Erbil Citadel

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage property
Erbil Citadel

1.2 - World Heritage property details

1.3 - Geographic information table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Erbil Citadel	36.191 / 44.009	15.6	268.34	283.94	2014
Total (ha)		**15.6**	**268.34**	**283.94**	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Erbil Citadel - map of inscribed property	2014	

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

Comment
Not Available

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

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

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

2.2 - Please provide comments on 2.1 if necessary

2.3 - Do your national authorities intend to request the granting of Enhanced Protection (if relevant) under the Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict for the World Heritage property in the next three years?
Not applicable

2.4 - Do your national authorities intend to designate whole or part of the World Heritage property for inclusion in the List of Wetlands of International Importance (The Ramsar List), if relevant, in the next three years?
No

2.5 - Do your national authorities intend to designate whole or part of the World Heritage property as a Man and Biosphere Reserve (if relevant) in the next three years?
No

2.6 - Do your national authorities intend to apply for whole or part of World Heritage property to be designated as a UNESCO Global

Geopark (if relevant) in the next three years?

No

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

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?

No

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

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

No

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

3. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

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

Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

Brief description

Erbil Citadel is a rare surviving example of a formerly fortified settlement which has grown up on the top of an imposing ovoid-shaped tell. The artificial topography of

the archaeological mound conditioned the urban form of the settlement, the structure of the Ottoman period urban fabric of which is clearly legible, in the maze of alleys and cul-de-sacs radiating from the main Grand Gate. The original fortifications of the Citadel were in time replaced by houses and the continuous wall of tall 19th century house façades still conveys the visual impression of an impregnable fortress dominating the city of Erbil. Written and iconographic historical records document the antiquity of settlement on the site: Erbil is associated with Arbela, an important Assyrian political and religious centre and is mentioned, with a remarkable continuity of its name (Irbilum, Urbilum, Urbel, Arbail, Arbira, Arbela, Erbil/Arbil), since pre-Sumerian times in several written sources. Archaeological finds and investigations suggest that the mound conceals the levels and remains of several layers of previous settlements, while the immediate and wider setting has revealed traces connected to the early development of the settlement.

Criterion (iv): Erbil Citadel is an imposing example of a multilayered archaeological mound still physically emerging from the surrounding landscape. The physical structure of the Citadel town is characterized by the permanence of the Ottoman period urban form and street pattern on top of the mound. Its shape with definite boundaries has in part dictated the transformations of the urban fabric which still exhibits the typical Ottoman period traditional articulation in functional districts and comprises some fine examples of residential buildings dating back to the 19th – 20th centuries, and, to a lesser degree, to the 18th century.

Integrity

The property encompasses an intact archaeological tell which still keeps its role of landmark in the landscape of Erbil. It preserves over thirty metres of archaeological deposits going back to the very early beginnings of urbanization in Mesopotamia. The urban structure of the Citadel settlement is still clearly recognizable in its blocks division and alleyways. Some demolitions made by the previous regime have opened some spaces, the building stock has suffered from decay in the past fifty years, and the social and functional integrity of the Citadel as an inhabited settlement has suffered discontinuity, but these will be carefully addressed following the recommendations of the Erbil Citadel Management Plan, in order to return the Citadel to its role as the central place for Erbil and its citizens. Its buffer areas have some problems of integrity due to modern constructions encroaching on the streets and areas immediately surrounding the tell, but this is being addressed by the implementation of new guidelines regulating uses and form of modern activities in this area. The wider setting is also important to understand and appreciate Erbil Citadel as a landmark for the city.

Authenticity

The property sits on an archaeological tell where excavations at the site started under HCECR monitoring, therefore the site and its immediate and wider setting retain an important archaeological potential contributing to its historic authenticity. The urban structure of the formerly fortified settlement of the Ottoman period is preserved to a sufficient extent to allow its understanding and appreciation. Demolition and abandonment were not accompanied by replacements with modern, incompatible materials and forms, leaving substance and design of the historic city relatively preserved, despite that materials from existing buildings were used to erect temporary housing by newcomers who occupied the site for a couple of decades. This phenomenon however provides an insight on the archaeological mound-building process. If in terms of location the development scheme of Erbil has marked the central position of the Citadel, authenticity of setting is being improved thanks to specific guidelines. The site represents a physical and symbolic landmark of Erbil city landscape but also a popular venue for gatherings of former residents and Friday prayers: links and sense of belonging of the local populations and former inhabitants represent important aspects for a long-term revitalisation of Erbil Citadel and its reintegration into the city as a vital and living element.

Protection and management requirements

The Citadel is a protected site under the legislation of Iraq and of the Kurdistan region. The authority in charge of its revitalization efforts, the High Commission for Erbil Citadel Revitalization (HCECR), is working in a strategic partnership with UNESCO and other agencies to conserve and rehabilitate the Citadel through programs of physical improvements within the framework of detailed studies and plans that have been the basis for the Conservation and Rehabilitation Master Plan for Erbil Citadel. HCECR action has resulted in the preparation of the Erbil Citadel Management Plan, the instrument that is now regulating all activities concerning the site's future development and conservation. The buffer areas of the Citadel are not under the responsibility of HCECR, but of Erbil Municipality, which has benefited from UNESCO's, HCECR's and international assistance to generate the Urban Design Guidelines for the Buffer Zone of Erbil Citadel, which are under implementation. The important archaeological potential of the immediate and wider setting of the property requires the same level of attention for architectural and urban dimensions. The current efforts to revitalize the Citadel and the strong relationship that the people of Erbil have with it, will be determining factors in returning the Citadel to the role and position it has always held in its history, as a living place central to the life of the city of Erbil and the northern regions of Iraq, and as an urban landscape of importance for all humanity.

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	Form and design (Architecture)	✖			
3.2.2	Type of construction	✖			
3.2.3	Construction Material	✖			
3.2.4	Location and setting	✖			
3.2.5	feel and spirit	✖			
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

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.1.2 - Commercial development

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.1.3 - Industrial areas

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.1.4 - Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.1.5 - Interpretative and visitation facilities

✖ Relevant	Not relevant

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

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

Signage is available at the site for showing the status of conservation of the heritage buildings(houses), the status of the maintained buildings (houses), in addition to indicating the locations of museums/other cultural facilities that are ready to be visited at the site.

4.2. Transportation Infrastructure

4.2.1 - Ground transport infrastructure

✖ Relevant	Not relevant

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

4.2.2 - Underground transport infrastructure

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.2.3 - Air transport infrastructure

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.2.4 - Marine transport infrastructure

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.2.5 - Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

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

Car parks areas are limited at the property, and cars'' access is under control currently, however, with increasing no.of visitors and staff working at the property, this issue may have negative impact in the future.

4.3. Services Infrastructures

4.3.1 - Water infrastructure

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.3.2 - Renewable energy facilities

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.3.3 - Non-renewable energy facilities

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.3.4 - Localised utilities

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.3.5 - Major linear utilities

✖ Relevant	Not relevant

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

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

Limited no of wire cables still exist at the property, however, it is within our future plans for the infrastructure services to remove these wire cables and to replace them with underground electricity cables.

4.4. Pollution

4.4.1 - Pollution of marine waters

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.4.2 - Ground water pollution

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.4.3 - Surface water pollution

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.4.4 - Air pollution

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.4.5 - Solid waste

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.4.6 - Input of excess energy

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

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

4.5. Biological resource use/modification

4.5.1 - Fishing/collecting aquatic resources

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.2 - Aquaculture

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.3 - Land conversion

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.4 - Livestock farming/Grazing of domesticated animals

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.5 - Crop production

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.6 - Commercial wild plant collection

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.7 - Subsistence wild plant collection

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.8 - Commercial hunting

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.9 - Subsistence hunting

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.5.10 - Forestry/Wood production

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

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.6.2 - Quarrying

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.6.3 - Oil and gas

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.6.4 - Water (extraction)

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

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.2 - Relative humidity

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.3 - Temperature

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.4 - Radiation/Light

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.5 - Dust

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.6 - Water (rain/water table)

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

4.7.7 - Pests

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.7.8 - Micro-organisms

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

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

Rain contribute to deterioration of the heritage buildings and fabric of the property in general, however, our conservation and maintenance efforts are ongoing and continuous to reduce the effects as much as possible.

4.8. Social/Cultural uses of heritage

4.8.1 - Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses

✖ Relevant		Not relevant	

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	🏷 Current	🏷 Potential	⊙ Inside	🏷 Outside	↘ Decreasing	→ Stable	↗ Increasing
⊕ Positive ✖	✖		✖				↗
⊖ Negative							

4.8.2 - Society's valuing of heritage

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.8.3 - Indigenous hunting, gathering and collecting

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.8.4 - Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

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

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.8.6 - Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation

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

4.8.1 Many Ritual/ spiritual/religious events are organised and held at the property, and they serve as a platform and provide the opportunity for gathering of the local community and enhancing their involvement in process of revitalization of the property.

4.9. Other human activities

4.9.1 - Illegal activities

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.9.2 - Deliberate destruction of heritage

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.9.3 - Military training

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.9.4 - War

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.9.5 - Terrorism

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.9.6 - Civil unrest

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

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.10.2 - Flooding

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.10.3 - Drought

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.10.4 - Desertification

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.10.5 - Changes to oceanic waters

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.10.6 - Temperature change

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.10.7 - Other climate change impacts

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

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

4.11. Sudden ecological or geological events

4.11.1 - Volcanic eruption

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.11.2 - Earthquake

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.11.3 - Tsunami/Tidal wave

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.11.4 - Avalanche/Landslide

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.11.5 - Erosion and siltation/Deposition

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.11.6 - Fire (wildfire)

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

4.12. Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species

4.12.1 - Translocated species

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.12.2 - Invasive/Alien terrestrial species

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.12.3 - Invasive/Alien freshwater species

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.12.4 - Invasive/Alien marine species

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.12.5 - Hyper-abundant species

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

4.12.6 - Modified genetic material

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

4.13.4 - Management activities

✖ Relevant					Not relevant			

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	**Current**	**Potential**	**Inside**	**Outside**	**Decreasing**	**Stable**	**Increasing**
⊕ Positive ✖	✖		✖			→	
⊖ Negative							

4.13.5 - Financial resources

✖ Relevant					Not relevant			

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	**Current**	**Potential**	**Inside**	**Outside**	**Decreasing**	**Stable**	**Increasing**
⊕ Positive							
⊖ Negative ✖	✖			✖		→	

4.13.6 - Human resources

✖ Relevant					Not relevant			

	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	**Current**	**Potential**	**Inside**	**Outside**	**Decreasing**	**Stable**	**Increasing**
⊕ Positive							
⊖ Negative ✖	✖			✖	↘		

4.13.7 - Low impact research/monitoring activities

Relevant				Not relevant		

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

4.13.8 - High impact research/monitoring activities

Relevant	✖ Not relevant

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

4.14. Other factor(s)

4.14.1 - Other factor(s)
none

4.15. Factors Summary Table

4.15.1 - Factors Summary Table

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.1 Buildings and Development						
4.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities	⊕	🚩		◉		↗
4.2 Transportation Infrastructure						
4.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure						
	⊖		🚩	◉		↗
4.3 Services Infrastructures						
4.3.5 Major linear utilities						
	⊖	🚩		◉		↘
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	⊕	🚩		◉		↗
4.13 Management and institutional factors						
4.13.1 Management system/Management plan	⊕	🚩		◉		→
4.13.2 Legal framework	⊕	🚩	🚩	◉		→
4.13.4 Management activities	⊕	🚩		◉		→
4.13.5 Financial resources						
	⊖	🚩			↺	→
4.13.6 Human resources						
	⊖	🚩			↺	↘

4.13.7 Low impact research/monitoring activities							
	⊕	🚩			◉		→
				🚩		◉	↗

Legend	🚩 Current	🚩 Potential	⊖ Negative	⊕ Positive	◉ Inside	🚩 Outside

4.16. Assessment of current and potential positive and negative factors

4.16.1 - Assessment of current and potential negative and positive factors

4.1 Buildings and Development

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities	⊕	🚩		◉		↗

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

4.2 Transportation Infrastructure

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure	⊕	🚩		◉		→
	⊖		🚩	◉		↗

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor	⊖	⊕		
	Restricted			

	Localised
✖	
	Extensive
	Widespread

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes
✖	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major

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

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

4.3 Services Infrastructures

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.3.5 Major linear utilities						
	⊖	🚩		◉		↘

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

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes
✖	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major

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

4.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.7.6 Water (rain/water table)						
	⊖	⚑		⊙		→

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

4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage

Name	Impact	Origin	Trend

4.8.1 Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses	⊕	⚑		◉		↗

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
✖	Localised
	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
✖	Insignificant
	Minor
	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
✖	Static
	Increasing

4.13 Management and institutional factors

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.1 Management system/Management plan	⊕	⚑		◉		→

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
✖	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

	One off or rare	⊕	⚑			↗
	Intermittent or sporadic					
✖	Frequent					
	On-going					

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

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

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

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.2 Legal framework	⊕	⚑	⚑	◉		→

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

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

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

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

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.4 Management activities	🟢	🚩		◉		→

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
✖	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
✖	Static
	Increasing

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.5 Financial resources						
	🔴	🚩			🔄	→

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
✖	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

	One off or rare						
	Intermittent or sporadic						
✖	Frequent	🟢	🚩		◉		→
	On-going						

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

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

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

Name	Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.6 Human resources						
	🚫	🚩			↻	↘

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

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes	
	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

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

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

Name		Impact			Origin		Trend
4.13.7 Low impact research/monitoring activities		⊕	⚑		◉		→

Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor

	Restricted
	Localised
✖	Extensive
	Widespread

Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact

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

Impact - Impact on the attributes

	Insignificant
	Minor
✖	Significant
	Major

Management response - Capacity of management to respond

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

Trend - Developement over the last 6 years

	Decreasing
✖	Static
	Increasing

4.17. Serial inscriptions (national or transnational)

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

it is not

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		✖			
4.18.1.2					
4.18.1.3					
4.18.1.4					
4.18.1.5					

5. Protection and Management of the Property

5.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

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

5.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known and recognised?
The boundaries **are known by both** the management authority and local communities/landowners

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

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

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

5.2. Protective Measures

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

Erbil Citadel is a protected site under the current legislation of Iraq and of the Kurdistan region. The site has been formally protected since 1937 under the provisions of the Law for Antiquities and Heritage of Iraq nr. 59/1936, now replaced by Law nr. 55/2002. The reformed law provides for the inventory, documentation and official protection, where appropriate, of antiquities and immovable heritage properties. State responsibilities regarding this law have been transferred to the Kurdistan Regional Government and a Regional Directorate of Antiquity was created in the 1990s. The legislation in force provides that owners are obliged to take care of their properties if registered under the aforementioned law.

Within the framework of the Revitalization of Erbil Citadel Project, to grant further protection to the Citadel, a buffer zone, which is articulated into two sub-zones, has been drawn and covered by planning regulations contained in the *Urban Design Guidelines for the Buffer Zone of the Erbil Citadel* (2011). These aim to increase the legibility of the historic urban fabric and to control the visual impact of urban development along the main road axes towards the Citadel by establishing height limits for new buildings. The Guidelines were adopted in 2011 by the Kurdistan Governorate and are being implemented at the municipality level. A revised version of these guidelines has been elaborated in 2013; they slightly widen the boundaries of the buffer zone to include both sides of ring-road 60, so as to better control construction heights and provide more details. The 2013 revised guidelines have not yet been adopted.

Comment
In the revised version of the guidelines elaborated in 2013,the boundaries are slightly widened to include both sides of the ring -road 30, not the ring -road 60 m. In addition the revised version is adopted.

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

5.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation including spatial planning) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and/or Authenticity of the property?
The **legal framework** for maintaining of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides an **adequate basis for effective management and protection**

5.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and/or Authenticity of the property?
The **legal framework** in the buffer zone for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides an **adequate basis for effective management and protection**

5.2.5 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation) in the broader setting of the World Heritage property adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and/or Authenticity of the property?
The **legal framework** for the broader setting of the World Heritage property provides an **adequate basis for** effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity

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

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 at provincial/regional level

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 management plan

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

5.3.4 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source	
Management Plan	N/A	Available	2014		

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

5.3.6 - If the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation has been used at this property, please describe briefly what has been done.
There is a potential link with the historic urban landscape recommendation, as referred in our management plan, and in our property we have considered a lot the historic landscape recommendations, such as considering the different layers in planning, the archaeology layers,....etc., and it could be further pursued in the near future.

5.3.7 - Has any use been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property?
No use has been made of the World Heritage Policy for Climate Change

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

5.3.9 - Has any use been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property ?
No use has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties

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

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

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

5.3.13 - Is the management system being implemented?
The management system is being **only partially implemented**

5.3.14 - Is there an annual work/action plan and is it being implemented?
No annual work/action plan exists **despite an identified need**

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.)	%	%
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.)	100 %	%
6.1.1.6	Governmental (national/federal)	%	%
6.1.1.7	Governmental (regional/provincial/state)	%	100 %
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	%	%
		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 inadequate** for basic management needs and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to manage

6.1.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?
The existing sources of funding are **not secure**

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

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

		From local communities %	From elsewhere %
6.1.6.1	Men	60 %	60 %
6.1.6.2	Women	40 %	40 %
		Total 100 %	Total 100 %

6.1.7 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?
Human resources **partly meet** the management needs of the World Heritage property

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

Conservation	Good
Environmental sustainability	Not applicable
Community participation and inclusion	Fair
Risk preparedness	Fair
Capacity development and education	Poor
Administration	Poor
Research and monitoring	Fair
Awareness raising and public information/communication	Poor
Marketing and promotion	Not available
Interpretation	Poor
Visitor management/tourism	Poor
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Poor

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	Fair
Capacity development and education	Poor
Administration	Poor
Research and monitoring	Fair
Awareness raising and public information/communication	Poor
Marketing and promotion	Not available
Interpretation	Poor
Visitor management/tourism	Poor
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not available

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

Training and capacity building at this property is **fully based** on the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Building

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

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

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

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

7. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

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

Knowledge about the values and attributes of the World Heritage property is **acceptable** for most key areas but there are gaps

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

There is a **small amount of research, but it is not planned**

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	Fair
Local/municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Poor
Landowners	Not applicable
Women	Fair
Youth/children	Fair
Researchers	Good
Local visitors	Good
National/international tourists	Fair
Tourism industry	Not applicable
Local businesses and industries	Not applicable
NGOs	Fair
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 **no education and awareness programme** for children and/or youth, despite an identified need

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

Local communities
Youth/children
Researchers
Local Visitors
National/international tourists
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	Not provided but needed
Site museum	Not provided but needed
Information booths	Not provided but needed
Guided tours	Fair
Trails/routes	Not provided but needed
Printed information materials	Good
Online (website, social media, etc.)	Not provided but needed
Transportation facilities	Not provided but needed
Other	Not needed
If 'Other' is selected, please specify	

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

We have a very significant and well equipped visitor center and site museum at the property, but unfortunately, it is not operated since we have a general problem of lack of staff.

9. Visitor Management

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

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

Other
Staff members at the property entrances register the no. of visitors

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

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

0 USD / 0 USD / 0 USD / 0 USD / 0 USD / 0 USD /

9.6 - Please provide the source of information

There is no income to the property from visitor daily expenditures

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 it is **not implemented**

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

Tourism Plan is needed to be prepared to address tourism development, interpretation and presentation strategies, however, currently many items are implemented in the property based on the outline of the strategic axis and actions as stated in the implementation plan within the management plan, such as, develop an interpretation and site presentation framework, establish an interpretation centre, produce the citadel guide book, distribution of brochures, design of tourist circuit route...etc.

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

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **not being actively managed despite an identified need**

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?

Although the tourism industry is active in the property, there is **no contact** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry

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 **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?
No

If 'Yes', please specify

9.16 - Are the benefits of tourism shared with local communities?
No

If 'Yes', please specify

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

10. Monitoring

10.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property directed towards management needs and/or towards improving the understanding of the Outstanding Universal Value?
There is a **comprehensive, integrated programme of monitoring**, which is relevant to management needs and/or improving understanding of the Outstanding Universal Value

10.2 - Is necessary information available in order to define key indicators for measuring the state of conservation and are they used in monitoring how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is being maintained?
Information on the values of the World Heritage property is **adequate and key indicators have been defined but monitoring of the status of indicators could be improved**

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

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

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

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

World Heritage managers/coordinators and staff	Good
Local/municipal authorities	Fair
Local communities	Non-existent
Indigenous peoples	Non-existent
Landowners	Not applicable
Women	Non-existent
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Not applicable
Local businesses and industry	Not applicable
NGOs	Poor
Other specific groups	Not applicable
If you selected 'Other specific groups', please specify	0

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

11. Identification of Priority Management Needs

11.1 - Identification of Priority Management Needs

5.2	Protective Measures	
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	**Some 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	
5.3.13	The management system at the property is **only being partially implemented**	
5.3.14	There is **no existing annual work/action plan** for the property despite an identified need	
6.1	**Funding**	
6.1.3	The available **budget is inadequate** for basic management needs and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to manage the World Heritage property	
6.1.4	Existing sources of funding are **not secure**	
6.1.7	Human resources **partly meet** the management needs of the World Heritage property	✖
7	**Scientific Studies and Research Projects**	
7.2	There is a **small amount of research** in the World Heritage property **but it is not planned**	
8	**Education, Information and Awareness Building**	
8.2	There is **no heritage education and awareness programme** for children and/or youth, despite an identified need	✖
9	**Visitor Management**	
9.7	There **is a strategy** to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived impacts on the World Heritage property but it is **not implemented**	✖
9.9	Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **not being actively managed despite an identified need**	✖
9.11	Although the tourism industry is active in the property, there is **no contact** between tourism operators and those responsible for the World Heritage property	✖
9.12	The presentation and interpretation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property **is acceptable but improvements could be made**	✖
10	**Monitoring**	
10.2	Information on the values of the World Heritage **property is adequate and key indicators have been defined but monitoring of the status of indicators could be improved**	

> **Please select 4 more issues.**

> 🗅 **Please 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

4.2	Transportation Infrastructure						
4.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure	Car parks and heavy cars access to the property affect negatively on the setting and location, in addition to feel and spirit	- Car parks outside the property must be established to minimize car entry and accordingly decrease the need to have car parks at the property - provide shuttle at the property to carry visitors and accordingly decreasing cars entry.	The property site management is monitoring this issue	It is expected to establish car parks outside the property by the local authorities within 3-5 years, since all projects were halted due to the prevailing financial constraints on the regional government during the last 4-5 years (isis period)	local authorities such as the Governorate and the Municipality of Erbil City	no more
4.3	Services Infrastructures						

4.3.5	Major linear utilities	electricity cables and poles affect negatively on the location and setting in addition to feel and spirit	replace the existing electricity cables and poles with underground electricity services.	property site management	1-2 years	local authorities under the supervision of the site management	no more

4.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
4.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	It effects negatively on the structure of the heritage buildings, accordingly it will have a negative impact on the form and design or/and the architecture of the heritage buildings.	Continuous conservation and preservation of the heritage building through carrying out renovation, repair works, emergency intervention, applying protective measures such as protecting the roofs, shoring, in addition to continuous monitoring.	property site management	ongoing and continuous	Property site management	no more comments

4.13	Management and institutional factors					
4.13.5	Financial resources	It effects comprehensively on all the aspects related to the property	Generate income to the property and regional government support	property site management and the local authorities	within one year	property site management and the regional government	The unstable political situation and the prevailing financial constraints during the last 5 years (the ISIS period in the region) affected the kurdistan regional Government-Iraq, however it is foreseen that the general situation is getting better.
4.13.6	Human resources	It effects comprehensively on all the aspects related to the property	supporting the property site management with the required staff and capacities	property site management	within 1 year	local authorities	no more

Summary - Factors affecting the Property **completed**

12.2. Summary - Management Needs

12.2.1 - Summary - Management Needs

6.1	Funding				
			Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
6.1.7		Human resources **partly meet** the management needs of the World Heritage property	- Support the property site management with the required staff - capacity building programes for the	within 1-2 years	local authorities	no comments

8	Education, Information and Awareness Building				
8.2		There is **no heritage education and awareness programme** for children and/or youth, despite an identified need	- Initiating and establishing education and awareness programmes for activities to be implemented at the property at regular basis - Developing and distributing education and awareness material for the values at the property	2 years	local authorities- educational institutions in collaboration with the property site management	no comments

9	Visitor Management				
9.7		There **is a strategy** to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived impacts on the World Heritage property but it is **not implemented**	establish a designated and elaborated strategy study to manage visitors and tourism activity at the property	2-3 years	international institutions or experts in the related field	no more

9.9	Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **not being actively managed despite an identified need**	-Elaborated visitor use of the property is required to be actively managed through reinforcing and enhancing the capacities in this field. - enhancing, elaborating and operating interpretation means at the property	2-3 years	local authorities, international experts and property site management	no more
9.11	Although the tourism industry is active in the property, there is **no contact** between tourism operators and those responsible for the World Heritage property	- establish study for clear mechanisms of contact and collaboration between the tourism industry and the property site management	2-3 years	international expertise to assist the local authorities and the property site management	no more
9.12	The presentation and interpretation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property **is acceptable but improvements could be made**	- Enhancing and increasing the interpretation tools - Operating the visitor and interpretation centre	2 -3 years	property site management in coordination with international expertice	no more

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 compromised** by factors described in this report

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.

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	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	No impact
Funding for the property	Negative
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal/Policy framework	Positive

Advocacy	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	Positive
Gender equality	Positive
Provision of ecosystem services/ benefits to local communities	No impact
Social inclusion and equity, and improvement of opportunities for all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, ethnicity, origin, religion, or economic or other status	Positive
Fostering inclusive local economic development and enhancing livelihood	No impact
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

13.1.8 Funding for the property was positive and adequate since it was supported by the regional government since 2007, but unfortunately it became limited and insufficient for around the last 5 years(ISIS period in the region), since the political situation in the region was unstable and accordingly financial constraints affected the situation of the regional government

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

Two conservation projects: 1st. (Conservation and rehabilitation of the Traditional Hammam (Public Bath) of Erbil Citadel) 2nd. (Conservation and Restoration of a complex of 3 Heritage Building at Erbil Citadel) The High Commission for Erbil Citadel Revitalization (HCECR), the institution in charge of management of Erbil Citadel, is implementing the works of two conservation projects currently at the Citadel, through funds provided from the US Embassy in Baghdad, and supported by World Monument Fund (WMF). The projects are (Conservation and rehabilitation of the Traditional Hammam (Public Bath) of Erbil Citadel) for public reuse, and (Conservation and Restoration of a complex of 3 Heritage Building at Erbil Citadel) that will be rehabilitated as the Children Interpretation Center. HCECR and WMF signed and MOU for this purpose. This provides an opportunity of collaboration and exchange on best practices in conservation among HCECR and an international organization. WMF is contributing to the progress of the projects through its knowledge and wide experience in the preservation of cultural heritage in the world. The projects" overall goal is to contribute to the conservation and sustainable management of Erbil Citadel through implementing conservation and restoration activities for these buildings, thus preventing thier further deterioration and contributing to retaining the original historical fabric of the Citadel and its authenticity and integrity, thus ensuring the revitalization of Erbil Citadel in the long term, moreover, these two projects provide a good example for practicing the local and traditional techniques in addition to the use of the traditional materials in renovation and conservation of the heritage buildings and the urban fabric. The importance of the first project resides in the buildings' historical value as the only remaining historical and traditional public bath at the Citadel. Moreover, it is a remaining example of the typology of traditional public baths of early Ottoman period at the region, represented by an authentic layout and planning, in addition to its setting at the center of the Citadel and adjacent to the Citadel Grand Mosque as in all other traditional Islamic cities. It is also enriched with distinguished architectural features and fragments, such as the various domes and vaults in addition to original carved stonework thus requiring careful and skilled conservation works to uncover and preserve. While the importance of the second project resides in the distinguished architectural value, typology of construction, and evidence of multiple construction phases of the nominated heritage buildings, like most of the buildings of the Citadel, they have been continuously restored or rebuilt over time. In fact, it is this process of reconstruction that is responsible for the built up of the archaeological mound. Hence, the conservation approach entails preserving and interpreting this multi-layer historical evidence for future generations. Implementing these two projects boosts the conservation and adaptive reuse at the site, while contributing to the role of cultural heritage as a vector for the sustainability of Erbil Citadel.

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

State of Conservation
Management
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 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	Poor
Site Managers	Poor

UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Poor
Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS, IUCN, ICCROM)	Not needed

15.2. Use of Data

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

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

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

15.3. Timing and resources

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

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?
No

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

7-10 days, since I was informed quite late / 7-10 days / 7-10 days /

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

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

15.4. Format and content of the Periodic Report

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

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

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

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

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

ICOMOS International	No support
ICCROM International/regional	Not applicable
ICOMOS national/regional	Not applicable
IUCN national/regional	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

No item were proposed for update

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

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

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

ICOMOS International	
ICCROM International/regional	
ICOMOS national/regional	
IUCN national/regional	
IUCN International	