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# Periodic Reporting on the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention in the Asia Pacific Region

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#### Periodic Reporting Exercise Background

Upon request of the General Conference of UNESCO, the World Heritage Committee at its 22nd session in 1998

- (a) defined the periodicity, form, nature and extent of the periodic reporting exercise;
- (b) invited States Parties to submit periodic reports every six years.

and

(c) adopted a Format to be followed by the Periodic Reports

#### **Asia-Pacific Regional Perspective**

- 27 Asian States Parties
- 12 Pacific States Parties
- All of which are requested to submit a report on their implementation of the World Heritage Convention for Section I of the Regional Periodic Report.



#### The Asia-Pacific Periodic Report

## Of the World Heritage Sites inscribed before the end of 1994

55 are cultural sites in 14 States Parties; the majority are situated in China, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka (36 out of 55)

33 are mixed and natural sites in 11 States Parties; the majority are situated in Australia, China and India (21 out of 33)



#### **The Adopted Format**

Section I
deals with the Application of the
World Heritage Convention

Section II

deals with the State of Conservation of World Heritage Properties (in the case of Asia and the Pacific this applies to Properties inscribed before the end of 1994)



#### The Adopted Format

- Questionnaires were developed to assist States Parties in the preparation of their Reports following the adopted Format.
- Section I Questionnaires were supplied to all 39 States Parties of the World Heritage Convention in the Asia Pacific Region.
- Section II Questionnaires were supplied to 16 States Parties with Properties inscribed on the List before the end of 1994.



#### **Preparatory Meetings**

To support States Parties in the Periodic Reporting Exercise briefing/training meetings have been organised as follows:

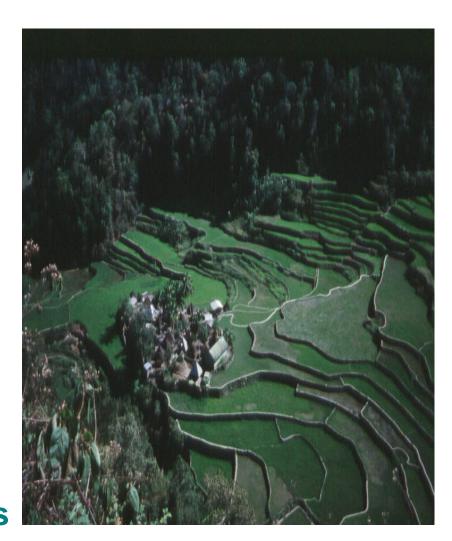
- Sub-Regional Workshop, Indonesia, March 2001
- Regional Workshop, Republic of Korea, July 2001
- Regional Workshop, Australia, March 2002
- National Workshop, China, July 2002
- National Workshop, India, November 2002
- National Workshop, Sri Lanka, December 2002

Consultation meetings have been organised as follows:

- Natural/Mixed Sites, Vietnam, 20-22 January 2003
- Cultural Sites, Iran, 8-15 March 2003

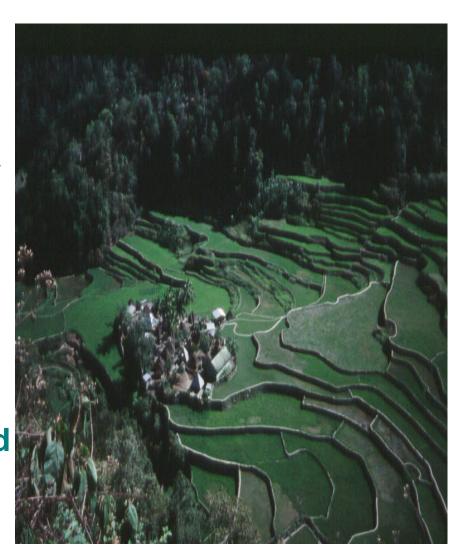


- 1. Iran
- 2. Kyrgyzstan
- 3. Turkmenistan
- 4. Mongolia
- 5. Rep of Korea
- 6. Indonesia
- 7. Vietnam
- 8. Bangladesh
- 9. Pakistan
- 10. Sri Lanka
- 11. Australia
- 12. New Zealand have submitted full Reports





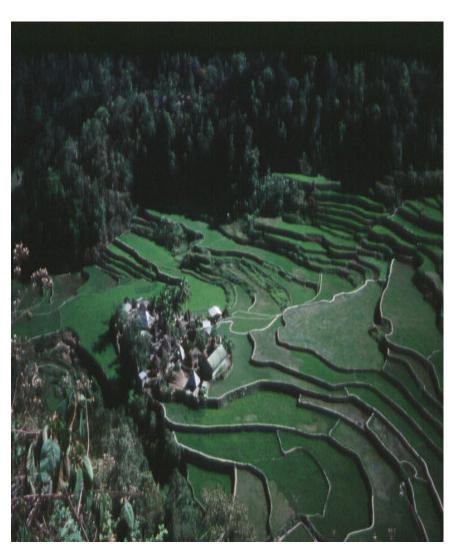
- 1. China
- 2. India
- 3. Nepal
  Have submitted Reports for
  Natural Heritage only.
- 1. Japan
- 2. Philippines
- 3. Thailand
  Have undertaken to deliver
  Reports for Natural/Mixed
  Heritage at the Vietnam
  Consultation Meeting.





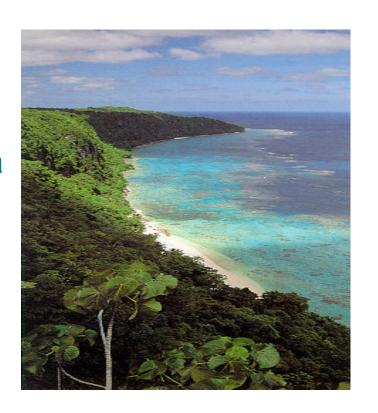
- 1. Afghanistan
- 2. Kazakhstan
- 3. Tajikistan
- 4. Uzbekistan
- 5. DPR of Korea
- 6. Cambodia
- 7. Laos
- 8. Malaysia
- 9. Myanmar
- 10. Bhutan
- 11. Maldives

Have not submitted any Report





- 1. Fiji
- 2. Kiribati
- 3. Marshall Islands
- 4. Federated States of Micronesia
- 5. Niue
- 6. Palau
- 7. Papua New Guinea
- 8. Samoa
- 9. Solomon Islands
- 10. Vanuatu



**Have not submitted any Report** 

Action: WHC and UNESCO Apia will consult with Pacific Island States Parties and the Advisory Bodies (IUCN, ICOMOS and ICCROM) on preparation of input into Synthesis Report and Action Plan

#### The Asia-Pacific Synthesis Report

- The deadline for submission of information for the Synthesis Report was 31 December 2002.
- Information submitted thereafter may not be fully integrated.
- The Report must be finalised before the end of April 2003 for translation and circulation.
- The Report will be presented to the World Heritage Committee at its 27<sup>th</sup> session in Suzhou, China, in 29 June – 5 July 2003.



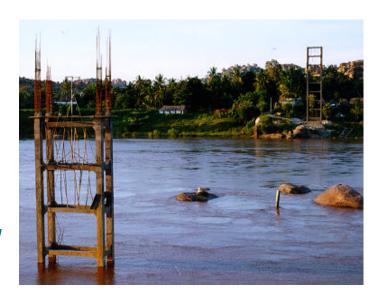
### Why is the Periodic Reporting exercise asking for.....

- 1. Maps indicating protected, core and buffer zones;
- 2. A statement of significance;
- 3. Identification of deformation to heritage values;
- 4. Identification of remedial measures and conservation challenges;
- 5. Copies of national legislation and regulations;
- 6. Analysis of strengths and weaknesses in the legal and management framework;
- 7. The structure of the management authority;
- 8. An assessment of expertise and institutional and financial resources.



#### Because....

This information is often inadequate in Nomination dossiers, and crucial to the development of Country and Site profiles as



tools to support the Committee's work to mobilise international co-operation to States Parties.



#### Through the Periodic Reporting Exercise we will be able to....

- ♦ Identify conservation and management needs
  - elaborate national and sub-regional strategies for addressing these needs
    - strengthen partnership between States Parties, specialized agencies, donors, and stakeholders for implementing the strategies
      - increase national capacity for sustainable conservation of World Heritage
         protect and manage
         World Heritage



#### Conclusion



The Periodic Reporting exercise
is an opportunity to:
analyse national needs,
formulate practical solutions, celebrate
progress and success, and
promote awareness of issues that will resonate
not just nationally, but regionally and globally.





