### Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast

1. World Heritage Property Data

#### 1.1 - Name of World Heritage property

Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast

#### 1.2 - World Heritage property details

#### 1.3 - Geographic information table

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast	55.25 / -6.485	239.405	0	239.405	1986
Total (ha)		239.405	0	239.405	

#### 1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast - Map of the inscribed property	2005	
Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast - map of the inscribed minor boundary modification	2016	

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

- 1. Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site
- 2. www.discovernorthernireland.com
- 3. Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust Website

#### Comment

https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/giants-causeway-world-heritage-site https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/northern-ireland/giants-causeway https://www.facebook.com/GiantsCausewayNationalTrust/

- 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</u> <u>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?

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?

N

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?

Yes

#### 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 <b>regularly</b> 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 <b>regularly</b> communicates with the Focal Point(s) of this designation/programme.	
2.7.4	The World Heritage Site Manager <b>also manages</b> this designation/programme.	
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 <b>regularly</b> 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 <b>regularly</b> 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 <b>regularly</b> 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)

Steering Group supports proposals for development of a UNESCO Global Geopark including the WHS and its Distinctive Landscape Setting. Some Steering Group members participate on a Geopark Working Group which pursues the feasibility of developing a Geopark application for the Causeway area. Steering Group members and Secretariat regularly interact with UK and Irish Geopark Forums.

## 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?

Not aware

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

#### 3. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

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

#### Statement of Outstanding Universal Value Brief synthesis

The Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast is a spectacular area of global geological importance on the sea coast at the edge of the Antrim plateau in Northern Ireland. The most characteristic and unique feature of the site is the exposure of some 40,000 large, regularly shaped polygonal columns of basalt in perfect horizontal sections, forming a pavement. This dramatic sight has inspired legends of giants striding over the sea to Scotland. Celebrated in the arts and in science, it has been a visitor attraction for at least 300 years and has come to be regarded as a symbol for Northern Ireland.

The property's accessible array of curious geological exposures and polygonal columnar formations formed around 60 million years ago make it a 'classic locality' for the study of basaltic volcanism. The features of the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast site and in particular the strata exposed in the cliff faces, have been key to shaping the understanding of the sequences of activity in the Earth's geological history.

Criterion (vii): The cliff exposures of columnar and massive basalt at the edge of the Antrim Plateau present a spectacle of exceptional natural beauty. The extent of visible rock sections and the quality of the exposed columns in the cliff and on the Causeway combine to present an array of features of considerable significance.

Criterion (viii): The geological activity of the Tertiary era is clearly illustrated by the succession of the lava flows and interbasaltic beds which are in evidence on the Causeway Coast. Interpretation of the succession has allowed a detailed analysis of Tertiary events in the North Atlantic. The extremely regular columnar jointing of the Tholeitic basalts is a spectacular feature which is displayed in exemplary fashion at the Giant's Causeway. The Causeway itself is a unique formation and a superlative horizontal section through columnar basalt lavas.

#### Integrity

Most of the 70 ha site is in the ownership and management of the National Trust. Access to the coast is by a system of footpaths which allow visitors the opportunity to view the coastal scenery from the cliff tops and also examine the geological features at close range. The path is generally unobtrusive, and monitored and maintained to keep it in a safe condition. The cliff exposures and causeway stones, key attributes of the property, are protected by ownership in perpetuity by The National Trust. The removal of 'souvenir' stones from the Causeway, which occurred before the area was protected, has long since ceased.

#### Protection and management requirements

The property has many layers of statutory and non-statutory protection. In addition to World Heritage status, most of the property is a National Nature Reserve and also forms part of the Giant's Causeway and Dunseverick Area of Special Scientific Interest. Almost all of the terrestrial area of the property (mainly its vegetated sea cliffs) has been designated as the North Antrim Coast Special Area of Conservation (SAC) under the Habitats Directive (Natura 2000). The designation of the Causeway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), which covers an area of spectacular coastal scenery stretching over approximately 29 km, gives formal statutory recognition to the quality of the landscape.

The UK Government protects World Heritage properties and their surroundings under the spatial planning system through a hierarchy of regional and local policies and plans. Planning Policy Statements (PPSs) for Northern Ireland set out policies on land-use and other planning matters. Two PPSs specifically refer to World Heritage properties and SACs, noting that "development which would adversely affect such sites or the integrity of their settings will not be permitted unless there are exceptional circumstances."

The National Trust holds most of the land in inalienable ownership, with approximately 5% of the property remaining in private ownership. The Crown Estate is considered the legal owner of all lands between high and low water mark and has rights over the sea bed within territorial waters. A World Heritage Steering Group comprising relevant stakeholders provides the framework for implementation of the property's Management Plan, ensuring the conservation of the property as well as managing visitation, as the Causeway is Northern Ireland's most popular tourist attraction. A world-class visitor centre, aimed at improving both the visitor experience and ensuring the integration of the centre within the landscape in order to maintain the property's outstanding scenic beauty, has been built by the National Trust.

This management framework ensures delivery of the management requirements for the property and its Outstanding Universal Value, as well as the conservation requirements arising from all the various designations, with the delivery of a world-class experience of the property by its visitors.

The Giant's Causeway World Heritage Site Management Plan acknowledges the continuing effects of natural erosion which will gradually alter the cliff exposures. Path routes, and possibly even site boundaries, may need to be changed to accommodate the effects of this process. Changes in sea level or an increased frequency of storm events may also, in the future, affect the degree to which the causeway is accessible or visible. The need to continue to monitor the effects of climate change and erosion is recognised in the Management Plan and associated action plan.

Other threats requiring effective protection and management include direct damage to natural features within the property through human impact. This is addressed through legal control and management by the National Trust. Damage to the setting of the property through human impact resulting from inappropriate development or land use is addressed through legal and spatial planning control measures.

#### Comment

There are a number of factual updates to the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value that can be provided separately.

## 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	Cliff exposures: lava flows, interbasaltic beds, regular columnar jointing of tholeiltic basalts	×			
3.2.2	Causeway stones: lava flows, interbasaltic beds, regular columnar jointing of tholeitic basalts	×			
3.2.3	Interpretation of the Site contributed greatly to understanding of the Paleogene Period and the history of earth science	×			
3.2.4					
3.2.5					
3.2.6					
3.2.7					
3.2.8					
3.2.9					
3.2.10					
3.2.11					
3.2.12					
3.2.13					
3.2.14					
3.2.15					

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

Minor changes are required to the SOUV, beyond grammar and typing errors. These include changes to outdated terms, figures and policies. No major contextual change to the SOUV is expected however the SOUV would be more relevant if updated.

- 4. Factors Affecting the Property
- 4.1. Buildings and Development

### 4.1.1 - Housing

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Relevant × Not relevant

#### 4.1.2 - Commercial development

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.1.3 - Industrial areas

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Potential, Outside

× Relevant		Not relevant							
	Impact		Origin	Origin Trend of impact					
Impact	Current	Potential	<ul><li>Inside</li></ul>	Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing		
<ul><li>Positive</li></ul>									
Negative	×	×		×			<i>P</i>		

#### 4.1.5 - Interpretative and visitation facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside

× Relevant		Not relevant					
Impact			Origin	Trend of impact			
Impact	Current	Potential	<ul><li>Inside</li></ul>	Outside	<b>№ Decreasing</b>	→ Stable	Increasing
O Positive 🗶	×		×	×		<b>→</b>	
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.

4.1.4 – Development in DLS (Buffer Zone) could impact negatively on the setting of WHS. Considered an increasing pressure in the area. 4.1.5 – Improves understanding, views of WHS features and interpretation of the WHS, an Attribute of the Site.

#### 4.2. Transportation Infrastructure

## 4.2.1 - Ground transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant × Not relevant

#### 4.2.2 - Underground transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.2.3 - Air transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant \*\* Not relevant

### 4.2.4 - Marine transport infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

## 4.2.5 - Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

x Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	<b>™</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	

<ul><li>Positive</li></ul>					
Negative	×		×		<i>P</i>

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

4.2.5 – Rural infrastructure leading to and within in the DLS (buffer zone) and high visitor numbers has resulted in congestion, poor road practice and temporary parking schemes. Some formal parking proposals have been drafted by landowners. Cumulatively this impacts on the landscape character of the area.

#### 4.3. Services Infrastructures

#### 4.3.1 - Water infrastructure

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.3.2 - Renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

• Not relevant

× Relevant			Not relevant				
	Impact		Origin	Trend of impact			
Impact	Current	Potential	• Inside	Outside	<b>№ Decreasing</b>	→ Stable	Increasing
<ul><li>Positive</li></ul>							
Negative X		×		×		→	

#### 4.3.3 - Non-renewable energy facilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

• Not relevant

Relevant 

X Not relevant

#### 4.3.4 - Localised utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

### 4.3.5 - Major linear utilities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant × Not relevant

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

4.3.2-Offshore renewable energy proposals exist in 20miles of WHS. Dept of Economy action plan presses for offshore+marine renewables generally. Could impact WHS/vicinity. Steering Group activity to have WHS recognised and excluded. Crown Estate operate buffer zone around WHS=site recognised/excluded.

#### 4.4. Pollution

#### 4.4.1 - Pollution of marine waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

• Relevant, Negative, Potential, Outside

x Relevant				Not relevant				
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact	act		
Impact	Current	Potential	<ul><li>Inside</li></ul>	Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing	
<ul><li>Positive</li></ul>								
Negative	×	×	×	×			P	

#### 4.4.2 - Ground water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

## 4.4.3 - Surface water pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

• Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.4.4 - Air pollution

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.4.5 - Solid waste

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.4.6 - Input of excess energy

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X 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

4.4.1 – Marine waste and pollution is a negative issue in the WHS waters. Steering Group activity of marine litter cleans to clean shore line ongoing for 4 years. Data indicates 2021 was worst year for marine litter in N.Ireland since recording started in 2012 (keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org).

#### 4.5. Biological resource use/modification

#### 4.5.1 - Fishing/collecting aquatic resources

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.5.2 - Aquaculture

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

### 4.5.3 - Land conversion

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant × Not relevant

#### 4.5.4 - Livestock farming/Grazing of domesticated animals

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

• Relevant, Positive, Current, Inside

× Relevant	Not relevant								
	Impact		Origin	Origin Trend of impact					
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	<b>№ Decreasing</b>	→ Stable	Increasing		
Positive x	×		×	×			7		
Negative									

### 4.5.5 - Crop production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

### 4.5.6 - Commercial wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

### 4.5.7 - Subsistence wild plant collection

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

### 4.5.8 - Commercial hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.5.9 - Subsistence hunting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.5.10 - Forestry/Wood production

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant 

X 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

4.5.4 – Livestock grazing occurs and managed within the WHS. Important practice to maintain ecosystem and landscape, balancing vegetation, supporting protected species; narrow-mouth whorl snail.

#### 4.6. Physical resource extraction

#### 4.6.1 - Mining

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

### 4.6.2 - Quarrying

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.6.3 - Oil and gas

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

| Impact | Origin | Trend of impact | Impact | Origin | Outside |

## 4.6.4 - Water (extraction)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant × Not relevant

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

4.6.3 - Petroleum exploration licence issued in 2011, it overlapped with WHS. The licence has expired, no exploration occurred in or near WHS. Steering Group activity to have WHS recognised and excluded from future licenses. Noted as a potential future negative impact for outside WHS; impacting views from the WHS, its setting and character

## 4.7. Local conditions affecting physical fabric

### 4.7.1 - Wind

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant × Not relevant

#### 4.7.2 - Relative humidity

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

• Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

### 4.7.3 - Temperature

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.7.4 - Radiation/Light

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant × Not relevant

#### 4.7.5 - Dust

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.7.6 - Water (rain/water table)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.7.7 - Pests

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

#### 4.7.8 - Micro-organisms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X 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

#### 4.8. Social/Cultural uses of heritage

#### 4.8.1 - Ritual/Spiritual/Religious and associative uses

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.8.2 - Society's valuing of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

### 4.8.3 - Indigenous hunting, gathering and collecting

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

### 4.8.4 - Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

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

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

### 4.8.6 - Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

• Relevant, Positive, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside, Outside

## 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

4.8.6–Visitor numbers higher than Cycle2, peaked at 1 mill/year. Covid-19 resulted in increase of domestic visitors, decrease of international visitors (2019-present). Overall increase in commercial activities and outdoor recreation. Positive impacts: tourism revenue vital for conservation communities. Increases knowledge of WHS as geological site (key attribute) and of World Heritage. Negative impacts: poor visitor behaviour, wear and tear on WHS infrastructure and features, traffic impacts.

#### 4.9. Other human activities

### 4.9.1 - Illegal activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.9.2 - Deliberate destruction of heritage

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

× Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact Orig		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	<ul><li>Inside</li></ul>	Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive							
Negative	×	×	×				7

#### 4.9.3 - Military training

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.9.4 - War

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant × Not relevant

#### 4.9.5 - Terrorism

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant × Not relevant

#### 4.9.6 - Civil unrest

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X 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

4.9.2—Vandalism by visitors within WHS is negatively impacting a key attribute, Causeway Stones. Damage is being caused by visitors lodging coins in columnar joints. Practice happening in two small areas. Secretariat and Steering Group leading a project to understand extent, scientific impact of practice and take steps to address issue, remove coins and mitigate against practice.

### 4.10. Climate change and severe weather events

#### 4.10.1 - Storms

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

• Relevant, Positive, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside, Outside

X Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>©</b> Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive x	×	×	×	×			,
	×	×	×	×			<i>P</i>

#### 4.10.2 - Flooding

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

• Relevant, Positive, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside, Outside

× Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	© Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
○ Positive ★	×	×	×	×			7
	×	×	×	×			-

### 4.10.3 - Drought

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.10.4 - Desertification

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.10.5 - Changes to oceanic waters

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.10.6 - Temperature change

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

### 4.10.7 - Other climate change impacts

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

★ Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	<ul><li>Inside</li></ul>	Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive							
Negative	×	×	×				<i>P</i>

## 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

4.10.1—Storms important, welcomed, process at WHS. Increase could boost landslip/landslide rates beyond usual, decrease access and view of key features (cliff faces/geology). 4.10.2—Flooding occurs at WHS due to landscape. Increase is starting and likely to further decrease access. 4.10.7—Reduced access from changes in weather, increasing erosion likely. Changes to WHS ecology; marine and land. Might increase vegetation, covering key attributes/features.

#### 4.11. Sudden ecological or geological events

#### 4.11.1 - Volcanic eruption

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

### 4.11.2 - Earthquake

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant × Not relevant

#### 4.11.3 - Tsunami/Tidal wave

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

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Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.11.4 - Avalanche/Landslide

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

• Relevant, Positive, Negative, Current, Potential, Inside

Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	▶ Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive x	×	×	×	×			,
	×	×	×	×			-

Not relevent

### 4.11.5 - Erosion and siltation/Deposition

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

• Relevant, Positive, Current, Potential, Inside

× Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
<ul><li>Positive x</li></ul>	×	×	×			→	
Negative							

#### 4.11.6 - Fire (wildfire)

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant	× Not relevant

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

4.11.4 – Landslides/Landslips are positive part of dynamic processes at WHS. Can reduce visitor access but managed by National Trust (site managers). Allows view of key attributes/features Potential negative from occurrence increase. Rangers document occurrence. AGEO project providing analysis. 4.11.12 – Erosion part of natural dynamic processes at WHS. Allows view of key attributes/features. Potential negative from occurrence increase. Could result in features being lost. Time scale long term

#### 4.12. Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species

#### 4.12.1 - Translocated species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.12.2 - Invasive/Alien terrestrial species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant × Not relevant

#### 4.12.3 - Invasive/Alien freshwater species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

#### 4.12.4 - Invasive/Alien marine species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant X Not relevant

### 4.12.5 - Hyper-abundant species

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant 

X Not relevant

#### 4.12.6 - Modified genetic material

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

Relevant

\* Not relevant

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

## 4.13. Management and institutional factors

## 4.13.1 - Management system/Management plan

× Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact	Impact			Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	<ul><li>Inside</li></ul>	Outside	Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
○ Positive x	×		×	×		→	
Negative							

### 4.13.2 - Legal framework

× Relevant			Not relevant				
	Impact	Impact			Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	<ul><li>Inside</li></ul>	Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
<ul><li>Positive x</li></ul>	×		×	×		→	
Negative							

#### 4.13.3 - Governance

× Relevant			Not relevant	
	Impact	Origin		Trend of impact

Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	▶ Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
○ Positive    ★	×		×	×		<b>→</b>	
Negative							

#### 4.13.4 - Management activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

• Relevant, Positive, Current, Potential, Inside, Outside

★ Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact Origin		Origin	Trend of impact			
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
Positive x	×		×	×		<b>→</b>	
Negative							

#### 4.13.5 - Financial resources

× Relevant				Not relevant			
	Impact		Origin		Trend of impact		
Impact	Current	Potential	<ul><li>Inside</li></ul>	Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing
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Negative							

#### 4.13.6 - Human resources

× Relevant				Not relevant							
	Impact				Trend of impact						
Impact	Current	Potential	Inside	<b>©</b> Outside	<b>▶</b> Decreasing	→ Stable	Increasing				
O Positive 🗶	×		×		•						
Negative											

#### 4.13.7 - Low impact research/monitoring activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

• Relevant, Positive, Current, Potential, Inside, Outside

<b>≭</b> Relevant				Not relevant					
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Negative									

## 4.13.8 - High impact research/monitoring activities

Previous answer Cycle 2 (25/06/2013):

Not relevant

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

4.13.1-National Trust operate Management System+ 4.13.4 Management activities on most of terrestrial WHS. Steering Group support, operate additional Activities and WHS Management Plan. Together working to safeguard WHS. 4.13.2-Legal Framework mostly provided by robust planning system+mix of designations.
4.13.3-Governance in place 4.13.5-Financial+4.13.6 human resources hit by Covid-19. Provided by range of sources. 4.13.7-Research/monitoring via daily operations+projects, AGEO project.

#### 4.14. Other factor(s)

### 4.14.1 - Other factor(s)

There is no UK policy/direct legal framework/legislation for managing/conserving WHSs. WHS Management Plans, including ours, are non-statutory. Statutory protections are granted via Planning Policy. Together this presents challenges in recognition, buy-in and activities to WHS management and protection.

### 4.15. Factors Summary Table

#### 4.15.1 - Factors Summary Table

Name 4.1 Buildings and Development	Impa	ct		Origin	1	Trend
4.1.4 Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	•	9	9		E	P
4.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities	<b>O</b>	q		•	Œ	<b>→</b>

4.2 Transportation Infrastructure 4.2.5 Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure 4.3.2 Renewable energy facilities 4.3.2 Renewable energy facilities 4.4.4 Pollution 4.4.1 Pollution of marine waters 4.5. Biological resource use/modification 4.5.4 Livestock farming/Grazing of domesticated animals 4.6.5 Diological resource extraction 4.6.3 Oil and gas 4.6. Physical resource extraction 4.8.6 Impacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation 4.9. Other human activities 4.9.2 Deliberate destruction of heritage 4.9.2 Deliberate destruction of heritage 4.10.1 Storms 4.10.2 Flooding 4.10.2 Flooding 4.10.3 Gradien ecological events 4.11.3 Lixeden ecological or geological events 4.11.4 Avalanche/Landslide 4.12 Floosion and siltation/Deposition
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4.11.5 Erosion and siltation/Deposition
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4.13 Management and institutional factors
4.13.1 Management system/Management plan
A 13.2 Largel framework
4.13.2 Legal framework
4.13.3 Governance
4.13.4 Management activities
4.13.5 Financial resources
4.13.6 Human resources
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## 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		lm	pac	t		Origin	١	Trend
4.1.4 Ma	ajor visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure							
				9	9		C	7
Spatial:	scale - Area affected by the factor							
	Restricted							
×	Localised							
	Extensive							
	Widespread							
Tempor	ral scale - Occurence of the impact							
	One off or rare							
	Intermittent or sporadic							
	Frequent							
×								
	On-going							
mpact -	- Impact on the attributes							
	Insignificant							
×	Minor							
	Significant							
	Major							
Manage	ement response - Capacity of management to respond							
×	High capacity							
	Medium capacity							
	Low capacity							
	No capacity and / or resources							
Frend -	Developement over the last 6 years							
	Decreasing							
	Static							
K	Increasing							
Name		lm	pac	t		Origin	1	Trend
1.1.5 Int	terpretative and visitation facilities	•		9		•	F	<b>→</b>
Spatial	scale - Area affected by the factor							
	Restricted							
×	Localised							
	Extensive							
	Widespread							
Tempor	ral scale - Occurence of the impact							
poi	One off or rare							
	Intermittent or sporadic							
	Intermittent or sporadic							
	Frequent							
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×	Minor
	Significant
	Major
Manager	nent 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	
4.2.5 Eff	ects arising from use of transportation infrastructure						
			9			F	7
Spatial s	cale - Area affected by the factor						
	Restricted						
×	Localised						
	Extensive						
	Widespread						
Tempora	al scale - Occurence of the impact						
	One off or rare						
	Intermittent or sporadic						
	Frequent						
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	Impact on the attributes						
×	Insignificant						
	Minor						
	Significant						
	Major						
Manage	nent response - Capacity of management to respond						
	High capacity						
	Medium capacity						
×	Low capacity						
	No capacity and / or resources						
Trend - I	Developement over the last 6 years						
	Decreasing						
	Static						
×	Increasing						
**	g						

## 4.3 Services Infrastructures

lame		Impact			1	Trend
4.3.2 Renewable energy facilities						
			9		F	$\rightarrow$

Spatial so	cale - 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 On-going
Impact - I	mpact on the attributes
	Insignificant
×	Minor
	Significant
	Major
Managem	nent response - Capacity of management to respond
×	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - D	evelopement over the last 6 years
	Decreasing
×	Static
	Increasing

## 4.4 Pollution

Name		Impa	ct		Origin	1	Trer
4.4.1 Po	lution of marine waters						
			q	4	•	F	7
Spatial s	cale - Area affected by the factor						
	Restricted						
	Localised						
×	Extensive						
	Widespread						
Tempor	al scale - Occurence of the impact						
	One off or rare						
	Intermittent or sporadic						
	Frequent						
×	On-going						
Impact -	Impact on the attributes						
	Insignificant						
×	Minor						
	Significant						
	Major						
Manage	nent 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					

## 4.5 Biological resource use/modification

Name		Impad	:t	Origin	ı	Trend		
4.5.4 Live	4.5.4 Livestock farming/Grazing of domesticated animals		9	•	F	1		
Spatial s	cale - Area affected by the factor							
	Restricted							
	Localised							
	Extensive							
×	Widespread							
Tempora	I scale - Occurence of the impact							
	One off or rare							
	Intermittent or sporadic							
	Frequent							
×	On-going							
Impact -	Impact on the attributes							
×	Insignificant							
	Minor							
	Significant							
	Major							
Manager	nent response - Capacity of management to respond							
	High capacity							
×	Medium capacity							
	Low capacity							
	No capacity and / or resources							
Trend - D	evelopement over the last 6 years							
	Decreasing							
	Static							
×	Increasing							

## 4.6 Physical resource extraction

Name		Impact		Origin		Trend			
4.6.3 Oil	4.6.3 Oil and gas								
			9		F	<b>→</b>			
Spatial s	cale - Area affected by the factor								
	Restricted								
	Localised								
	Extensive								
×	Widespread								
Tempora	Temporal scale - Occurence of the impact								

	One off or rare
	Intermittent or sporadic
	Frequent
×	On-going On-going
Impact - I	Impact on the attributes
	Insignificant
×	Minor
	Significant
	Major
Managen	nent response - Capacity of management to respond
×	High capacity
	Medium capacity
	Low capacity
	No capacity and / or resources
Trend - D	evelopement over the last 6 years
	Decreasing
×	Static
	Increasing

## 4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage

Name		Impact			Origi	Trend		
4.8.6 lm	pacts of tourism/Visitation/Recreation	·		9	•		<b>→</b>	
			q	4	•	<b>G</b>	1	
Spatial	scale - Area affected by the factor							
	Restricted							
	Localised							
	Extensive							
×	Widespread							
Tempor	al scale - Occurence of the impact							
	One off or rare							
	Intermittent or sporadic							
	Frequent							
×	On-going							
Impact -	Impact on the attributes							
	Insignificant							
	Minor							
×	Significant							
	Major							
Manage	ment response - Capacity of management to respond							
×	High capacity							
	Medium capacity							
	Low capacity							
	No capacity and / or resources							
Trend -	Developement over the last 6 years							
	Decreasing							
	Static							
×	Increasing							

#### 4.9 Other human activities



## 4.10 Climate change and severe weather events

Name	Name		Impact			Origin	
4.10.1 St	4.10.1 Storms		q	9	•	C	1
			q	9	•	C	7
Spatial s	cale - Area affected by the factor						
	Restricted						
	Localised						
	Extensive						
×	Widespread						
Tempora	I scale - Occurence of the impact						
	One off or rare						
	Intermittent or sporadic						
	Frequent						
×	On-going						
Impact -	Impact - Impact on the attributes						
	Insignificant						

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	Significant							
×	Major							
Manage	ment 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		Impa	ct		Origin		Trend	
4.10.2 F	ooding	0	9	9 9 9			,	
			9	9	<b>(</b>	(F	1	
Spatial	scale - Area affected by the factor							
	Restricted							
	Localised							
	Extensive							
×	Widespread							
Tempor	al scale - Occurence of the impact							
	One off or rare							
	Intermittent or sporadic							
	Frequent							
×	On-going							
Impact -	Impact on the attributes							
	Insignificant							
	Minor							
	Significant							
×	Major							
Manage	ment 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		Impa	ct		Origin	1	Trend	
4.10.7 O	ther climate change impacts							
			9	9	•		7	
Spotial	scale - Area affected by the factor							
Spatial !	Restricted							
	Localised							
	Extensive							



## 4.11 Sudden ecological or geological events

Name	me Impact		Origin	Trend			
4.11.4 Av	alanche/Landslide	0		9			P
			9	9	•	<b>G</b>	P
Spatial s	Spatial scale - Area affected by the factor						
	Restricted						
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	Extensive						
	Widespread						
Tempora	scale - Occurence of the impact						
	One off or rare						
×	Intermittent or sporadic						
	Frequent						
	On-going						
Impact -	mpact on the attributes						
	Insignificant						
	Minor						
×	Significant						
	Major						
Managen	nent response - Capacity of management to respond						
×	High capacity						
	Medium capacity						
	Low capacity						
	No capacity and / or resources						
Trend - D	evelopement over the last 6 years						
	Decreasing						

	Static					
×	Increasing					
Name		Impac			Origin	Trend
4.11.5 Ero	sion and siltation/Deposition	<b>O</b>	4	9	•	<b>→</b>
Spatial so	ale - Area affected by the factor					
	Restricted					
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	Extensive					
	Widespread					
Temporal	scale - Occurence of the impact					
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	Intermittent or sporadic					
	Frequent					
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Impact - I	mpact on the attributes					
	Insignificant					
	Minor					
×	Significant					
	Major					
Managem	ent response - Capacity of management to respond					
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	Medium capacity					
	Low capacity					
	No capacity and / or resources					
Trend - D	evelopement over the last 6 years					
	Decreasing					
×	Static					
	Increasing					

## 4.13 Management and institutional factors

Name	Name		Impact			Origin	
4.13.1 Ma	anagement system/Management plan	<b>O</b>	q		•	Œ	<b>→</b>
Spatial s	cale - Area affected by the factor						
	Restricted						
	Localised						
	Extensive						
×	Widespread						
Tempora	I scale - Occurence of the impact						
	One off or rare						
	Intermittent or sporadic						
	Frequent						
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Impact -	Impact on the attributes						
	Insignificant						

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	Significant					
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Manager	nent 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					
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	One off or rare					
	Intermittent or sporadic					
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	nent response - Capacity of management to respond					
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•	Medium capacity					
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	Intermittent or sporadic		
	Frequent		
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	Minor		
	Significant		
×	Major		
Manag	gement response - Capacity of management to respond		
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	Medium capacity		
	Low capacity		
	No capacity and / or resources		
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	Intermittent or sporadic		
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	gement response - Capacity of management to respond		
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	Medium capacity		
	Low capacity		
	No capacity and / or resources		
Trend ·	- Developement over the last 6 years		
Trend			

Increasing

Name		Impa	ct	Origin	Trend
4.13.5 Fi	inancial resources	•	q	•	•
Spatial s	scale - Area affected by the factor				
	Restricted				
	Localised				
	Extensive				
×	Widespread				
Tempora	al scale - Occurence of the impact				
	One off or rare				
	Intermittent or sporadic				
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	Minor				
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Manage	ment response - Capacity of management to respond				
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	Low capacity				
	No capacity and / or resources				
Trend - I	Developement over the last 6 years				
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	Static				
	Increasing				
Name		Impa		Origin	Trend
4.13.6 H	uman resources	<b>O</b>	9	•	-
Spatial s	scale - Area affected by the factor				
	Restricted				
	Localised				
	Extensive				
×	Widespread				
Tempora	al scale - Occurence of the impact				
	One off or rare				
	Intermittent or sporadic				
	Frequent				
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	Insignificant				
	Minor				
	Significant				
×	Major				

Managen	nent response - Capacity of management to respond					
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	Medium capacity					
	Low capacity					
	No capacity and / or resources					
Trend - D	evelopement over the last 6 years					
×	Decreasing					
	Static					
	Increasing					
Name		Impac	:t		Origin	Trend
4.13.7 Lo	w impact research/monitoring activities	<b>O</b>	9	9	<b>9</b>	1
Spatial s	cale - Area affected by the factor					
	Restricted					
	Localised					
	Extensive					
×	Widespread					
Tempora	scale - Occurence of the impact					
	One off or rare					
	Intermittent or sporadic					
	Frequent					
×	On-going					
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	Insignificant					
	Minor					
	Significant					
×	Major					
Managen	nent response - Capacity of management to respond					
×	High capacity					
	Medium capacity					
	Low capacity					
	No capacity and / or resources					
Trend - D	evelopement 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	Cliff exposures: lava flows, interbasaltic beds, regular columnar jointing of tholeiitic basalts	×			
4.18.1.2	Causeway stones: lava flows, interbasaltic beds, regular columnar jointing of tholeitic basalts	×			
4.18.1.3	Interpretation of the Site contributed greatly to understanding of the Paleogene Period and the history of earth science	×			
4.18.1.4					

#### 5. Protection and Management of the Property

#### 5.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

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

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

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

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

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

The buffer zones do not limit the ability to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value but they could be improved

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

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are known and recognised by the management authority but are not known by local communities/landowners

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

5.1.5 – The Distinctive Landscape Setting (DLS) operates as a de facto Buffer Zone at the WHS. THE DLS is recognised within Planning Policy. However recognition of the DLS/Buffer Zone could be improved. Clarity required over the relevance/importance of the DLS/Buffer one in this exercise. Specific work might be useful on key features of zone to monitor and provide protection for.

#### 5.2. Protective Measures

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

Legislation relating with the NNR, SAC and ASSI designations applies

Source: Periodic Reporting Cycle 1

#### Comment

Please refer to the State Party's Section 1 questionnaire for a list of national legislation relevant to UK World Heritage Sites.

## 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

2015 / Strategic Planning Policy Statement / Regulatory, planning policy /

https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/infrastructure/SPPS.pdf

2016 / Northern Area Plan / Regulatory, planning policy /

https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/planning/development-plan

1999 / Planning Policy Statement 6: Planning Archaeology and Built Heritage / Regulatory, planning policy /

https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/infrastructure/PPS06%20Archaeology%20and%20Built%20Heritage\_0.pdf

## 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?

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

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

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

WHS +DLS Planning Policy are in Planning Policy Statement 6: Archaeology + Built Heritage + Northern Area Plan 2016. These protect WHS/setting from inappropriate development. Council, under Planning Act 2011, responsible for; Local Development Plan (Policies), Development Management (Decisions) + Enforcement. Dept for Infrastructure retains planning powers for regionally significant/called-in applications. Environmental designations recognised in planning. Monitored/enforced by DAERA.

#### 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 Other

#### If 'Other', please specify

National Trust, an environmental NGO provide day-to-day management over the terrestrial part of the WHS. Crown Estate own the marine aspects of the WHS and have some management structures in place. A Steering Group made up of representatives including those above and others provide a WHS focus to management: supporting and supported by landowners, national, local and regional government and others. The Steering Group operates based on consensus.

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

A statutory Management Plan or zoning plan for the property.

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

Agreed 'Memorandums of Understanding' between different managing institutions, groups or others, including documents agreed with local communities for management

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

An integrated management plan combining World Heritage and any other designations

A management plan

An annual work plan or business plan

A disaster, climate or conflict risk management plan

A visitor/visitation management plan

An environmental management framework

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

A joint approach to management of cultural and natural heritage

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

Steering Group provides a participatory WHS management function. Representatives from community, non/governmental + private organisations + landowners. NIEA financially supports
Secretariat, fulfilled by CCGHT via part-time role. Steering Group collaborates on WHS Management + Action Plan. Meets tri-annually. National Trust responsible for day to day management + operations of most of land WHS inc visitor facilities. Crown Estate own marine part, no formal day to day management in operation.

#### 5.3.4 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site Management Plan	N/A	Available	2005	
Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site Management Plan	In Force	Available	2005	
"Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site Management Plan Northern Ireland's only World Heritage Site 2013 - 2019"	N/A	Available	2013	

#### Comment

Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site Management Plan 2021 - 2027: https://ccght.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WHS-Management-Plan-FINAL-compressed.pdf Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site Action Plan 2021 - 2023: https://ccght.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WHS-Action-Plan-FINAL-compressed.pdf

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

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

- 5.3.6 If the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation has been used at this property, please describe briefly what has been done.
- 5.3.7 Has any use been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property? Some 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:

MSc research by GSNI: Do UNESCO-designated sites have role to play in climate change adaptation within tourism sector in NI? •Assessment of potential impacts of climate change on WHS including economic, social, environmental threats •Assessment of existing measures to adapt to climate change + evaluation of adaptive capacity •Evaluation of responsibilities of WHS to climate change measures+assessment of value of WHS designation in contributing to reduction of vulnerability+increased resilience

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

Some use has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties

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

As part of MSc research-impacts of climate change on the WHS. Identified heavy precipitation+waterlogging both triggers for landslides at WHS + precipitation changes + increasing storm intensity + frequency could = increased occurrences. Addressed through AGEO project, Geological Survey NI is partner. Aims to improve risk management associated with geological hazards. WHS is 1 of 5 pilots. Active monitoring to better understand dynamic processes associated with landslides, especially rockfalls

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

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

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

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

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

The management system is being fully implemented and monitored

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

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

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

		Not applicable	No mechanisms for participation	Some participation	Direct participation	Transformative participation in all relevant decision processes
5.3.15.1	Local communities			×		
5.3.15.2	Local authorities				×	

5.3.15.3	Landowners in the property and the buffer zone				×	
5.3.15.4	Indigenous peoples	×				
5.3.15.5	Women		×			
5.3.15.6	Other specific groups			×		
	If you selected, 'Other specific groups' please specify	Farms and fare	m businesses in DLS (Buffer z	zone).		

#### 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	Government age	encies including (	Geologic	al Surv	ey NI

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

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

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

The WHS Property is managed in accordance with NI/UK policies. These set out inclusion/human rights requirements.

## ${\bf 5.3.19 \cdot Comments, conclusions \ and/or \ recommendations \ related \ to \ the \ management \ system/plan}$

5.3.12 – Steering Group note that WHS Management System is considered partially adequate to maintain OUV as the WHS is a natural dynamic site with processes out of human control, however management monitors and mitigates where suitable. Climate change mitigation could be better incorporated into the current system. 5.3.17 - Northern Ireland context, cross community and all inclusion policies followed.

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

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

Government provides funding via NIEA funding for; part-time WHS projects manager role, a modest project budget and funding to develop Management and Action Plan. Equivalent to one full-time role when added together, provided to CCGHT.

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

The available budget is acceptable but could be further improved to fully meet the management needs

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

The existing sources of funding are secure over the medium-term and planning is underway to secure funding over the long-term

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

Covid-19 resulted in a major reduction in budget for the National Trust to manage the WHS. Visitor facilities closed for an extended period and visitor numbers have not returned to pre-pandemic levels, therefore income is reduced. Impacts on staff levels, conservation activities and some projects are ongoing. Some funding is dependant on UK government budgets and so can fluctuate. Project funding tends to operate annually or on short term cycles, doesn't provide long term stability.

## 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	50 %	0 %
6.1.6.2	Women	50 %	0 %
		Total 100 %	Total 0 %

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interpretation	Fair
Visitor management/tourism	Fair
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Not applicable

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

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

- 6.1.11 If the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Building has been used, please briefly describe what has been done.
- 6.1.12 Are there site-specific capacity building plans or programmes that develop local expertise and that contribute to the transfer of skills for the conservation and management of the World Heritage property?

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

- 6.1.13 Comments, conclusions and/or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training
- 7. Scientific Studies and Research Projects
- 7.1 Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values and attributes of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

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

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

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

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

Research results are shared with local communities and partners but there is no active outreach to national or international agencies

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

Sharing research results is currently adhoc. In 2022 WHS Steering Group established a Research Advisory Group to advise on research topics, provide expert advice, drive necessary research and boost dissemination of past, present and future research. Steering Group members National Trust, CCGHT, Geological Survey NI, Queen's University Belfast and others conduct research ranging from species specific conservation, monitoring of WHS features through to social and community focused research.

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

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

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

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

Local communities	
Landowners	
Youth/children	
National/international tourists	
Tourism industry	

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

Visitor centre	Good
Site museum	Fair

Information booths	Fair
Guided tours	Good
Trails/routes	Good
Printed information materials	Fair
Online (website, social media, etc.)	Fair
Transportation facilities	Poor
Other	Not needed

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

Activities via the WHS Management and Action Plan also work to raise awareness and understanding of the WHS and World Heritage.

#### 9. Visitor Management

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

421713 / 106000 / 138500 / 998000 / 1039000 /

#### 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

9.1 - Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency. 9.3 - National Trust, via visitor planning and visitor management.

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

76 / 236 / 0 / 0 / 0 / 0 /

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

https://www.tourismni.com/globalassets/industry-insights/tourist-performance-statistics/jan---dec-2019/at-a-glance-jan-dec-2019-v3.pdf

## 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 managed but improvements could be made

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

Yes, using a different system

#### If a different system, please specify

National Trust operate visitor management and review protocols and effectiveness regularly, adapting as required.

## 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

### ${\bf 9.12 - How \ well \ is \ the \ information \ on \ the \ Outstanding \ Universal \ Value \ of \ the \ property \ presented \ and \ interpreted?}$

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?

Fees are collected and make a substantial contribution to the management of the World Heritage property

#### 9.15 - Are there locally driven sustainable tourism initiatives?

Yes

#### If 'Yes', please specify

- Products/stock within visitor facilities often local suppliers. - National Trust have long engaged with independent local tour guides/providers to collaborate at the WHS -Beyond the WHS many shops, cafes + recreation activities are provided by local suppliers. - Initial efforts underway to establish a UNESCO Global Geopark to support sustainable tourism as one aspect of Geopark (North Antrim Geopark project). - Various training and support services in places for local businesses and initiatives.

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

Yes

#### If 'Yes', please specify

Tourism is worth 4.9%GDP for Northern Ireland. Tourism is an important local employment sector both at the WHS, immediate vacinity and the wider area.

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

While National Trust are day-to-day managers of the terrestrial parts of WHS the Site is open to visitors 24/7, therefore not all visitors are directly managed by National Trust. The WHS is relatively small, day visitors only, no overnight within WHS but accommodation adjacent. Visitors arriving by coach has grown significantly (pre-covid and remains post covid too), with up to 85 coaches per day pre-covid.

#### 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				х
10.3.2	Effectiveness of the management system		×		
10.3.3	Character of governance		×		
10.3.4	Appropriate synergy with other conservation designations				×
10.3.5	Contribution to sustainable development			×	
10.3.6	Capacity development		×		

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

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

World Heritage managers/coordinators and staff	Good
Local/municipal authorities	Fair
Local communities	Fair
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
Women	Not applicable
Researchers	Fair
Tourism industry	Fair
Local businesses and industry	Poor
NGOs	Good
Other specific groups	Good
If you selected 'Other specific groups', please specify	Government Agencies (NI Environment Agency) who undertake various monitoring of environmental designations within and overlapping the WHS. Also complete State of Conservation Reports.

## ${\bf 10.6 - Has\ the\ State\ Party\ implemented\ relevant\ recommendations\ arising\ from\ the\ World\ Heritage\ Committee?}$

Implementation is underway

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

Decisions centre on; planning application issue in vicinity of WHS; a petroleum exploration license which overlapped WHS; minor boundary modification and implementation of IUCN Advisory Report Recommendations. In all cases State Party + relevant agencies have implemented or adopted Decisions (e.g. boundary change). IUCN mission recommendations were or continue to be implemented depending on nature of recommendation. State Party has supplied requested SOC reports to WHC providing more detail.

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

## 11. Identification of Priority Management Needs

#### 11.1 - Identification of Priority Management Needs

5.1	Boundaries and Buffer Zones	
5.1.2	The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by the management authority but are not known by local communities/landowners	×
5.1.4	The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are known and recognised by the management authority but are not known and recognized by local communities/landowners	
5.2	Protective Measures	

5.2.4	An adequate legal framework in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the World Heritage property exists but there are some deficiencies in implementation	×
5.3	Management System/Management Plan	
5.3.5	No use has been made of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation to develop policies and best practices for the protection of the property	
5.3.7	Some use has been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property	×
5.3.9	Some use has been made of the Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties at the property	
5.3.11	There is coordination between the range of administrative bodies involved in the management of the property, but it could be improved	×
5.3.12	The management system/plan is only partially adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value	×
5.3.17	• In a limited manner, the management system of the World Heritage property does contribute to gender equality	
6.1	Funding	
6.1.3	The available budget is acceptable but could be further improved to fully meet the management needs of the World Heritage property	
6.1.7	Human resources partly meet the management needs of the World Heritage property	
6.1.10	No use has been made of the World Heritage Strategy for Capacity Development at the World Heritage property	
7	Scientific Studies and Research Projects	
7.3	Research results are shared with local communities and partners but there is no active outreach to national or international agencies	×
8	Education, Information and Awareness Building	
8.2	There is a planned education and awareness programme for children and/or youth but it only partly meets the needs	
9	Visitor Management	
9.7	There is a strategy to manage visitors, tourism activity and its derived impacts on the World Heritage property but there are some deficiencies in implementation	×
9.9	Visitor use of the World Heritage property is managed but improvements could be made	×
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	×
Pleas	e select 0 more issues.	
□ Ple	ase 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

			ing the Frope				
4.1	Building	s and Develo	pment				
4.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	Criteria vii and viii. This factor impacts on the key attributes of the Site, in particular the Causeway Stones and Cliff exposures.	Steering Group and WHS Management and Action Plan includes activities to address negative impacts identified - see comments section. Steering Group ensure active involvement in any public consultations in the development of new Local Development Plans (local planning policy) or regional	Steering Group membership includes a Council Planning Officer who provides updates on planning applications and policy development within the vicinity of the WHS.	Actions ongoing and monitoring is collated annually via WHS Action Plan reporting, co-ordinated by CCGHT.	Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, National Trust, DAERA NIEA et al (WHS Steering Group).	See current Giant's Causeway WHS Action Plan, Aim 1, Objective B: Support a healthy natural environment and uphold the landscape character, setting and sense of place https://ccght.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WHS-Action-Plan-FINAL-compressed.pdf

policies. Transportation Infrastructure 4.2.5 Effects Criteria vii and WHS Action Steering CCGHT. See current Giant's Causeway WHS Action Plan, Aim 4: Provide a safe, enjoyable and viii. This factor arising from Plan annual ongoing and National sustainable visitor experience that does not compromise the Outstanding Universal Group and WHS use of impacts on the monitoring. monitoring Trust Value transportation key attributes Management NT is collated Tourism https://ccght.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WHS-Action-Plan-FINAL-compressed.pd infrastructure of the Site, in and Action Sustainability annually via NI et al WHS Action particular the Plan Study and (WHS Causeway includes other one off Plan Steering Stones and activities to research reporting, Group). Interpretation address projects. co-ordinated of the Site negative by CCGHT. (understanding impacts of the identified -Paleogene SEE Period and the comments history of earth section. science). 4.3 Services Infrastructures WHS CCGHT 4.3.2 Renewable Criteria vii Steering Actions See current Giant's Causeway WHS Action Plan, Aim 1, Objective b) support a healthy energy facilities and viii. Group and Action ongoing and National natural environment and uphold the landscape character setting and sense of place for WHS Plan This factor monitoring Trust, https://ccqht.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WHS-Action-Plan-FINAL-compressed.pd impacts on Management annual is collated Tourism the key and Action monitoring. annually via NI et al attributes Plan Updates WHS Action (WHS of the includes from Plan Steering Site. in activities to reporting, Group) Council particular address Planning co-ordinated and the negative Officer at by CCGHT. additional Causeway Steering partners impacts Stones. identified -Group listed in Action meetings. see comments Plan section Steering Group also actively engaging with a public consultation on new Renewable Energy Strategy for N.Ireland. 4.4 Pollution 4.4.1 Pollution of CCGHT and WHS CCGHT See current Giant's Causeway WHS Action Plan, Aim 1: Safeguard the Outstanding Criteria vii Actions marine waters and viii others Action ongoing and National Universal Value of the WHS and its setting for present and future generations This factor undertaking Plan monitoring Trust, https://ccght.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WHS-Action-Plan-FINAL-compressed.pd impacts on annual annual is collated Council, monitorina. DAERA the kev annually via marine attributes cleans at the DAFRA WHS Action Marine of the Site. Marine Plan and Site, in Steering and Fisheries. reporting, particular Group and Fisheries co-ordinated WHS by CCGHT. marine the Causeway Management monitoring Stones. and Action activities. includes activities to address negative impacts identified see comments section.

Physical resource extraction

4.6

4.6.3	Oil and gas	Criteria vii	Steering	WHS	Actions	CCGHT,	See current Giant's Causeway WHS Action Plan, Aim 1: Safeguard the Outstanding
		and viii.	Group	Action	ongoing and	National	Universal Value of the WHS and its setting for present and future generations- Action
		This factor	activity to	Plan	monitoring is	Trust,	1.30
		impacts on	have the	annual	collated	Council,	https://ccght.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WHS-Action-Plan-FINAL-compressed.pd f
		the key	WHS	monitoring.	annually via	DAERA	
		attributes	excluded		WHS Action	NIEA et	
		of the	from		Plan	al (WHS	
		Site, in	petroleum		reporting,	Steering	
		particular	exploration		co-ordinated	Group)	
		the	licencing		by CCGHT.		
		Causeway	included in				
		Stones.	WHS				
			Action				
			Plan.				

## 4.8 Social/Cultural uses of heritage

4.8.6	Impacts of	Criteria vii and	Site	NT staff daily	Actions	National	See current Giant's Causeway WHS Action Plan, Aim 4: Provide a safe, e
	tourism/Visitation/Recreation	viii. This factor	managers	on site	ongoing and	Trust,	sustainable visitor experience that does not compromise the Outstanding
		impacts on the	monitor and	observations.	monitoring	CCGHT,	Value
		key attributes	mitigate	NT and	is collated	DAERA	https://ccght.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WHS-Action-Plan-FINAL-co
		of the Site, in	tourism	DAERA staff	annually via	NIEA,	f
		particular the	impacts day	site surveys.	WHS Action	Tourism	
		Causeway	to day.	WHS Action	Plan	NI (WHS	
		Stones and	Steering	Plan annual	reporting,	Steering	
		Interpretation	Group and	monitoring.	co-ordinated	Group)	
		of the Site	WHS	NT	by CCGHT.	and	
		(understanding	Management	Sustainability		WHS	
		of the	and Action	Study and		Research	
		Paleogene	Plan	other one off		Advisory	
		Period and the	includes	research		Group.	
		history of earth	activities to	projects.		And	
		science).	address			others	
			negative			listed in	
			impacts			WHS	
			identified -			Action	
			see			Plan.	
			comments				
			section.				

## 4.9 Other human activities

4.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage	Criteria vii and viii. This factor impacts on the key attributes of the Site, in particular the Cliff Exposures and Causeway Stones.	Site staff attempt to mitigate impacts daily. WHS Action Plan includes activities to address this issue (see comments section) eg. project to research and address coin lodgements between stones by visitors at the site.	NT staff daily on site observations. NT and DAERA staff site surveys. WHS Action Plan annual monitoring. NT Sustainability Study and other one off research projects.	Actions ongoing and monitoring is collated annually via WHS Action Plan reporting, co-ordinated by CCGHT. Collated Codement project 2023 to 2024.	CCGHT leading on coin lodgement project, National Trust, DAERA NIEA, GSNI (WHS Steering Group) and WHS Research Advisory Group (Queens University Belfast et al).	See current Giant's Causeway WHS Action Plan, Aim 1: Safeguard the OUV of the World Heritage Site and its setting for present and future generations https://ccght.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WHS-Action-Plan-FINAL-compressed.pd f

## 4.10 Climate change and severe weather events

4.10.1	Storms	Criteria vii and	Site managers	NT staff	Actions	GSNI	See current Giant's Causeway WHS Action Plan, Aim 1: Safeguard the OUV of
		viii. This factor	and others	daily on site	ongoing	leading	the World Heritage Site and its setting for present and future generations
		impacts on the	undertaking	observations.	and	on AGEO	https://ccght.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WHS-Action-Plan-FINAL-compressed.p
		key attributes	monitoring	NT and	monitoring	project in	f
		of the Site,	and research	DAERA staff	is collated	N.Ireland.	
		the Cliff	to understand	site surveys.	annually via	National	
		Exposures,	storm impacts	WHS Action	WHS	Trust,	
		Causeway	eg. landslips,	Plan annual	Action Plan	DAERA	
		Stones and	rock falls.	monitoring.	reporting,	NIEA,	
		Interpretation	WHS	GSNI AGEO	co-ordinated	GSNI	
		of the Site	Management	citizen	by CCGHT.	(WHS	
		(understanding	and Action	recording	GSNI	Steering	
		history of	Plan includes	app used by	AGEO	Group)	
		Earth	activities - see	staff and	project	and	
		Science).	comments.	visitors.	concluding	WHS	
			GSNI		2023.	Research	

4.10.2	Flooding	Criteria vii and viii. This factor impacts on the key attributes of the Site, the Cliff Exposures, Causeway Stones and Interpretation of the Site (understanding history of Earth Science).	delivering AGEO project in N.Ireland - ageoatlantic.eu  Site managers and other agencies undertaking monitoring and research to understand impacts. WHS Management and Action Plan includes activities - see comments section.	NT staff daily on site observations. NT and DAERA staff site surveys. WHS Action Plan annual monitoring. GSNI AGEO citizen recording app used by staff and visitors.	Actions ongoing and monitoring is collated annually via WHS Action Plan reporting, co-ordinated by CCGHT.	Advisory Group.  National Trust, DAERA NIEA, GSNI (WHS Steering Group) and WHS Research Advisory Group (Queens University Belfast et al).	See current Giant's Causeway WHS Action Plan, Aim 1: Safeguard the OUV of the World Heritage Site and its setting for present and future generations https://ccght.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WHS-Action-Plan-FINAL-compressed.r f
4.10.7	Other climate change impacts	Criteria vii and viii. This factor impacts on the key attributes of the Site, the Cliff Exposures, Causeway Stones and Interpretation of the Site (understanding history of Earth Science).	Site managers and other agencies undertaking monitoring and research to understand impacts. WHS Management and Action Plan includes activities - see comments section.	NT staff daily on site observations. NT and DAERA staff site surveys. WHS Action Plan annual monitoring. GSNI AGEO citizen recording app used by staff and visitors.	Actions ongoing and monitoring is collated annually via WHS Action Plan reporting, co-ordinated by CCGHT.	National Trust, DAERA NIEA, GSNI (WHS Steering Group) and WHS Research Advisory Group (Queens University Belfast et al).	See current Giant's Causeway WHS Action Plan, Aim 1: Safeguard the OUV of the World Heritage Site and its setting for present and future generations https://ccght.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/WHS-Action-Plan-FINAL-compressed.r f

## Summary - Factors affecting the Property **completed**

## 12.2. Summary - Management Needs

# 12.2.1 - Summary - Management Needs 5.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones

		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
5.1.2	The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by the management authority but are not known by local communities/landowners	Interpretation shows boundary at WHS, info on relevant literature, online information across variety of organisations+maps available - CCGHT/others Events, comms, presentations with local community - WHS website hosted by CCGHT displays boundary	Ongoing.	Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust National Trust NI Environment Agency Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council	Efforts are ongoing and focused through the Management and Action Pla
5.2	Protective Measures				
5.2.4	legal fr framework in w the buffer zone L for maintaining a	om Planning (Council) - Council Planning rep rell briefed on WHS matters - Upcoming ocal Development Plan accounting for WHS nd DLS (Buffer Zone) Review of DLS	Ongoing via Councils Planning v and particiaption on tri-annual Steering Group meetings. Local Development Plan timetable: - A Plan Strategy 2024 - Adopt loca policies Plan 2028	Council, Planning. Ste Department for Infrastradopt	ering Group

5.3	Management S	ystem/Management Plan							
5.3.7	Some use has been made of the Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties at the property	National Trust Sustainability Stur-New Action Plan 2024 will take actions	ch via re/review dy findings	Ongoing: - Contact with Orkney WHS about Climate Vulnerability Index started 2022 - Research Advisory Group (formed 2022) meet tri-annually - NT Sustainability Study findings expected in 2023 New Action Plan 2024 will take forward actions			Coast and G Trust NI Env		A UK wide approach across WHSs is needed to support WHSs to understand, research, monitor and mitigate for Climate Change.
5.3.11	There is coordination between the range of administrative bodies involved in the management of the property, but it could be improved	- NI Government Agencies to me role, remit and contact points -SI Group to request clarity and con at NI, UK and beyond - JNCC ar to be invited to connect with Stee Group	2023 - 2025. Actions included and ongoing in current WHS Action Plan. Will be included in new Action Plan 2024 and delivered following this.				ge Trust oup NI Agency Dept ities Dept for Dept for Dept SINCC	Mechanisms are in place and do work however there are nuances and some connections between organisations lack clarity.	
5.3.12	The management system/plan is only partially adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value	WHS is a natural dynamic site. F can not be controlled e.g. erosio which erode Attributes (OUV). P are welcomed in the most part b halt natural processes. UK lackin need clear statutory policy and for	developed on an approx 7 year cycle.  Allowing for adaptation/inclusion to challenges. Steering Group is member of WH:UK calling for UK			JNCC World		While requirement to have a relevant Management and Action Plan is met the nature of the Site means it can only ever be partially adequate. Steering Group strong advocates for discussion on WHS policy/legislation within UK	
7	Scientific Studies	and Research Projects							
7.3	Research results are shared with local communities and partners but there is no active outreach to national or international agencies	- Research Advisory Group (RAG) meet 3 x annually Identify and dri Working to log and share research, repository Steering group seeking with national/international agencies	ive research , building a g more conn	ı. <b>-</b>	2022 - onwar directed by co Action Plan a included in ne Plan 2024.	urrent WHS nd will be	rrent WHS Advisory Group (Queen's d will be University Belfast, Ulster		A variety of research includes or takes place at the WHS. This has been ad hoc with results often not shared. Research Advisory Group established 2022 to tackle this, formalise research request applications and build a research repository.
9	Visitor Manageme	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	- Monitoring of visitor patterns+ behaviour ongoing by National Trust - Steering Group calling for infrastructure review of local area - Tourism agencies developing sustainability guidelines - Various agencies working to draw benefits from tourism	A mix of ti Group req National T managem reactive to	uesting re rust visito ent on goi	eview now or ing and	National Trus Infrastructure Economy To Steering Gro	e Dept for urism NI	Post Covid-19 visitor management at Whas adapted. Inherent challenges managup to million visitors travelling to WHS	
9.9	Visitor use of the World Heritage property is managed but improvements could be made	- Project to address coins lodged in stones for wish/luck underway. Will include visitor behaviour actions - National Trust continue visitor management and review/reactive actions taken when needed - Agencies continue litter/behaviour messaging	2022 - will beyond managem	Il continue to 2025 and Coast and Glens Heritage identifyii National Trust visitor Trust NI Environment ongoing nent is ongoing. Agency National Trust public 2: controlle		identifying/adongoing by No public 24/7. Controlled, gu	our trends change, dressing negative behaviour ational Trust. WHS is open to cannot be monitored or idance is put forward to visitors. ace to manage and guide visitor		
9.12	The presentation and interpretation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is acceptable but improvements could be made	- WHS Communication Strategy in development, including OUV messaging to key audiences= agencies and public Continued promotion of existing WH + OUV messaging at WHS and via agencies online and in person material.	launching action follo comms ac Ongoing ir presentation	unching mid - 2023. Timetabled tition following Ongoing Steering Group Comms Stra National Trust National Trust Steering Group Stra National Trust National Trust Steering Group Stra National Trust Promote OU' Steering Group Stra National Trust National Trust Promote OU' Steering Group Stra National Trust Promote OU' Steering Group Stra National Trust National Tr		Action Plan set out activities to and key messaging. New egy will deliver on much of this. t Visitor Facilities, main venue discover info, info present. ed (Covid delayed)			
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	- Steering Group to undertake review of key indicators, set definitions and schedule relevant monitoring. Status report on indicators to be developed.	Before next Periodic Reporting Cycle.	Steering Group Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust NI Environment Agency	Variety of monitoring takes place at WHS by agencies (top = NIEA). Task to agree WHS indicators, with monitoring + updates scheduled.  Resulting in reports showing status.  Any work must improve management and will be adapted to suit WHS and needs
	improved				

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

AGEO project is developing good practice in the identification and monitoring of geological hazards that are increasingly common at the Site as a result of climate change. Using a combination of satellite data and onsite monitoring with the help of National Trust staff, the project is helping to better protect and manage the Site to reduce the risk from geological hazards such as rockfalls. https://ageoatlantic.eu/

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

Sustainable Development

Synergies

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

#### 15.2. Use of Data

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

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

Update of management plans

Advocacy

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

#### 15.3. Timing and resources

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

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage

Site Manager/Coordinator World Heritage property staff

Responsible persons for local designated sites under other international conventions/ programmes

Local communities

Non-Governmental Organizations

External experts

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

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

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

Yes

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

10 / 86 / 40 /

## 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

- 500 character limit in comment boxes - difficult to answer the question within this limit, hard to adhere to this limit and provide necessary information. - Clarity over what area some sections or questions cover; is it the WHS or is it the WHS and the buffer zone (Distinctive Landscape Setting in our case).

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

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

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

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

No

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

- Clarity over what areas were to be focused on for each section of question - WHS only or WHS and buffer zone.

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

\* Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for the property as adopted by the World Heritage Committee
Reason for update: There are a number of factual updates to the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value that can be provided separately.

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.