.5 - Dust</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.7.6 - Water (rain/water table)</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.7.7 - Pests</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.7.8 - Micro-organisms</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
4.7.9 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors s positively	selected as relevant in 4.7 are affecting the property either negatively or
4.8. Social/Cultural uses of heritage	
<ul> <li>4.8.1 - Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.8.2 - Society's valuing of heritage</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.8.3 - Indigenous hunting, gathering and collecting</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	

Relevant

4.8.4 - Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system

Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant

X Not relevant

× Not relevant

4.8.5 - Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community

Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant × Not relevant 4.8.6 - Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013): Not relevant

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 (12/07/2013):
  - Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.9.2 - Deliberate destruction of heritage</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul><li>4.9.3 - Military training</li><li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li><li>Not relevant</li></ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul><li>4.9.4 - War</li><li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li><li>Not relevant</li></ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.9.5 - Terrorism</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.9.6 - Civil unrest</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
4.9.7 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors s	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 (12/07/2013): • Not relevant

Relevant × Not relevant 4.10.2 - Flooding Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013): Not relevant Relevant × Not relevant 4.10.3 - Drought Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013): Not relevant Relevant × Not relevant 4.10.4 - Desertification Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013): Not relevant Relevant × Not relevant

## 4.10.5 - Changes to oceanic waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013): • Not relevant	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul><li>4.10.6 - Temperature change</li><li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li><li>Not relevant</li></ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.10.7 - Other climate change impacts</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
4.10.8 - Please comment as necessary on how the factors positively	s selected as relevant in 4.10 are affecting the property either negatively or
4.11. Sudden ecological or geological events	
<ul> <li>4.11.1 - Volcanic eruption</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<b>4.11.2 - Earthquake</b> Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013): • Not relevant	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.11.3 - Tsunami/Tidal wave</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.11.4 - Avalanche/Landslide</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.11.5 - Erosion and siltation/Deposition</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.11.6 - Fire (wildfire)</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Relevant, Negative, Potential, Inside</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X 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

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

4.12. Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species

## 4.12.1 - Translocated species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant

× Not relevant

#### 4.12.2 - Invasive/Alien terrestrial species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.12.3 - Invasive/Alien freshwater species</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.12.4 - Invasive/Alien marine species</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.12.5 - Hyper-abundant species</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.12.6 - Modified genetic material</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
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

X Relevant	Not relevant						
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	4 Current	Potential	Inside	C Outside	Solution Decreasing	⇒ Stable	Increasing
Positive X	×	×	×				1
Negative							

## 4.13.2 - Legal framework

× Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	4 Current	Potential	<ul> <li>Inside</li> </ul>	Cutside	> Decreasing	⇒ Stable	Increasing
O Positive X	×	×		×		<b>→</b>	
Negative							

## 4.13.3 - Governance

× Relevant	Not relevant						
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	4 Current	9 Potential	<ul> <li>Inside</li> </ul>	C Outside	> Decreasing	⇒ Stable	Increasing
O Positive X	×	×		×		$\rightarrow$	
Negative							

## 4.13.4 - Management activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant

× Not relevant

## 4.13.5 - Financial resources

X Relevant			١	Not relevant				
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact			
Impact	4 Current	9 Potential	<ul> <li>Inside</li> </ul>	Coutside	> Decreasing	⇒ Stable	Increasing	
O Positive X		×	×	×				
Negative								

## 4.13.6 - Human resources

X Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	4 Current	Potential	<ul> <li>Inside</li> </ul>	C Outside	> Decreasing	⇒ Stable	Increasing
Positive X	×	×	×			$\rightarrow$	
Negative							

## 4.13.7 - Low impact research/monitoring activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	× Not relevant
<ul> <li>4.13.8 - High impact research/monitoring activities</li> <li>Previous answer Cycle 2 (12/07/2013):</li> <li>Not relevant</li> </ul>	
Relevant	X 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

## 4.14. Other factor(s)

## 4.14.1 - Other factor(s)

## 4.15. Factors Summary Table

## 4.15.1 - Factors Summary Table

Name	Name						Impact			Trend
4.1 Buildings and	4.1 Buildings and Development									
4.1.5 Interpretative	4.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities								Ċ	
4.13 Management	and institutional factors									
4.13.1 Managemen	nt system/Management pl	lan			٢	9	9	۲		
4.13.2 Legal frame	work				٢	9	9		Ċ	<b>→</b>
4.13.3 Governance	9				٢	9	9		Ċ	<b>→</b>
4.13.5 Financial re	sources				٢		9	۲	Ċ	
4.13.6 Human resources					٢	9	9	٢		<b>→</b>
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Legend	4 Current	4 Potential	Negative	O Positive	Inside Cutside			de		

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

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

## 4.1 Buildings and Development

Name		Impact		Origin		Trend
4.1.5 Inter	nterpretative and visitation facilities		9		Ċ	
Quartial						
Spatial sc	ale - 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 - I	npact on the attributes					
×	Insignificant					
	Minor					
	Significant					
	Major					
Managem	ent response - Capacity of management to respond					
×	High capacity					
	Medium capacity					
	Low capacity					
	No capacity and / or resources					
Trend - De	Trend - Developement over the last 6 years					
	Decreasing					
	Static					
×	Increasing					

## 4.13 Management and institutional factors

Name	Name		Impact			Origin	
4.13.1 Management system/Management plan		٢	9	9	۲		1
Spatial sca	le - Area affected by the factor						
	Restricted						
	Localised						
	Extensive						
×	Widespread						

Temporal	scale - Occurence of the impact
. Sinporare	
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
×	On-going
Impact - Im	npact on the attributes
×	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major
Manageme	ent response - Capacity of management to respond
×	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - De	velopement over the last 6 years
	Decreasing
×	Static
	Increasing

e		Impact			Origin	
4.13.2 Legal framework	٢	9	9		Ċ	<b>→</b>

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	
Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	

opatial sea					
	Restricted				
	Localised				
	Extensive				
×	Widespread				
Temporal s	scale - Occurence of the impact				
	One off or rare				
	Intermittent or sporadic				
	Frequent				
×	On-going				
Impact - Im	Impact - Impact on the attributes				
	Insignificant				
	Minor				
×	Significant				
	Major				
Manageme	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

ne		Impact			Origin	
4.13.3 Governance	٢	9	9		Ċ	<b>→</b>

## Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

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	Restricted				
	Localised				
	Extensive				
×	Widespread				
Temporal s	scale - Occurence of the impact				
	One off or rare				
	Intermittent or sporadic				
	Frequent				
×	On-going				
Impact - Im	Impact - Impact on the attributes				
	Insignificant				
	Minor				
×	Significant				
	Major				
Manageme	nt 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		٢		9	۲	Ċ	1
Spatial sca	le - 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 - In	npact on the attributes
	Insignificant
	Minor
×	Significant
	Major
Managem	ent response - Capacity of management to respond
×	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - De	velopement over the last 6 years
	Decreasing
×	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact	Ŀ		Origin	Trend
4.13.6 Human resources	٢	9	9	٢	<b>→</b>

Spatial scale - Area affected by	the factor

Spatial sca	ale - Area anected by the factor
	Restricted
	Localised
×	Extensive
	Widespread
Temporal	scale - Occurence of the impact
	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
×	On-going
Impact - Im	npact on the attributes
	Insignificant
	Minor
×	Significant
	Major
Manageme	ent response - Capacity of management to respond
×	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity

	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - Dev	velopement over the last 6 years
	Decreasing
	Static
×	Increasing

4.17. Serial inscriptions (national or transnational)

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

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

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

	Attribute	Preserved	Compromised	Seriously compromised	Lost
4.18.1.1	archaeological site and remains of Altenmünster	×			
4.18.1.2	archaeological site and remains of the second monastery	×			
4.18.1.3	carolingian gatehouse with impressively preserved sculptural and painted decorting	×			
4.18.1.4	architectural remains of the main church	×			
4.18.1.5	archaeological finds	×			

## 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).

#### Comment

Hessisches Denkmalschutzgesetz (HDSchG)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 5.3. Management System/Management Plan

5.3.1 - Please check the box which most closely match the character of the governance and management system of the property Public management system joint regional/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.
An integrated management plan combining World Heritage and any other designations
A management plan
An annual work plan or business plan

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

The property is consisting of two core zones owned and administrated by the Land Hesse and the municipality of Lorsch (Hesse). The buffer zone is either a residential or utilized agricultural area and mainly in private ownership. All proprietaries are bound by legal regulations on different levels (state laws, communal statutes) and the actual management plan (2009). There is a common local site management.

#### 5.3.4 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Management Plan for the UNESCO World Heritage Site Abbey and Altenmünster of Lorsch 2009	N/A	Available	2009	

#### Comment

The present management plan has to be updated conceding more relevance to central aspects such as interpretation, civic participation, sustainable development goals and global networking.

## 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 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape is not relevant to this property

5.3.6 - If the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation has been used at this property, please describe briefly what has been done. not relevant

## 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:

not relevant

#### 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

there is no strategy as there are no risks visible

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

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

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

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

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

The management system is being fully implemented and monitored

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

5.3.15 - Does the management system include formal mechanisms and procedures that ensure participation and contribution of the

following groups, living within or near the World Heritage property and/or buffer zone in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value of the property?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 6. Financial and Human Resources

#### 6.1. Funding

# 6.1.1 - If your funding sources do not exactly fit those shown, put the relevant amounts against the funding type that most closely represents your situation, and use the comment box below to provide more details.

		Project costs	Running costs
6.1.1.1	Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc.)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.2	Bilateral international funding	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.3	World Heritage Fund (International Assistance)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.4	Contribution from other conventions and programmes	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.5	International donations (NGOs, foundations, etc.)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.6	Governmental (national/federal)	90 %	90 %
6.1.1.7	Governmental (regional/provincial/state)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.8	Governmental (local/municipal)	10 %	10 %
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.)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.11	Commercial activities (e.g. merchandising and catering, filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0 %	0 %
6.1.1.12	Other	0 %	0 %
		Total 100 %	Total 100 %

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

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

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

6.1.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so? The existing sources of funding are secure over 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	20 %	20 %
6.1.6.2	Women	80 %	80 %
		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	Fair
Environmental sustainability	Not applicable
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	Fair
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	Not applicable
Community participation and inclusion	Fair
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	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

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 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

#### 7. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

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

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

There is 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

8. Education, Information and Awareness Building

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

Local communities	Good
Local/municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Good
Landowners	Fair
Women	Good
Youth/children	Good
Researchers	Good

Local visitors	Fair
National/international tourists	Fair
Tourism industry	Fair
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 and effective education and awareness programme for children and youth that contributes to the protection of the World Heritage property

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

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

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

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

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

#### 9. Visitor Management

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

33.440 / 20.630 / 21.002 / 42.925 / 42.821 /

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

Entry tickets and registries

Visitor surveys

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

One to three hours

#### 9.4 - Please provide the source of information

visitor surveys

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

0/20/0/7/0/3/

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

visitor surveys

# 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

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

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

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

No

## If a different system, please specify

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

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

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

The presentation and interpretation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is acceptable but improvements could be made

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

In one location 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?

## If 'Yes', please specify

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

## If 'Yes', please specify

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

10. Monitoring

No

## 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	Good
Local communities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
Women	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Fair
Local businesses and industry	Fair
NGOs	Good
Other specific groups	Not applicable
If you selected 'Other specific groups', please specify	

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

## 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

In Germany there i a continuous national monitoring system established by ICOMOS Germany

## 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	×
6.1	Funding	
6.1.7	Human resources partly meet the management needs of the World Heritage property	×
6.1.10	No use has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	×
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	×
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	×
9.12	The presentation and interpretation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is acceptable but improvements could be made	×
Pleas	se select 0 more issues.	
🔽 Ple	ease save this question to reflect changes	

## 12. Summary and Conclusions

## 12.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

## 12.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

You have not marked any factor as current and negative/positive, therefore this assessment table is empty. 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	no actions	no time frame	not relevant	none
5.3.9	No use has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	superfluous because not avoidable	no time frame	no activities	thinkable desasters are not forecastable
6.1	Funding				
6.1.7	Human resources <b>partly meet</b> the management needs of the World Heritage property	staff requirement is communicated	no time frame	State Administration of Castles and Gardens	The staff requirement was improved in 2021 (i.e. half of requirement already implemented)
6.1.10	No use has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	not necessary	no time frame	no agency necessary	capacity development contingent on external factors (budget, staff requirement, qualification)
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	architectural tasks, modernization of the museum, increase of staff	2023-2030	State Administration of Castles and Parks in Hesse and municipality of Lorsch are orderers of specific activities not realizable by own faculties	Any activities are controlled by institutions responsible for the maintenance of our national heritage and world Heritage in particular
7 S	cientific Studies an	d 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	no actions planned	no time fram	e	State Adr Hesse	ninistration of Palaces and Park	ou	cientific research is meant to improve ar knowledge about the world heritage. It ses not impact the management
9	Visitor Managem	ent						
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	a master plan was develope to define the way how to ent sojourn and how to leave the including car parks. Carrying master plan would be based consent of local administrati who did not agree so far	er, to e site g out this on the	no time fra	ame	no agency		political convincing necessary
9.9		no actions necessary		no time fra	ame	no agency involved		no comments
9.11		no actions necessary		no time fra	ame	no agency involved		special offers to explain the world heritage status for all visitors are planned
9.12	The presentation and interpretation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is acceptable but improvements could be made	first considerations on the w	ay	within nex years	tt five	State Administration of Palace Parks in Hesse	s and	There are alway possibilities to improve the interpretation of the OUV!

Summary - Management Needs completed

## 12.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

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

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

## 12.3.3 - Following the analysis undertaken for this report, what is the current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been maintained.

#### 12.3.4 - What is the current state of the property's other values?

Other important cultural and/or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are intact

12.3.5 - Comments. conclusions and/or recommendations related to the state of conservation of the property.

## 13. Impact of World Heritage Status

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

Conservation	Very positive
Research and monitoring	Very positive
Management effectiveness	Very positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Very positive

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

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

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

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

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

Synergies		
State of Conservation		
Management		
Governance		
Capacity Building		

## 15. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

## 15.1. Relevance of Periodic Reporting

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

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

Monitoring and reporting

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

State Party	No follow-up
Site Managers	No follow-up
UNESCO World Heritage Centre	No follow-up
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?

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

Other

inforcement of educational approaches

#### 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

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

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

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

30 / 25 / 10 /

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

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

#### 15.4. Format and content of the Periodic Report

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

Most required information was accessible.

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

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

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

#### 15.5. Training and Guidance

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

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

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

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

ICOMOS national/regional	No support
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?

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

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

• Map(s) Reason for update: There is an ongoing process with the WHC.

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

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