

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

St Kilda

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Europe and North America mixed Cultural landscapes Marine & coastal 1986, 2004, 2005

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
St Kilda	57.817 / -8.577	24201.4	0	24201.4	1986
Total (ha)		24201.4	0	24201.4	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Revised World Heritage Site Boundary	29/01/2003	

Comment

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1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

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Comment

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
2. [St. Kilda \(National Trust for Scotland\)](#)
3. [Natural site datasheet from WCMC](#)

1.8 - Other designations / Conventions under which the property is protected (if applicable)

Comment

European designations: Special Area for Conservation & Special Protection Area UK designations: Geological Conservation Review Site, Scottish designations: National Nature Reserve, Site of Special Scientific Interest, National Scenic Area, Marine Consultation Area, Scheduled Monument

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Comment

A draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value was submitted to the World Heritage Centre in January 2010 and was agreed by the World Heritage Committee at its 37th Session in June 2013

2.2 - The criteria (2005 revised version) under which the property was inscribed

(iii)(v)(vii)(ix)(x)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

Attributes are currently under consideration by the Management Group

2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised

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

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact						Origin	
3.1	Buildings and Development								
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities								
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure								
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure								
3.2.2	Air transport infrastructure								
3.2.3	Marine transport infrastructure								
3.3	Services Infrastructures								
3.3.1	Water infrastructure								
3.3.3	Non-renewable energy facilities								
3.3.4	Localised utilities								
3.4	Pollution								
3.4.1	Pollution of marine waters								
3.4.6	Input of excess energy								
3.5	Biological resource use/modification								
3.5.1	Fishing/collecting aquatic resources								
3.6	Physical resource extraction								
3.6.3	Oil and gas								
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric								
3.7.1	Wind								
3.7.2	Relative humidity								
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage								
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation								
3.9	Other human activities								
3.9.1	Illegal activities								
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events								
3.10.1	Storms								
3.10.3	Drought								
3.10.5	Changes to oceanic waters								
3.10.6	Temperature change								
3.10.7	Other climate change impacts								
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events								
3.11.4	Avalanche/ landslide								
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition								
3.12	Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species								
3.12.2	Invasive/alien terrestrial species								
3.12.4	Invasive / alien marine species								
3.12.5	Hyper-abundant species								
3.13	Management and institutional factors								
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities								
3.13.3	Management activities								
Legend	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside			

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.2 Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.1 Ground transport infrastructure	restricted	on-going	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.2.2 Air transport infrastructure	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	high capacity	static
3.2.3 Marine transport infrastructure	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	insignificant	medium capacity	increasing
3.3 Services Infrastructures					
3.3.3 Non-renewable energy facilities	restricted	on-going	minor	high capacity	static
3.3.4 Localised utilities	restricted	on-going	minor	high capacity	static
3.4 Pollution					
3.4.1 Pollution of marine waters	restricted	on-going	minor	low capacity	increasing
3.7 Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.1 Wind	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static
3.7.2 Relative humidity	restricted	on-going	insignificant	medium capacity	static
3.9 Other human activities					
3.9.1 Illegal activities	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	low capacity	static
3.10 Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1 Storms	localised	intermittent or sporadic	significant	medium capacity	increasing
3.10.5 Changes to oceanic waters	extensive	on-going	catastrophic	no capacity and / or resources	increasing
3.11 Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.5 Erosion and siltation/ deposition	restricted	on-going	minor	low capacity	static

3.17. Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to factors affecting the property

3.17.1 - Comments

Seabirds are heavily dependent on oceanic conditions and there is evidence that some species have declined catastrophically as a result of changes in the oceanic ecosystem. Seabirds and other marine life are affected by ghost fishing and marine pollution, there was no data readily available to determine if this is an increasing trend in the North Atlantic. Natural erosion and occasional landslip affect structures and archaeological deposits and will have an impact on the cultural landscape.

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is **no buffer zone**, and it is not needed.

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

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value.

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

The property had **no buffer zone** at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List.

4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by the management authority but **are not known by local residents / communities / landowners**.

4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The property had **no buffer zone** at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List.

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

No survey has been carried out to assess knowledge of boundaries of the World Heritage Site but from informal talking to locals we think that most locals and visitors do not know the location of the boundary.

4.2. Protective Measures

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

The site has been designated as a National Nature Reserve and a National Scenic Area from 1957. Selected areas of Hirta are included on the Schedule of Ancient Monuments, and are

protected under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

Source: [Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 \(2001-2006\)](#)

Submitted on Thursday, November 24, 2005

- **Question 6.02**

Official designations:

Special Area for Conservation

Special Protection Area (on land only).

National Nature Reserve (on land only).

Site of Special Scientific Interest (on land only).

National Scenic Area.

Marine Consultation Area.

Scheduled Ancient Monument .

Geological Conservation Review Site (on land only).

Comment

Scheduled Ancient Monument designation now called Scheduled Monument Special Protection Area -delete 'on land only' as designation now applies to marine environment too

4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property is **inadequate**.

4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The property had **no buffer zone** at the time of inscription on the World Heritage List.

4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone is **inadequate** to ensure the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the property.

4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?

There is **excellent** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property.

4.2.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to protective measures

4.2.2 There is an excellent capacity within the UK/ Scottish legislative system to enforce legislation on the archipelago but the marine area remains inadequately protected 4.2.2 & 4.2.4 A major impact on the World Heritage Site is an extreme climate and the effects of climate change. The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 together with international conventions (Kyoto convention) appears to be inadequate to prevent detrimental damage to attributes of the OUV caused by climate change.

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

The National Trust for Scotland (The Trust) owns the archipelago of St. Kilda. A linear management relationship has been established between the Trust, the Scottish Natural Heritage (earlier Nature Conservancy Council for Scotland) and the Ministry of Defence (earlier Air Ministry). The three organisations liaise informally at the local level and meet at an annual Tripartite meeting, to review the previous year's activities and plan for the year ahead. In 2003, the Trust took the management of St. Kilda National Nature Reserve in-hand from Scottish Natural Heritage as an 'Approved Body'. The recently formed integrated team of conservation professionals in the Trust's Highland and Islands Region will support the line management of the property. The Trust has the expertise in the Region to take on the direct management of the islands' natural heritage. There is a St. Kilda World Heritage Site Management Plan 2003-2008, agreed by the National Trust for Scotland with its partners.

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- **Question 5.02**
Steering group or similar management committee has been set up to guide the management of the site
- **Question 5.03**
Set up date: 2003
Function: Strategic Management Group to recommend policies and review management plan
Mandate: Represents all the key stakeholders
Constituted: formal
- **Question 5.04** Plans in place to set up a "steering group: A management group for the marine component of the WHS will be set up in the near future.
- **Question 5.05**
Overall management system of the site
 - Management by the State Party
 - Management under protective legislation
 - Management under contractual agreement between the State Party and a third party
 - Consensual management

The site was managed by the government's Nature Conservancy Council/Scottish Natural Heritage up until 2003.

Comment

The National Trust for Scotland (The Trust) own the islands of St. Kilda. A management relationship has been established between the Trust, Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Scotland, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar (local Council) and the Ministry of Defence. These organisations liaise at local level and meet formally at a biannual meeting, to review the previous year's activities and plan for the year ahead. There is a St. Kilda World Heritage Site Management Plan 2012-17, agreed with partners

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
St. Kilda World Heritage Site Management Plan 2003-2008	N/A	Available	01/01/2003	

Comment

St Kilda World Heritage Site Management Plan 2012-2017

4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional / provincial / state; local / municipal etc.) coordinate in the management of the World Heritage Property ?

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

4.3.4 - 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

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is being **fully** implemented and monitored

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

An annual work / action plan exists and **most or all activities** are being implemented and monitored

4.3.7 - Please rate the cooperation / relationship with World Heritage property managers / coordinators / staff of the following

Local communities / residents	Not applicable
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Good
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Industry	Not applicable

4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

No local communities are resident in or living near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

No indigenous peoples are resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?

There is **regular contact** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone and **substantial co-operation** on management

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

No local communities live within the World Heritage Site however local communities on neighbouring islands (45-60

miles distant) were consulted through open days and online during the preparation of the current Management Plan. The wider community could also comment through the website. The marine area of the World Heritage Site is inadequately protected and very little research or monitoring is carried out within it. The Management Plan operates within the current legislation/ protection.

4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report

4.4. Financial and Human Resources

4.4.1 - Costs related to conservation, based on the average of last five years (relative percentage of the funding sources)

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	0%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	17%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	2.5%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0.5%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	80%
Other grants	0%

4.4.2 - International Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)

Comment

Not applicable

4.4.3 - 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

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

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

4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?

There is a **major flow** of economic benefits to local communities from activities in and around the World Heritage property

4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?

There are **some** adequate equipment and facilities, but deficiencies in at least one key area **constrain** management at the World Heritage property

4.4.7 - Are resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure adequately maintained?

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

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

50% of the tourists travelling to St Kilda use boat operators based on Harris and Lewis as well as accommodation, restaurant and shop facilities based there. Shops on Harris & Benbecula provide food for National Trust for Scotland staff and volunteers as well as the MOD facility Freight is shipped using a combination of local and regional based boats and helicopters The island of Harris in particular benefits from St Kilda with 2 boat operators based there, employing 8.5 people directly

4.4.9 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Full-time	0%
Part-time	100%

4.4.10 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Permanent	100%
Seasonal	0%

4.4.11 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Paid	100%
Volunteer	0%

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

A range of human resources exist, but these are **below optimum** to manage the World Heritage Property.

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

Research and monitoring	Good
Promotion	Good
Community outreach	Good
Interpretation	Good
Education	Good
Visitor management	Good
Conservation	Good
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Good
Tourism	Good
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

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

Research and monitoring	High
Promotion	High
Community outreach	High
Interpretation	High
Education	High
Visitor management	High
Conservation	High
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	High
Tourism	High
Enforcement (custodians, police)	High

4.4.15 - Do the management and conservation programmes at the World Heritage property help develop local expertise?

A capacity development plan or programme is **in place and fully implemented**; all technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, who are assuming leadership in management

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

4.4.13 & 4.4.14 There is a high standard of training and the availability of professionals in all disciplines within the UK but we do not have the resources to access this expertise. With additional resources we could improve conservation, research, education, interpretation, administration, visitor management and risk preparedness.

4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

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

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

4.5.2 - 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

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **shared widely** with the local, national and international audiences

4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report

Since the last Periodic Report there have been at least 50 articles and 14 books published about St Kilda, covering both nature and culture e.g. Fleming A St Kilda and the Wider World Harden & Lelong Winds of Change

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

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building

4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?

In **one location and easily visible** to visitors

4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups

Local communities / residents	Average
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Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Excellent
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Excellent

4.6.3 - Is there a planned education and awareness programme linked to the values and management of the World Heritage property?

There is a planned education and awareness programme but it only **partly meets the needs** and could be improved

4.6.4 - What role, if any, has designation as a World Heritage property played with respect to education, information and awareness building activities?

World Heritage status has **partially influenced** education, information and awareness building activities

4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?

There is **excellent presentation and interpretation** of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property

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

Visitor centre	Not needed
Site museum	Excellent
Information booths	Not needed
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Not needed
Other	Not needed

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

No survey has been undertaken to establish the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of St Kilda, so answers to these questions are based on working in the local community and liaising with local businesses and authorities

4.7. Visitor Management

4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years

Last year	Minor Increase
Two years ago	Decreasing
Three years ago	Decreasing
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Minor Increase

4.7.2 - What information sources are used to collect trend data on visitor statistics?

Visitor surveys

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **effectively managed** and does not impact its Outstanding Universal Value

4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?

There is **limited co-operation** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry to present the Outstanding Universal Value and increase appreciation

4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?

The fee is collected, and makes **some contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property

4.8. Monitoring

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

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

4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for defining and monitoring key indicators for measuring its state of conservation

4.8.3 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Not applicable
Local communities	Not applicable
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Not applicable
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?

Implementation is **underway**

4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee

A new 5 year Management Plan was completed in 2012 Trust representatives attended Marine WHS managers conference and are active in forums (ongoing) A 3 year archaeological survey of the archipelago is complete except for the sea stacks

4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
3.3	Services Infrastructures						
3.3.3	Non-renewable energy facilities	Criteria 7 - the scenery of the St Kilda archipelago is particularly superlative	Management Plan - Objective 7 - to maintain and enhance the landscape of St Kilda	Biannual management meetings	2012-17	National Trust for Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Ministry of Defence	Any changes to energy facilities are subject to the approval of the National Trust for Scotland in addition the MOD have a
3.3.4	Localised utilities	Criteria 5 - the cultural landscape is an outstanding example of land use resulting from a type of subsistence economy Criteria 7 - the scenery of the St Kilda archipelago is particularly superlative	Management Plan - Objective 7 - to maintain and enhance the landscape of St Kilda	Biannual	2012-17	National Trust for Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Ministry of Defence	Any changes to utilities is subject to approval of the National Trust for Scotland The MOD have a Sustainable Development strategy and delivery plan 2011-2030 to decrease use of fossil fuels
3.4	Pollution						
3.4.1	Pollution of marine waters	Criteria 9 & 10 The very high bird densities...in a small area ..complex ecological dynamic in the three marine zones...that is essential to the maintenance of marine biodiversity Criteria 10 One of the major sites in the North Atlantic for seabird	Management Plan objectives 13-17 which cover legislation, marine management plans and pollution	Marine pollution is monitored through a variety of methods; annual seabird monitoring including feeding studies; annual beachclean; monitoring during transfer of diesel (8x per annum); oil spills would be monitored through Maritime Coastguard Agency	2012-2017	Scottish Natural Heritage Marine Scotland National Trust for Scotland Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Ministry of Defence Scottish Association for Marine Science	none
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events						
3.10.1	Storms	Criteria 3 & 5 over two millenia of human occupation the cultural landscape reflects age old traditions and land uses	Management Plan - Objectives 1,2 & 3 which cover archaeological remains and the built environment	Annual - quinquennial	2012-17	National Trust for Scotland Historic Scotland	none
3.10.5	Changes to oceanic waters	Criteria 9 and 10 The very high bird densities...complex ecological dynamic in the three marine zones...that is essential to the maintenance of marine biodiversity One of the major sites in the North Atlantic for seabirds	Management Plan - Objectives 13, 16 & 17 which cover monitoring, protection and research into the marine environment and seabird colonies	Some features - annual	2012-17	Marine Scotland Scottish Natural Heritage National Trust for Scotland Joint Nature Conservancy Council	none
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events						
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition	Criteria 3 & 5 over two millenia of human occupation the cultural landscape reflects age old traditions and land uses	Management Plan Objectives 1, 2 & 18 which cover the monitoring and maintenance of archaeological remains and the built environment and developing a management response to coastal erosion	Annual	2012-17	National Trust for Scotland Historic Scotland Scottish Natural Heritage Ministry of Defence	none

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones
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		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
4.1.4	The boundaries of the World Heritage property are not known by local residents / communities / landowners	Management Plan -Outcome 4 - Enhanced knowledge and understanding of the islands and their cultural and natural features	2012-17	National Trust for Scotland Historic Scotland Scottish Natural Heritage Comhairle nan Eilean Sair Ministry of Defence	The World Heritage boundary is known by the landowner and site managers
4.2 Protective Measures					
4.2.2	The legal framework is inadequate	Management Plan, Objective 13 - to ensure all the features of the marine World Heritage Site are safeguarded appropriately	2013-14	Scottish Natural Heritage (National Trust for Scotland)	Scottish Natural Heritage believe the legal framework to be adequate, the National Trust for Scotland disagree. We will use the biannual meetings to resolve this issue
4.2.4	Inadequate legal framework	Management Plan, Objective 13 - to ensure all the features of the marine World Heritage Site are safeguarded appropriately	2013-17	Scottish Natural Heritage (National Trust for Scotland)	Scottish Natural Heritage believe the legal framework to be adequate, the National Trust for Scotland disagree. We will use the biannual meetings to resolve this issue
4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building					
4.6.4	World Heritage status has partially influenced education, information and awareness building activities	Management Plan -Outcome 4 - Enhanced knowledge and understanding of the islands and their cultural and natural features	2012-17	National Trust for Scotland Historic Scotland Scottish Natural Heritage Comhairle nan Eilean Sair Ministry of Defence	None

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **preserved**

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is **intact**

5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

5.3.4 - 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 **predominantly intact**

5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.4.1 - Comments

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

Conservation	No impact
Research and monitoring	No impact
Management effectiveness	No impact
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Not applicable
Funding for the property	No impact
International cooperation	Not applicable
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Not applicable
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	No impact
Security	Not applicable
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

6.2 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to World Heritage status

6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff
Staff from other World Heritage properties
Non Governmental Organization
Advisory bodies
Others

6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?

yes

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

It would be helpful if guidance notes gave an example rather than just re-phrasing the question The restriction on characters for some questions was too limiting e.g 1.5 and 4.5.4

6.6 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire from the following entities

UNESCO	Fair
State Party Representative	Good
Advisory Body	Good

6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

Most of the required information was accessible

6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following

The World Heritage Convention
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
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting
Management effectiveness

6.9 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

UNESCO	Not Applicable
State Party	None
Site Managers	Excellent
Advisory Bodies	Satisfactory

6.10 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee

- **Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**
Reason for update: A draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value was submitted to the World Heritage Centre in January 2010 and was agreed by the World Heritage Committee at its 37th Session in June 2013
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6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise