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WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

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Item 10 of the Provisional Agenda: Requests for International Assistance

SUMMARY

The Bureau, during its twenty-first extraordinary session, examined the requests for international assistance, presented in the Bureau's Working Document WHC-97/CONF.207/4 and WHC-97/CONF.207/4Add.

The Bureau's decisions and recommendations are transmitted to the World Heritage Committee in this Working Document WHC-97/CONF.208/12Rev.

Decision required: In accordance with paragraphs 90-117 of the Operational Guidelines, the Committee is requested:

- (i) to take note of decisions made by the Bureau concerning International Assistance requests for natural and cultural heritage between US \$ 20,000.00 and US \$ 30,000.00 (inclusive) synthesized in Table 1 of this Working Document ;
- (ii) to take decisions concerning International Assistance requests for natural heritage above the amount of US \$ 30,000.00, recommended by the Bureau for approval by the Committee;
- (iii) to take decisions concerning International Assistance requests for cultural heritage above the amount of US \$ 30,000.00 transmitted by the Bureau for the approval by the Committee.

The guidelines for International Assistance requests in paragraphs 90-117 of the Operational Guidelines have been synthesized in Table 2.

**Synthesis Table all International Assistance Requests
Received as of 18 November 1997
(in US \$)**

	Type of international assistance					
	TRAINING		TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION		EMERGENCY	
	1		2		3	
	NATURE A	CULTURE B	NATURE A	CULTURE B	NATURE A	CULTURE B
Approved by BUREAU	89,900.	47,000.	0	53,000.	0	0
For decision by COMMITTEE	30,000.	152,000.	100,000.	101,900.	135,000.	0
For decision by CHAIRPERSON	0	110,000.	0	0	0	0
SUB-TOTAL	119,900.	309,000.	100,000.00	154,900.	135,000.	0
TOTAL	428,900.		254,900.		135,000.	
GRAND TOTAL	818,800.					

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Requesting State Party or Advisory Body	Paragraph No. as presented in 21st Extra- ordinary Bureau Documents	Description	Amount (US\$) requested	Amount (US\$) approved by Bureau	Amount (US\$) by Bureau for approval by Committee	Conditions / Comments recommended
1. TRAINING						
Cameroon	A.1.1.1	Sub-regional workshop on strengthening biodiversity conservation at the at the Dja Faunal Reserve	29,900.00	29,900.00		The Bureau requested the State Party to co-operate with IUCN and the World Heritage Centre to: (i) revise the workshop programme to include themes and issues identified in the state of conservation report on Dja; (ii) indicate the amount of national contribution provided by the State Party; (iii) schedule the workshop at a time to allow for better planning of the workshop; and (iv) invite the participation of bi-lateral donors who are financing commercial and sustainable forestry projects in the forests surrounding the site.
Philippines	A.1.1.2	Training of a Core-group of personnel on Human and Scientific Dimensions of Managing Tubataha Reef as a natural World Heritage site	30,000.00	30,000.00		

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Russian Federation	A.1.1.3	Training workshop for natural heritage site managers from Central & Eastern Europe and Russian Central Asia	30,000.00	Decision deferred		The Bureau decided to defer consideration of this request as the workshop had been delayed until the summer of 1999. The Bureau requested the State Party to co-operate with the World Heritage Centre to submit a revised proposal for consideration at the Bureau's 22nd ordinary session.
Tanzania	A.1.1.4	Support for 3 fellowships for African Specialists in Protected Area/Wildlife Management to the Mweka College of African Wildlife Management for the Academic Year of 1998-99.	30,000.00	30,000.00		The Bureau urged IUCN and the World Heritage Centre to co-operate with Mweka and other regional training centres to review their curricula and propose measures for enhancing use of information for World Heritage site management.
India	A.2.1.1	Meeting of Regional Training Centres and Selected Academic/ Training Institutions for Curricula and Training Materials Development, Wildlife Institute of India	41,000.00		30,000.00	The Bureau requested the State Party to consider bearing the costs of the participation of Indian natural World Heritage site managers and specialists.
SUB-TOTAL: TRAINING			160,900.00	89,900.00	30,000.00	

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2. TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION						
Common-wealth of Dominica	A.2.2.1	Revision of the Management Plan for Morne Trois Pitons National Park	13,900.00			For approval by the Chairperson, subject to the inscription of this site on the World Heritage List by the Committee at its twenty-first session, and payment of dues by the State Party to the World Heritage Fund. The Bureau encouraged the State Party to use national expertise for revising the management plan.
Niger	A.2.2.2	Purchase of equipment for W National Park	75,000.00		50,000.00	The Bureau recommended that the Committee approve a sum of US\$ 50,000. and request the World Heritage Centre, UNESCO's equipment unit and the State Party to purchase the needed equipment through competitive bidding and in the most cost effective manner. The Bureau suggested that the Committee decide that the funds should not be used for maintenance of vehicles and request the State Party to co-operate with the World Heritage Centre for submitting a progress report on project implementation, to enable the Bureau, at its 22nd ordinary session, to determine whether additional funds are needed.
India	A.2.2.3	Strengthening Protection of the Kaziranga National Park	50,000.00		50,000.00	The Bureau took note of its recommendation made at its 21st ordinary session, to the Committee that the Committee approve this request.
SUB-TOTAL: TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION			138,900.00	0	100,000.00	

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Requesting State Party or Advisory Body	Paragraph No. as presented in 21st Extra- ordinary Bureau Documents	Description	Amount (US\$) requested	Amount (US\$) approved by Bureau	Amount (US\$) by Bureau for approval by Committee	Conditions / Comments recommended
3. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE						
India	A.2.3.1	Contribution towards the Implementation of an Emergency Rehabilitation Plan for Manas Wildlife Sanctuary	160,000.00		90,000.00	
Democratic Republic of Congo	A.2.3.2	Purchase of Vehicles for 4 World Heritage Sites	88,400.00		45,000.00	The Bureau, while fully recognising the need for vehicles for each of the four sites, it expressed concerns over the current security situation in the eastern parts of the country and its impact on safe delivery and proper use and maintenance of the vehicles. Hence, the Bureau recommended that the Committee, as a first step, approve a sum of US\$ 45,000.00 for 2 vehicles (of the US\$ 90,000.00 requested for 4 vehicles) for any two of the four sites under consideration and request the State Party to cooperate with the World Heritage Centre to submit a progress report on project implementation to the Bureau's 22nd session. In addition, the Bureau suggested that the Committee request the World Heritage Centre to co-operate with conservation NGOs to ensure the safe delivery and proper use and maintenance of the vehicles.
SUB-TOTAL: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			248,400.00	0	135,000.00	

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Requesting State Party or Advisory Body	Paragraph No. as presented in 21st Extraordinary Bureau Documents	Description	Amount (US\$) requested	Amount (US\$) approved by Bureau	Amount (US\$) recommended by Bureau for approval by Committee	Conditions / Comments
1. TRAINING						
Laos	B.1.1.1	Training programme for the Historic Town of Luang Prabang	25,000.00	25,000.00	0	
Philippines	B.1.1.2	Training to enhance the management of the Baroque Churches	22,000.00	22,000.00	0	
Russian Federation	B.1.1.3	Training workshop for staff and specialists in the fields of designation, protection; management and rehabilitation of cultural WH sites in Central, Eastern Europe & Central Asia	29,800.00	Not approved	0	Detailed information on the use of funds had not been provided by the State Party. The Bureau decided that it will not consider any International Assistance requests submitted by States Parties without a detailed budget breakdown in the future.
Austria	B.2.1.1	Training course for the Examination and Conservation of Architectural Surfaces	35,000.00			Transmitted directly to the Committee.
Brazil	B.2.1.2	Inter-regional Postgraduate Course in the Conservation of Monuments and the rehabilitation of Historic Cities	50,000.00			Transmitted directly to the Committee.
Ghana	B.2.1.3	Ashanti Traditional Buildings	47,000.00			Transmitted directly to the Committee.
ICCROM	B.2.1.4	Development of a training strategy and procedural framework	50,000.00			Transmitted directly to the Committee.
SUB-TOTAL: TRAINING			258,800.00	47,000.00	0	

Requesting State Party or Advisory Body	Paragraph No. as presented in 21st Extraordinary Bureau Documents	Description	Amount (US\$) requested	Amount (US\$) approved by Bureau	Amount (US\$) by Bureau for approval by Committee	Conditions / Comments recommended
2. TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION						
China	B.1.2.1	Research project for the protection of the Terracotta Warriors and Horse Pits of the Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor	30,000.00	Decision deferred.	0	Chinese Authorities will provide further information concerning this request. Therefore, the Bureau decided to consider this request at its twenty-second session.
Nepal	B.1.2.2	Studies on traditional architecture, construction and conservation techniques, documenting Bhaktapur Monument Zone buildings	28,000.00	28,000.00 Conditional	0	The Bureau approved this request on the condition that the State Party pays its contributions to the World Heritage Fund for 1997. Furthermore, the Bureau requested the State Party to submit the results of this activity to the Bureau and stressed the importance of documentation for protecting World Heritage sites.
ICCROM	B.1.2.3	Technical Assistance Programme - TAP	25,000.00	25,000.00	0	
Vietnam	B.2.2.1	Revision of urban planning regulations of the Complex of Hué	35,000.00	0		Transmitted directly to the Committee.
Zimbabwe	B.2.2.2	Preparation of a conservation plan for Khami Ruins National Monuments	76,900.00	0		Transmitted directly to the Committee.
Mexico	B.2.2.3	Special course on the World Heritage Convention for Latin America and the Caribbean	30,000.00	0		The Bureau took note of its recommendation made at its 21st ordinary session to the Committee.
SUB-TOTAL: TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION			224,900.00	53,000.00	0	

**Summary of guidelines concerning International Assistance Requests
In paragraphs 90-117 of the Operational Guidelines**

	Type of international assistance											
	PREPARATORY			TRAINING			TECHNICAL CO- OPERATION			EMERGENCY		
	Maximum allocation In US \$	Advice From Advisory bodies	Status of Payment Of due to the fund	Maximum allocation In US \$	Advice From Advisory bodies	Status of Payment Of due to the fund	Maximum allocation In US \$	Advice From Advisory bodies	Status of Payment Of due to the fund	Maximum allocation In US \$	Advice From Advisory bodies	Status of Payment Of due to the fund
Decision by												
CHAIRPERSON	15,000.00	N/A	applicable	20,000.00	As appropriate	N /A	20,000.00	As appropriate	applicable	50,000.00	As appropriate	N/A
BUREAU	N/A			30,000.00	As appropriate	N/A	30,000.00	As appropriate	applicable	75,000.00	As appropriate	N/A
COMMITTEE	N/A			Above 30,000.00	As appropriate	N/A	Above 30,000.00	As appropriate	applicable	Above 75,000.00	As appropriate	N/A

Note : N/A = not applicable

Key to paragraph identification numbers

First Digit	Second Digit	Third Digit	Fourth Digit
A Nature B Culture	Section 1 Decision by Bureau Section 2 Decision by Committee Section 3 Decision by Chairperson	1 Training 2 Technical Co-operation 3 Emergency	in order of presentation according to alphabetical order for States Parties, then for advisory bodies

Example:

Paragraph **B.1.2.x** would indicate that the International Assistance Request is for

- B** Cultural Heritage
- 1** Decision by the Bureau
- 2** Technical Co-operation

A. NATURAL HERITAGE

A.2.1. TRAINING

A.2.1.1 INDIA (Meeting of Regional Training Centres and Selected Academic/Training Institutions for Curricula and Training Materials Development, Wildlife Institute of India)

World Heritage sites concerned: All natural sites on the World Heritage List.

Summary description: The Strategy for Training Specialists in Natural Heritage, adopted by the Committee at its nineteenth session, called for increased efforts to develop protected area management curricula by using World Heritage site-based case studies as training materials. Regional Training Centres, including Wildlife Institute of India (WII), CATIE (Costa Rica), Mweka (Tanzania) and Garoua (Cameroon) conduct World Heritage Fund supported training courses and workshops. However, the extent to which they utilize case studies from World Heritage sites as training materials remain undetermined.

WII and the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF) of India have offered to host the above meeting in March-April 1998 at Dehra Dun to: (a) review past experience in designing and conducting protected area management training; (b) suggest approaches and guidelines for writing case studies focused on World Natural Heritage sites for use as training materials; (c) draft a plan for establishing and operating a network between Regional Training Centres, academic institutes, the Secretariat and IUCN for developing a global set of such case studies; and (d) set up a schedule for developing sub-regional curricula and training materials development and validation projects.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget: Not indicated.

National and other inputs: Not indicated.

The WII and MOEF will meet all local and national costs for conducting the meeting at the new campus of WII in Dehra Dun. An estimate of the total value of the national contributions has been requested from the Indian authorities and, if received, will be presented at the time of the Bureau session.

Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund: US \$ 41,000.00

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| (a) Travel (International + Delhi-Dehra Dun return) for 2 representatives each from CATIE (Costa Rica), Mweka (Tanzania) and Garoua (Cameroon) | 15,000.00 |
| (b) Allowances for 6 persons representing CATIE, Mweka and Garoua (US\$ 100/day/person for 5 days) for accommodation, meals and miscellaneous expenses | 3,000.00 |
| (c) International travel for a minimum of 6 other experts representing relevant academic/training institutes outside of India and IUCN Training Task Force | 10,000.00 |
| (d) Allowances for the 6 experts mentioned above for accommodation, meals and miscellaneous expenses (US\$ 100/day/person for 5 days) | 3,000.00 |
| (e) Contribution to the participation of World Natural Heritage site managers of India (5 sites; includes travel, | 5,000.00 |

- accommodation, meals and allowances)
- (f) Contribution to the participation of Indian training specialists, 5,000.00
organizational expenses, and other miscellaneous and unforeseen costs

Comments from advisory bodies: IUCN, which has been fully involved in reviewing early draft proposals and the exchange of communications between the Secretariat and WII, supports this request.

Additional information submitted to the Bureau: The Bureau was informed that the total cost of the project was US\$ 48,000.00 of which US\$ 41,000.00 was requested under the World Heritage Fund and that the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) had agreed to provide a counterpart funding estimated at US\$ 5,000.00 to US\$ 7,000.00 to cover meeting organisational costs at its campus in Dehra Dun.

Action by the Committee: The Bureau recommended that the Committee approve an amount of US \$ 30,000.00 for this project. The Bureau requested the State Party to consider bearing the costs of the participation of Indian natural World Heritage site managers and specialists.
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A.2.2 TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

A.2.2.2 NIGER (Purchase of equipment for W National Park)

World Heritage site concerned: W National Park.

Status of payment due to the World Heritage Fund: Fully paid up to 1996.

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: In 1997, W National Park, has so far received an amount of US\$ 10,000.00 for one consultant and for the purchase of a GPS system for monitoring site-based projects.

Summary description: This project foresees the purchase of a range of equipment to reinforce the management capacity of the W National Park.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:		US \$ 105,000.00
• 3 pirogues/boats with motor	10,000.00	
• 4 motorbikes	15,000.00	
• 4 radios/transmission	13,000.00	
• 10 bicycles	2,000.00	
• 1 video camera	3,000.00	
• wildlife fences	4,000.00	
• house of guards at La Tapoa	12,000.00	
• 5 guard posts	6,000.00	
• 20 binoculars	2,000.00	
• 20 field clothing	1,600.00	
• 20 pairs outdoor shoes	1,200.00	
• 4 camp-beds	1,200.00	
• maintenance of cars	34,000.00	
National or other inputs:		US \$ 30,000.00
Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund:		US \$ 75,000.00

Advice from the advisory bodies and the Secretariat: The request was reviewed by the UNESCO equipment section and a comparative table of prices for the purchase of the majority of items mentioned above was submitted to the Secretariat for information. If the State Party agrees to competitive bidding for the supply of equipment and international purchase, cost of selected items could be reduced by as much as 50%. IUCN has pointed out that the purchase of these equipment could reinforce patrolling effectiveness and hence help the staff's ability to address pastoral and hunting pressures on the site.

Action by the Committee: The Bureau recommended that the Committee approves a sum of **US \$ 50,000.00** and requests the World Heritage Centre, UNESCO's equipment unit and the State Party to purchase the needed equipment through competitive bidding and in the most cost effective manner. The Bureau suggested that the Committee decide that the funds should not be used for maintenance of vehicles and requests the State Party to co-operate with the World Heritage Centre for submitting a progress report on project implementation to enable the Bureau, at its 22nd ordinary session, to determine whether additional funds are needed.

A.2.2.3 INDIA (Strengthening Protection of the Kaziranga National Park)

World Heritage site concerned: Kaziranga National Park.
Status of payment due to the World Heritage Fund: Fully paid up to 1997.
Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: None.

Summary description: Kaziranga National Park is well known for its success in the conservation of South Asia's greater one-horned rhinoceros. The Park supports 1,200 (60%) of the 2,000 rhinos remaining in wild in South Asian nations of India, Nepal and Bhutan. Annually about 26 rhinos are poached and double that number (52) and many other wildlife species die during the annual floods of the Brahmaputra River. Although poaching has been kept under control, encounters with poachers have risen sharply during recent years.

The project foresees to strengthen protection and improve wildlife survival opportunities in a two-to-three year plan (1997-1999). The Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF) and the State Government of Assam (SGA) have requested a total amount of US \$ 100,000.00 for a two year period. These funds are to be used in US \$ 50,000.00 blocks each year during 1997-1998 and 1998-1999, respectively.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget: (for 2 years) **US \$ 831,833.00**

National and other input: (for 2 years) **US \$ 731,833.00**

- MOEF, SGA are contributing the salaries, wages, travel allowances materials, project elephant and project eco-development operations, vehicle maintenance, deployment of home guards, daily-worker payments, medical expenses of staff, maintenance of guard camps and captive elephants, ecological studies, communications, conservation and development operations, buildings, publicity, administrative expenses and miscellaneous costs.

Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund: (for 2 years) **US \$ 100,000.00**

- Construction of 10 guard camps (US\$ 2,500.00 per camp) 25,000.00 x 2 years
- Construction of 5 highland shelters for wildlife to withdraw during floods (US\$ 4,200.00 per shelter) 21,000.00 x 2 years
- Audio-visual equipment for the Park interpretation Centre at Kohora 4,000.00 x 2 years

Comments from advisory bodies: The request has been prepared in full consultation with the IUCN/WCPA Vice-Chair for South Asia.

Action by the Committee: The Committee may wish to approve an amount of US \$ 50,000.00, for one year (1998) in accordance with the recommendation of the Bureau at its session in June 1997.
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A.2.3 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

A.2.3.1 INDIA (Contribution towards the Implementation of a Emergency Rehabilitation Plan for Manas Wildlife Sanctuary)

Concerned World Heritage site(s): Manas Wildlife Sanctuary
Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: 1997, US \$ 75,000.00 (see comments below)

Summary description: Following the on-set of Bodo militancy for an autonomous territory within the Indian State of Assam, in 1989, infrastructure of the site was badly damaged and staff morale declined sharply resulting in heavy poaching of wildlife. The Committee included Manas in the List of World Heritage in Danger in 1992, and requested the Government of India (GOI) to submit a state of conservation report and a rehabilitation plan. A joint GOI-UNESCO mission in January 1997 confirmed extensive damage to infrastructure but noted that militancy of the Bodo was subsiding and that the staff had established access to all parts of the Sanctuary. GOI and the State Government of Assam prepared a 2-3 year rehabilitation plan and a state of conservation report which were reviewed by the Bureau at its twenty-first session, and was found to be satisfactory.

The restoration plan, estimated at a total cost of US \$ 2,130,000.00 foresees completion of the restoration of site infrastructure, including purchase of equipment within a period of 2 years. Research and surveys; habitat improvement programmes; eco-development schemes for surrounding villages however, are expected to require a longer period of time, up to about 3 years.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget: US \$ 2,130,000.00

National or other input: US \$ 1,895,000.00

(over the 2-3 year period)

- restoration of 19 wooden bridges and link-roads 500,000.00
- reconstruction of 30 ranger quarters and camps and construction of new buildings, including living quarters for staff 500,000.00
 - Habitat improvement programmes 285,000.00
- eco-development programmes: GOI/UNDP-GEF Project on eco-development for adjacent villages 500,000.00
- research and surveys 60,000.00
- arms and ammunition 50,000.00

Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund: (over a two year period)

US \$ 235,000.00

- 3 vehicles (4-wheel drive) 30,000.00
- 55 Wireless sets 40,000.00
- 5 wooden/fiber boats 10,000.00
- Contribution for restoration of bridges and roads 60,000.00
- Contribution for building reconstruction 70,000.00
- Purchase of 400 patrolling gear 15,000.00
- Contribution to Office automation 10,000.00

Comments from advisory bodies and the Secretariat: The request has been prepared in full consultation with the IUCN/WCPA Vice-Chair for South Asia.

Additional Information provided to the Bureau: The Bureau noted that the Indian authorities in co-operation with UNESCO Office in New Delhi, have placed orders for the purchase of 3 vehicles 55 wireless communication sets and 2 wooden/fibre boats, at a total estimated cost of US\$ 73,164.62, using the US\$ 75,000.00 approved as emergency assistance by the Bureau at its last session in June 1997. In addition the Bureau was informed that the Ministry of Environment and Forests of India has informed UNESCO, New Delhi, in writing, that a counterpart funding of US\$ 400,000.00 has been set aside for the rehabilitation of Manas for the period from March 1997 to April 1998 and has requested UNESCO, New Delhi to transmit this information to the Centre.

Action by the Committee: The Bureau recommended that the Committee approves a second allocation of US \$ 90,000.00 as emergency assistance for covering the following expenditures: purchase of an additional 2-3 wooden fiber boats (US \$ 5,000.00), purchase of 400 patrolling gear (US \$ 15,000.00) and contribution towards construction of buildings within the site (US \$ 70,000.00).

A.2.3.2 Democratic Republic of the Congo (Purchase of Vehicles for four World Heritage Sites)

Concerned World Heritage sites :

- (i) Virunga and Garamba National Parks already declared by the Committee as World Heritage in Danger ; and
- (ii) Kahuzi Biega National Park and Okapi Wildlife Sanctuary recommended by the Bureau (June 1997) for inclusion in the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Previous World Heritage Fund Contributions : Substantial amounts of international assistance to the four World Heritage sites mentioned above had been disbursed in the past :

Preparatory assistance :

- US\$ 3,000 for the nomination of Okapi (1994) ;
- US\$ 15,000 preparation of indicative list (1995).

Emergency assistance :

- US\$ 77,845 for equipment for Garamba (1986-89 and in 1994) ;
- US\$ 20,000 for Virunga (1993).

Technical co-operation :

- US\$ 14,848 for a Jeep (1988) and US\$ 30,000 for equipment (1995) for Kahuzi Biega ;
- US\$ 50,000 for vehicles for Garamba (1989) ;

Training : a total of US\$ 44,866 during 1981-1990 for training of specialists.

Monitoring : US\$ 6,100 for a monitoring mission to Virunga and Kahuzi-Biega National Parks carried out in May 1996

Summary Description : Since July 1994, war and civil unrest have ravaged the Democratic Republic of Congo (previously, Zaire). The eastern parts of the country where the four World Heritage sites under consideration are situated have been particularly affected. Refugee activities are estimated to have damaged large areas in and around these four sites ; about 800,000 ha in Virunga National Park and 600,000 ha in Kahuzi Biega National Park have been significantly degraded. In Garamba and Okapi, the damage to ecosystems has been less severe, but an estimated area between 500,000 and 1,000,000 ha is estimated to be impacted. The inventory of equipment in all four sites has been looted and most of the staff have fled the area; staff remaining in the site have no means of mobility to survey the large surface areas of each of the four parks and loss of surveillance capacity has resulted in the widespread increase in poaching.

From September 1997 however, the Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism of the Democratic Republic of Congo has started to re-establish its control over the four sites as the socio-political situation in the eastern parts of the country has begun to stabilise. Personnel are returning to the sites and preparations, in co-operation with international conservation organisations such as WWF and IUCN and potential donors like UNDP and GTZ, for elaborating rehabilitation plans for the four World Heritage sites of the

Democratic Republic of Congo are underway.

The Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism welcomed the high-level mission from UNESCO, as recommended by the Bureau at its twenty-first session in June 1997. The mission has not yet been fielded due to prevailing security restrictions on all UN travel to the Democratic Republic of Congo. However, IUCN has included a monitoring mission to the Democratic Republic of Congo in its work plan and budget for 1998. The planning of UNESCO's high-level mission in early 1998 will be co-ordinated with the timing of the IUCN mission.

This emergency assistance request is for the purchase of one four-wheel drive vehicle for each of the four World Heritage sites to enable staff to carry out basic survey and surveillance operations essential to gather data needed for rehabilitation planning.

Budget Breakdown : Total Amount requested : JY 11,414,000. or US\$ 88,400.00
(at a rate of US\$ 1 = JY 125)

National and other input : Not specified

Requested from the World Heritage Fund: A sum of JY 11,414,000 or US\$ 88,400.00 is requested for the purchase of four units of Toyota Land Cruiser HZJ 175 Hardtop Model and their delivery directly to the World Heritage site via Mombasa (Kenya) and Kigali (Rwanda). The breakdown of the cost per unit (JY 2,853,500. or US\$ 22,100.00) is as follows :

• unit costs of Toyota Land Cruiser	JY	2,321,500.	
• freight charges	JY	490,000.	
• insurance	JY	42,000.	
Total	JY	2,853,500.	or US\$ 22,100.00

The quotation and best route for delivery of the vehicles to the sites were determined, as requested by the authorities of the Democratic Republic of Congo, by UNESCO's Unit for the Purchase of Equipment.

Comments from Advisory Bodies : The request has been prepared in consultation with IUCN representatives in Africa and is supported by IUCN's Senior Advisor for Natural Heritage.

Action by the Committee: The Bureau, while fully recognising the need for vehicles for each of the four sites, expressed concerns over the current security situation in the eastern parts of the country and its impact on safe delivery and proper use and maintenance of the vehicles. The Bureau recommended that the Committee, as a first step, approves a sum of **US\$ 45,000.00** for 2 vehicles (of the US\$ 90,000.00 requested for 4 vehicles) for any two of the four sites under consideration and request the State Party to co-operate with the World Heritage Centre to submit a progress report on project implementation to the Bureau's 22nd session. In addition, the Bureau suggested that the Committee request the World Heritage Centre to co-operate with conservation NGOs to ensure the safe delivery and proper use and maintenance of the vehicles.

B. CULTURAL HERITAGE

B.2.1 TRAINING

B.2.1.1 AUSTRIA (Training course for the Examination and Conservation of Architectural Surfaces)

World Heritage sites concerned: All World Heritage sites in Austria.

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions:

Training : 1996 Scholarships for 8 participants to attend a training course « European Course on the Examination and Conservation of Architectural Surfaces -ASC-96 », Vienna, Austria 28 Aug. - 18 Oct. 1996 (US \$ 20,000.00) (Note: This 1996 request was submitted by ICCROM)

Summary description: The ASC-96 course resulted with the recognition that a second European regional training activity would be useful for addressing the following themes

- technical, philosophical and management aspects of the conservation of architectural surfaces;
- communication and co-operation between specialists of related disciplines;
- regional networking ;
- awareness raising amongst local authorities and community members concerning methods of preserving architectural surfaces of private houses.

Direct target beneficiaries: Experts, national authorities and conservators from the region; maximum participants - 16.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget: US \$ 155,000.00

National and other input: US \$ 120,000.00

- Federal Office for the Protection of Monuments 45,000.00
- ICCROM 20,000.00
- European Union DG X Programme 45,000.00
- Council of Europe 10,000.00

Amount requested from World Heritage Fund: US \$ 35,000.00

operational funds 20,000.00

- didactic materials (US \$ 2,000.00)
- laboratory costs (US \$ 5,000.00)
- materials for practical work (US \$ 5,000.00)
- accident insurance, participants and temporary course staff for 2 months, 20 persons (US \$ 5,000.00)
- shipment / postage (US \$ 2,000.00)
- contribution to publication (US \$ 1,000.00)

scholarships (4 participants x US \$ 3,750.00) 15,000.00

- contribution for 4 participants (US \$ 1,800.00)
- accomodation of participants (US \$ 6,600.00)
- living expenses of participants (US \$ 6,600.00)

Advice from the advisory bodies: ICCROM has been directly involved in the development and implementation of the European Course on the Examination and Conservation of Architectural Surfaces. Considering that this training activity directly addresses key professionals working on behalf of national institutes for the care of monuments or equivalent, and would be an essential contribution for the continuation of this programme, ICCROM supports this request. ICCROM is presently collecting applications from all over Europe and the final selection of participants will be carried out at the end of December 1997 by a committee composed of Bundesdenkmalamt staff and ICCROM.

Action by the Committee: The Committee may wish to approve the amount of US \$ 35,000.00 for this request.

B.2.1.2 BRAZIL (Inter-regional Postgraduate Course in the Conservation of Monuments and the rehabilitation of Historic Cities (CECRE), Salvador de Bahia)

World Heritage sites concerned: Salvador de Bahia and other World Heritage sites in Latin America and the Caribbean

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: The course has received World Heritage assistance for international professors in 1988 (US \$ 14,500.00), 1990 (US \$ 19,500.00), 1993 (US \$ 29,750.00) and 1996 (US \$ 30,000.00) and for international fellowships in 1988 (US \$ 40,000.00), 1990 (US \$ 62,000.00), 1993 (US \$ 40,000.00) and 1996 (US \$ 35,000.00).

Summary description: The Inter-regional Postgraduate Course in the Conservation of Monuments and the rehabilitation of Historic Cities (CECRE) is held on a biannual basis at the Federal University of Bahia in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil. Each course provides a ten-month graduate training to twenty students from Brazil and ten from other countries in Latin America and Lusophone Africa.

An in-depth evaluation of the course was undertaken in 1995 (the evaluation report as well as reports on the 1988, 1990 and 1996 courses are available at the Secretariat). The evaluation concluded:

- (1) that the course is outstanding in its field,
- (2) that, based on the evaluation of each of the courses, its curriculum had been improved continuously and,
- (3) that it is the only post-graduate conservation course of this level in Latin America.

The Tenth CECRE will be held from March to December 1998 at the Federal University of Bahia in Salvador de Bahia. Financial assistance is requested to fund the participation of six international professors, international students, and the publication cost.

Direct target beneficiaries: National institutions for cultural heritage, local authorities and institutions with responsibility for cultural World Heritage sites.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:	US \$ 298,000.00
National or other input:	US \$ 248,000.00
• Ministry of Culture (IPHAN)	90,000.00
• MEC/CAPES (national fellowships)	90,000.00
• University of Bahia (national professors)	18,000.00
• University of Bahia (logistics, co-ordination) in-kind	50,000.00
Amount requested from World Heritage Fund	US \$ 50,000.00
• Six international professors	30,000.00
• International students	10,000.00
• Publication	10,000.00

Advice from advisory bodies: ICCROM advised favourably on this request on the basis of the following :

- the course has a record of success over many years.
- the course is inter-regional, interdisciplinary, theoretical, practical and well structured.

ICCROM considers the request for a publication of special importance, for sharing information and especially appropriate, given that it will be the tenth anniversary of this inter-regional course. ICCROM requested information concerning the duration of the international professors' participation (which has an average of 2 weeks).

Action by the Committee : Considering the advice from ICCROM, the Committee may wish to approve this request for the total amount of US \$ 50,000.00.
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B.2.1.3 GHANA (Ashanti Traditional Buildings)

World Heritage site concerned:

Ashanti Traditional Buildings

Previous World Heritage Fund contributions: In 1997, after a visit to some of these sites by a UNESCO/WHC consultant at the request of the Ghana Museum and Monument Board (GMMB), US\$ 20,000.00, which had been originally allocated for Fort Prinzenstein (Ghana forts), was provided to prepare a diagnosis of the state of conservation of Ashanti Shrines and to carry out the emergency works to prevent further destruction. The work was undertaken in June 1997 through the implementation of a training activity within the frame of the Training Strategy for sub-Saharan Africa.

Summary description: The Ashanti Traditional Buildings were inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1980. They spread throughout the North/Northeast of Kumasi and are located in 12 different sites. Although much effort have been made in order to preserve them, some structures remain in a bad state and with a high risk of further deterioration.

This project proposes to complement the work carried out in 1997, which was limited to emergency measures and foresees;

- i) to train the technicians and craftsmen who are involved in the conservation of the Ashanti Traditional Buildings through theoretical and *in situ* conservation activities;
- ii) to offer practical and scientific experience to increase the competence and skill of local workers and conservators;
- iii) to prepare a preliminary "Management Plan" for this site.

The programme foresees: 8 weeks of *in situ* training with 2 international experts from CRATerre and more theoretical training on:

- i) Conservation plan (2 days)
- ii) Maintenance scheme (3 days)
- iii) Traditional building techniques (3 days)
- iv) Sites presentation (2 days)

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:		US \$ 63,000.00
National and other inputs:		US \$ 16,000.00
• operating budget for the maintenance of the site	10,000.00	
• Ghana Museums and Monuments Board	2,000.00	
• French Embassy contribution	4,000.00	
Amount requested from World Heritage Fund:		US \$ 47,000.00
• fee, travel of international experts, preparation, of training course content preparation and dissemination of the results	34,000.00	
• organisational costs, internal travel, <i>per diem</i> of trainees, purchase of building materials, tools and equipment to be managed by the Ghana Museums and Monuments Board	13,000.00	

Advice from the advisory bodies: Although the request was prepared by CRATerre, who is a partner of the Secretariat and ICCROM for the implementation of the Training Strategy south of the Sahara, in accordance with paragraph 93 of the operational guidelines, the request was submitted by ICCROM. ICCROM requested clarifications concerning target beneficiaries. The matter will be discussed at the forthcoming co-ordination meeting in January 1998 between the World Heritage Centre, ICCROM and CRATerre.

Action by the Committee: Considering the advice from ICCROM, the Committee may wish to approve the total amount of US \$ 47,000.00 for this <i>in-situ</i> conservation training activity.

B.2.1.4 ICCROM (Development of a training strategy and procedural framework)

Summary description: The World Heritage Committee, at its twentieth session, decided that ICCROM should be the “priority partner” in further development and co-ordination of implementing the Convention, with respect to training of professionals responsible for the conservation of cultural heritage sites. Furthermore, the Committee decided that ICCROM should evaluate, when appropriate, the requests related to training proposed by States Parties.

The request seeks assistance

- i) to continue the development of an overall training strategy within the context of the World Heritage Convention;
- ii) to develop a regional training strategy within the specific context of Latin America;
- iii) to clarify the criteria and procedures which will allow for the proper assessment of training requests submitted by States Parties to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

Partners: ICCROM, UNESCO World Heritage Centre, and the national authorities of the States Parties concerned.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget:	Not mentioned.
ICCROM Contribution:	Not mentioned.
Amount requested from World Heritage Fund:	US \$ 50,000.00
• Expert Meeting in Paris or Rome for refining Overall Strategy	20,000.00
• Survey of Latin America/Development of Training Strategy (Consultant contract and meeting)	20,000.00
• 2 Meetings with the World Heritage Centre to establish procedures for assessment of requests to the World Heritage Fund	10,000.00

Action by the Committee: The Committee may wish to approve this request for a reduced amount of US \$ 20,000.00 to develop the Training Strategy in Latin America, and requesting that the cost of the 1998 meetings to establish procedures for assessments of requests to the World Heritage Fund be borne by the operating budget of ICCROM and the World Heritage Centre in connection with the bi-annual meetings of the World Heritage Centre and the advisory bodies. A request to refine the overall strategy could be submitted to the next Committee meeting, once all the regional analyses have been completed.
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B.2.2 TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

B.2.2.1 VIETNAM (Revision of urban planning regulations of the Complex of Hué Monuments)

World Heritage site concerned: Complex of Hué Monuments

Status of payment of dues to the World Heritage Fund: Fully paid to 1997.

Previous World Heritage Fund contribution:

Technical Co-operation	1996	Re-evaluation of perimeters of the site and establishment of building guidelines (US \$ 12,500.00)
Training	1995	Technical and training assistance for a wood conservation laboratory (US \$ 108,000.00)

Summary description: International support for this site has largely focused on the conservation of historic monuments in zone 1 (core zone). Due to inadequate legislation, the local authorities have been facing considerable problems in regulating and controlling demolition of historic vernacular houses and construction of inappropriate new buildings in the buffer zones, 2 and 3. The 1997 World Heritage technical co-operation grant of US \$ 12,500.00 enabled an evaluation of the existing laws and regulations which resulted in a recommendation to revise the preservation plan of the site. A co-operation project, to be concluded in mid-November 1997 between the Province and the City of Hué and Communauté urbaine de Lille (France) under the auspices of UNESCO, will initiate the elaboration of a Safeguarding and Development Plan of Hué. However, in view of the time required to develop this plan and due to the rapid development of the City of Hué and threats of major transport infrastructure imposing upon the historic section of the City, this project foresees the co-financing of the elaboration of a provisional regulation. The International Technical Advisor (urban planner) to be employed under this grant will work with the Urban Planning Offices of the Province of Thua Thien-Hué and the City and Province of Hué. A report on the state of conservation, indicating information on on-going infrastructural projects and their impact on the World Heritage values of the City, and a draft provisional urban planning regulations on zones 2 and 3, will be prepared for submission to the twenty-second session of the Committee.

Budget breakdown:

Total budget breakdown: US \$ 75,000.00

National or other input: US \$ 40,000.00

Province and City of Hué (in kind) :

- national architects, urban planners, logistical support
Lille (France) :
- establishment of a « Heritage House » attached to the Urban Planning Office of Hué and short-term experts

Amount requested from World Heritage Fund: US \$ 35,000.00

- International Technical Advisor (urban planner)
fees, travel and DSA for 3 working months 20,000.00
- International legal advisor mission
fees, travel and DSA for 2 working weeks 2,500.00
- Interpreters, translators 3,000.00

• Organization of meeting with co-ordinators of the international and intranational projects	5,000.00
• Report	4,000.00
• Photo/Map reproduction costs	500.00

Advice from advisory bodies: ICOMOS sent an evaluation mission to Hué when this site was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1993. ICOMOS has received several informal reports subsequently from ICOMOS members who have visited Hué. ICOMOS, aware that the 1993 planning measures in force are inadequate to provide sufficient protection in the present period of rapid economic expansion, strongly supports this request, which it finds well conceived.

Action by the Committee: The Committee may wish to approve this request for the amount of US \$ 35,000.00.
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B.2.2.2 ZIMBABWE (Preparation of a conservation plan for Khami Ruins National Monument)

World Heritage site concerned: Khami Ruins National Monument

Status of payment of dues to the World Heritage Fund: Fully paid up to 1997.

Summary description: At the twentieth session of the Committee, it was reported that the National Museum and Monuments of Zimbabwe (NMMZ) was preparing a Strategic Action Plan for the conservation and management of Khami. The Committee, noting this information, encouraged the Authorities of Zimbabwe to pursue their efforts for better conservation of this site by allocating adequate resources and transferring the expertise acquired at the World Heritage site of Great Zimbabwe.

This project aims at reducing the natural and human-induced threats to the architectural fabric and cultural integrity of Khami. Inscribed on the List of 100 most endangered sites on the World Monuments Fund List in 1996, the site is threatened by the encroachment of the development of Bulawayo City. The project foresees the appointment of an engineering consultant to produce, in conjunction with NMMZ and its professional staff, a comprehensive strategic conservation plan for Khami to carry out:

- i) a condition survey of the state of preservation of all the walls which will be the basis for all future monitoring and restoration activities,
- ii) improvements of the visitor's facilities,
- iii) the placement of a better security fence,
- iv) the purchase of specialised equipment and instruments for use during restoration and monitoring.

Direct target beneficiaries: National Museums and Monuments of Zimbabwe and site manager of Khami.

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget: US \$ 144,650.00

- Production of a strategic conservation plan including consultancy fees 10,900.00
- Condition survey 11,000.00
- Monitoring, restoration and purchase of instruments and equipment 65,000.00
- Security fence and gate 40,000.00
- Provisions of on-site custodians to carry out day to day maintenance work, labour to carry out urgent monitoring and restoration work, basic improvement of the visitor 's facilities. 17,750.00

National and other inputs: US \$ 67,750.00

NMMZ 17,750.00
World Monument Fund 50,000.00

Amount requested from the World Heritage Fund: US \$ 76,900.00

Advice of the advisory body: ICOMOS gives its support to this request, as it considers the project to be amply justified and well conceived. It hopes that it will be possible for the full sum requested to be provided from the World Heritage Fund. However, if this proves impossible in the present year, ICOMOS suggests that the item relating to the security fence and gate might be withdrawn from the present request and made the subject of a supplementary request in the next financial year.

Action by the Committee: The Committee may wish to approve the amount of US \$ 36,900.00 with a recommendation to the State Party to submit a supplementary request to the twenty-second session of the Committee.

B.2.2.3 MEXICO (Special Course on the World Heritage Convention for Latin America and the Caribbean)

Status of payment of dues to the World Heritage Fund: Fully paid up to 1997.

Summary description: The project foresees that the Mexican National Institute for Anthropology and History (INAH) organizes a three-week course on the World Heritage Convention and its application over a period of twenty-five years, addressing all related issues. At the end of the course, the participants from Mexico and twelve other countries from the region (selected and proposed by States Parties) will be able to:

- (i) apply the basic criteria of the Convention in the inscription process and the subsequent conservation and management programmes,
- (ii) identify and apply to the different mechanisms of international assistance, and
- (iii) evaluate the needs of personnel training for the conservation of natural and cultural properties.

The maximum number of participants will be fifty. Lectures will be given by renowned international experts with experience in the implementation of the Convention.

Direct target beneficiaries: States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean..

Budget breakdown:

Total project budget: US \$ 67,000.00

National or other input: US \$ 37,000.00

The national contribution will cover the infrastructure, support personnel and the edition of the report of the course estimated

Amount requested from World Heritage Fund US \$ 30,000.00

- Travel for six lecturers 6,000.00
- Accommodation for six professors (six days each) 3,600.00
- Travel for twelve participants (Belize, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Paraguay, Dominican Republic, Venezuela) 6,000.00
- Accommodation for 12 participants 14,400.00

Decision by the Bureau at its twenty-first ordinary session: On the basis of recommendations of ICOMOS, IUCN and ICCROM, the Bureau recommended the approval for the amount of **US \$ 30,000.00**. The Bureau, however, agreed to the suggestions of ICCROM to place this special course within the context of the Regional Training Strategy adopted by the Committee, and to IUCN's recommendation to ensure a balanced participation of natural and cultural heritage experts, and to better define the target audience of the course.

Action by the Committee: The Committee may wish to endorse the above recommendation of the Bureau and approve this request for the amount of **US\$ 30,000.00**.