

# PERIODIC REPORTING EXERCISE ON THE APPLICATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION

# **SECTION I**

State of Conservation of specific World Heritage properties

State Party: Iran

# I.1.Introduction

a.	Country (and state Party if different): Iran	001
b.	Year of ratification or acceptance of the convention: 1972	002
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d.	Date of report: September 2002	004
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# II.2. Identification of the cultural and natural properties

3.	National inventories	
-	Inventories of cultural and natural heritage of national significance from the basis for the identification of possible World Heritage properties. Indicate the organization(s) or institution(s) responsible for the preparation and updating of these national inventories (if different from those named under question 003)	006
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level exist	f and to what extent inventories lists and/or at the local, state and/or national ::	00
	national inventory list that all the monuments and sites with cultural – historical ce are registered to it.	
	undertaken the preparation of lists or of national inventories on one or several of ving levels:	oc
	National (X)	
	State/province ( )	
	Local (≾) ory (list or registry ) has been develop ( )	
No invent	ory (list of registry ) has been develop ( )	

b.	Tentative list	
	Article 11 of the convention refers to the submission by State Parties of inventories of properties suitable for inclusion in the World Heritage List, so-called Tentative Lists. Have you submitted a Tentative List for national and/or cultural properties in your country since your adhesion to World Heritage Convention:	010
	Provide the dates of submission of Tentative List(if any ):	011
	Provide the dates of any revision made since its submission (if any )	
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 Describe the process of preparing or revision of the Tentative List and give details (if applicable) concerning the involement of local authorities and population:	014
Properties are added to Tentative List by considering the criteria explained in World Heritage Guidelines and national criteria.	
Were the local authorities consulted for the identification:	015
Was the local population consulted for the identification:	016

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Please provide an analysis of the process by which these nomination are prepared, ind also to which degree this was done in collaboration and co-operation with local author and people:	
After registration in the National Inventory List, the property is subjected to investigate criteria of World Heritage Guidelines. The experts of provincial offices of ICHO are doing first step of this evaluation. Then it is submitted to the research deputy of ICHO and the experts there will make the final decision and necessary arrangements for nominating property for inscription in the World Heritage List. In the provincial levels public opinion reflects to the decision of local authorities.	ng the he the
Describe the motivation for entering into the nomination process:	019
Iran has an ancient history and a lot of valuable monuments and has been remind from times.	n those
Detail the obstacles and difficulties encountered in that process as well as the perceiv benefits of World Heritage listing and the lessons learnt:	ed 020
Selecting some among the large number of properties with cultural and historical valuadding to the Tentative List was the main problem	es for

# I.3. Protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage

a.	General policy development	
	Provide information on adoption of policies that aim to give the cultural and natural heritage a function in the life of community, including the dates of their elaboration and implementation:	021
	Answering to the conservation, restoration and presentation of the Natural and Cultural heritage, there is some projects that their implement would be started after the approval by a committee of experts.	
	Also ICHO plan his activities following the below listed regularities:  Preparing and implementing the research projects about cultural properties,  Identification and examination of historical sites, hills, monuments and complexes and supplying a comprehensive list of them with Archaeological map.	
	<ul> <li>Doing necessary arrangements for identification and reclamation of Iranian cultural properties inside and outside of country.</li> <li>Inscription of valuable cultural – historical properties in national inventory list.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Preparation and implementation of Conservation programmes.</li> <li>Supervising all the comprehensive and construction prposed plan related to cultural – historical sites and buildings and protecting them against every kind of aggression</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Identifying the borders and boundaries for buildings, complexes, sites and archaeological sites, and setting the regularities for construction within borders.</li> <li>Presentation of valuable cultural properties by means of museums, exhibitions and so</li> </ul>	
	on.  • Encouraging public to taking part in activities relating to cultural heritage.	-
	Provide information on the way the State Party or the relevant authorities has(have) taken steps to integrate the protection of World Heritage properties into comprehensive planning programs. Indicate also the level on which the integration take place (e.g. national, state/provincial or local):	022
	It is done by means of cultural activities aimed to present the properties and clearing their conservation significance.	
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Indicate areas where improvement would be desirable, and towards which the State Party is 023

### I.3.a continued

working:	023
In general implementation of conservation and restoration projects and more research activities and some concern of sites presentation should be carried out, which have been considered in short term work plans.	
 Status of services for Protection, conservation and presentation	
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Provide information on any services for Protection, conservation and presentation of heritage within the territories of the State Party which have been set up or have been substantially improved since ratification of the World Heritage Convention, if applicable:	024
Conservation and Rehabilitation deputy or ICHO is the responsible body for outline strategies, planning and supervising the conservation programs concerned with historical sites and buildings. According to each site specification, conservation projects have been prepared that should be judge in a committee of experts and after approval they are referred to provincial offices of ICHO for implementation. Large projects a reaserch- conservation bureau would be established to answer the requirements of project management andreaserches	
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Give the number of staff on the national level directly involved in Protection, conservation and presentation of cultural and natural heritage:

400 persons in managing, research and administrative part and 900 person as labor force..

Assess their means to discharge their function in terms of influence on policy making and implementation:

There's a great need for increasing human resources and employing experts that obey the national employment regularities.

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# I.3.b continued

	Indicate areas where improvement would be desirable, and towards which the State Party is working:	027
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	Development is necessary in case of identification, research and conservation of the sites. Iranian Cultural Heritage (ICHO) is going to employ more qualified experts and strength the connection with privet section favoring these fields.	
	Scientific and technical studies and research	
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	List significant and technical studies or research projects of a generic nature(site specific information should be reported upon under section II.4) that would benefit World Heritage properties, initiated or completed. Indicate also how the study results are disseminated and/or how they can be accessed:	028
	Training workshops and research projects is foreseen or being held. Among these we can mention The International Training Workshop on Earthen Architecture (Chogha Zanbil, 2002) and national / local workshops, continuing such activities in future is a matter of high priority.	
	List the areas where improvement would be desirable, and towards which the State Party is working:	029
	There's a great need to invite the international/national qualified experts and instructors for lecturing in such workshops and courses. And developing research bodies	

### I.3. continued

Does your country have specific legislation and policies concerning identification, Protection,	03
conservation and presentation and rehabilitation of national heritage?  YES/NO	
If yes, please give detail, paying particular attention to measure concerning visitor management and development in the region:	03
In basis of property's condition and needs, requirements in the field of Conservation, Preservation and Presentation would be reflected into workplans which will be criticized in a committee of experts and after suggesting modifications (if applicable) they come to executing phase.	
If such measures have been taken , have they have an impact on implementation of the World Heritage Convention in your country: (YES) NO	03
If yes, how:	
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Conservation, Preservation and presentation projects are prepared and after receiving approval, will be employed on registered properties	
Are the local communities involved in the conservation and protection of natural and cultural heritage:	03
Describe the actions undertaken to encourage the active participation of the local	03
communities in the conservation and protection of natural and cultural heritage and assess their effectiveness:	
their effectiveness:	

# I.3.d continued

Is the privet sector involved in the conservation and protection of natural and cultural YES/NO	036
Describe the actions undertaken to involve the privet sector in the conservation and protection of natural and cultural heritage sites:	037
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Are NGO's involved in the conservation and protection of natural and cultural heritage? YES NO	038
Describe the actions undertaken NGO's in the conservation and protection of natural and cultural heritage sites:	039
Private sectors work in the field of Cultural Heritage under supervision of ICHO.	
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Indicate if, on the bases of the experiences gained, policy and/or legal reform is considered recessary:	040
Describe why this is the case and how a new policy / legislation should be conceived:	041
It seems that some reviews are necessary to improve the level o effectiveness of mplementation of the projects.	

# I.3.d continued

Which other international conventions for the protection of cultural or natural heritage have been signed or ratified by the State Party:	042
World Heritage Convention, 1972	
Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, 1954	
NESCO Convention on the means of prohibiting and preventing the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property, 1970	
Describe how the application of these different legal instruments is coordinated and integrated in national policies and planning:  Regularities and obligations of ratified International Conventions, after receiving Parliament approval, is equivalent to the other national lows and are obliged to be followed	043
Indicate relevant scientific and technical measures that the State Party or relevant	044
institutions within the State have taken for the identification, Protection, conservation and presentation and rehabilitation of national heritage:	
The Technical – Research committee is responsible for supervising and evaluating the Conservation and Identification activities of cultural and natural properties.	
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# I.3.d continued

Indicate relevant financial measures that the State Party or relevant authorities have taken for identification, Protection, conservation and presentation and rehabilitation of national heritage:	045
The Technical – administrative committee is responsible for supervising and evaluating the Conservation and Identification activities of cultural and natural properties.	
Is there an annual budget allowance for the protection and conservation of World Heritage sites an your country?	046
If yes, is it specifically for a property or is it part of a regular budget covering cultural environment?	047
It is an annual specified budget.	
Give detailed information on the presentation of cultural and natural heritage, which can ref	er 048
to publications, internet web pages, films, stamps, postcards, books, etc. (please examples for all World Heritage properties, if possible)	er   U48
Presentation and Education Deputy of ICHO, involved in presentation of and introduction to cultural – natural heritage, and each year some events have been organized to present the values of cultural-natural heritage (i.e. festivals, conferences, exhibitions and etc.) also PED release cultural products (e.g. publications, post cards, videos, replicas and multi media products) and web sites.	
Recently these events have been held in World Heritage sites:  1. Traditional Art Congress in Isfahan,	i

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identify areas where improvement of the measures taken for the identification, Protection, conservation and presentation and rehabilitation of World Heritage would be desirable, and towards which the State Party is working:

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Recently these events have been held in World Heritage sites:

1. Traditional Art Congress in Isfahan,
2. Cultural Heritage week in Perspolis
3. Irania theatre performance in Chogha Zanbil.

Training			
		ning and educational strategies that have been implemented ssional capacity building:	050
education centers and Also there is some spec Army forces, Custom, a	organizi cial info nd teac	g done via academic courses in the universities and highering training workshops and courses.  Training workshops and courses.  Training workshops and organizations like,  Thers.  To courses exist in the below mentioned centers and	
Isfahan Art University	BA	Conservation and restoration of cultural properties	
Isfahan Art University Isfahan Art University	MA MA	Conservation and restoration of histo-cultural objects Conservation and restoration of historic buildings and urban sites	<u> </u>
Tehran University	MA	Conservation and restoration of historic buildings and urban sites	
Kerman University	BA	Conservation and restoration of historic buildings and urban sites	
Soureh University	BA	Conservation and restoration of historic buildings	
(Ardebil)		and urban sites	
Higher Education Center (ICHO)	BA	Conservation and restoration of historic buildings and urban sites	
		utions or individual concerned with the protection and	051
conservation of heritag	ie identi	riea? YES(NO)	

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If yes, list the primary needs:	052
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Were existing training opportunities in your State and in other countries identified?	053
YES//NO	
If yes, please give details:	054
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There is an agreement with Architecture University of Milan for exchanging lecturers and	1
students.	
Architecture department of Oxford university will cooperate in conservation project of	1
Massouleh Village,	
In case of Conservation, Preservation and identification of cultural-natural heritage, we have	1
academic courses and syllabus as well as national/international workshops.	
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Have you developed training modules or programs for the World Heritage sites? YES/NO	055
Thave you developed training modules of programs for the World Heritage sites."	033
If yes, give detail:	056
in yes, give detain.	030
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The higher Education Center of ICHO and different universities in country are dealing with	
teaching the Conservation and identification of cultural -natural heritage.	1
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las staff received heritage training in or outside of your country?	(ES)/NO	057
f yes, give detail:	<u>:</u>	058
he responsible experts and employers in conservation activities are graduate r abroad universities and the up dating courses are being held to keep their k he appropriate level.	d from Iranian knowledge at	
ive details on the establishment or development of national or regional cente nd education in the protection, conservation and presentation of the cultural	ers for training	059
eritage (if applicable):	anu naturai	
due 1980 national and regional education centers for identification and consei ultural – natural heritage were established.	rvation of	
escribe the degree to which such training has been integrated within existing	n university and	060
ducational systems:		
lere's BA., MA courses		

# I.3.e continued

Indicate the steps that the State has taken to encourage scientific research as a support to training and educational activities concerning heritage:	061
Providing the opportunities to attend in training workshops, updating their information, providing them the chance of visiting to research centers in other countries and offering research –educational scholarships	
Identify areas where improvement would be desirable, and towards which the State Party is working:	062
There's a need to extend the training workshops specially by using international instructors.	

# I.4. International cooperation and fund raising

ide.	ovide detailed information on the co-operation with the other State Parties for the entification, Protection, conservation and presentation and rehabilitation of World Heritage ated on their territories:	063
con	re's two sided visits of other World Heritage properties. UNESCO is cooperating in eservation project of Chogha Zanbil, and in Perspolis and Naghsh-e-Jahan Square are some operation with Italian conservators and experts.	

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To summarize the information given above, please indicate the type of co-operation best describing your activities (multiple answer possible):	064
Bi- and multilateral agreement  Hosting and/or attending of international training courses / seminar (X)  Financial support  ()	
Distribution of information material (please attach copy)  Other (please specify)	
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Indicate which measure have been taken to avoid damage directly or indirectly to the World Heritage on the territory of the State Parties:	065
<ul> <li>Regular inspection of World Heritage properties,</li> <li>Annual conservation workplan,</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Preparing reports of Conservation treatments that have been carried out each year.</li> </ul>	
Do you have World Heritage sites that have been twined with others at national or international level:	066
If yes, give details about the form of cooperation:	

# I.4. continued

Have national, public and privet foundations or associations been established for raising funds and donations for the protection of World Heritage:	068
If yes, give detail:	069
Has the State Party given assistance to this end?  YES/NO	070
If yes, give detail:	071
Has the government made voluntary contributions to the World Heritage Fund, beside the mandatory ones, to globally improve the work on the Convention?  Yes/No	072
If yes, give details such as year and amount , and indicate if they have been allocated to a particular site:	073
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# I.5. education , information and awareness building

Have steps been taken by the State Party to raise the awareness of decision-maker owners and/or the general public about the protection and conservation of cultural natural heritage?		074
If yes, please give details:		075
ICHO make public aware of importance of conservation and protection of world helmeans of publications (i.e. leaflets, posters, guidebooks), making films and organiz conferences and lectures.		
Provide information on education (primary, secondary and tertiary) and information programs that have been undertaken or are planed to strengthen appreciation and the population, to keep the public broadly informed of the dangers threatening the and of activities carried out in pursuance of the Convention:	respect by	076
ICHO provide information and documents for public to make them familiar with culnatural heritage values and encourage them to take part in conservation and prote activities. The local authorities also give visitors and residence of nearby area need information.	ection	
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# I.6. Conclusions and recommended action

Please summarize the main conclusion regarding the identification of cultural and natural heritage properties ( see item 1.2.):	078
According to the existing rules and orders in ICHO, properties would be identified and nominated for inscription.	

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p. 250//cc/0/0/	narize the main conclusions regarding the protection, conservation and natural heritage (see item I.3.)	079
	Modifying annual Conservation programmes, Organizing training workshops, Visiting other State Parties and using their experiments, Exchanging ideas and experiments with experts in International level.	
Please sum (see item I.	marize the main conclusions regarding international co-operation and fund raising 5.)	080
agencies inv	ration and relations has been formed with international organizations and privet volved in conservation of cultural – natural heritage for instance, UNESCO gives sistance to Chogha Zanbil Conservation Project	
Please sumi building (se	marize the main conclusions regarding education, information and awareness e item I.5.)	081
	le information and documents for public to make them familiar with cultural- tage values and encourage them to take part in conservation and protection	
Give an ove	rview over proposed future action/actions:	082
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Name the agency responsible for implementation of these actions ( if different from 003)	083
Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization (ICHO)	
Give a timeframe for the implementation of the actions described above:	084
These activities are proposed to be done in time length of 5 years.	
Indicate for which of the planned activities International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund may be needed (if any):	085
<ul> <li>Organizing the Training workshops,</li> <li>Visiting of other World Heritage properties.</li> </ul>	
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l	Please, give an analysis of the process by which the Convention was ratified by the state    Party:	086	
	Training workshops		
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	Describe the motivation, obstacles and difficulties encountered during this process:	087
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	Detail the perceived benefits and lessons learnt:	088
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# I.7 Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise for section I

Was sufficient and adequate information made to the responsible authorities and individuals during the preparation phase of the Periodic Reporting exercise (information given , meetings , etc.)? yes	089
Was the questionnaire clear and did it help on comply with the reporting requirement of the State Party? yes	090
What are the perceived benefits and lessons learnt of the exercise?	091
This exercise help us to get more familiar with planning, reporting and monitoring World Heritage Properties.	
Please describe the expected outcome of the Periodic Reporting exercise and the desired follow-up by the World Heritage Committee: Realization of the scientific, technical, and managing potential of the Iranian Cultural Heritage Organization; considering proposals and taking all necessary actions for including other Iranian historic and cultural sites in the World Heritage List.	092