

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party

Latvia

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention

10/01/1995

1.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of Section I of the Periodic Reporting

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| Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage |
| UNESCO National Commission |
| World Heritage property managers/coordinators |
| Others |

1.4 - Primary government authorities responsible for the implementation of the Convention

- Dagnija Baltina
Latvian National Commission for UNESCO
Secretary General

Comment

Primary governmental authorities responsible for the implementation of the Convention are: State Inspection for Heritage Protection (www.mantojums.lv, Juris Dambis, Director, vkpai@mantojums.lv) for cultural; Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development (Daiga Vilkaste, Director of the Department of Nature Protection, daiga.vilkaste@varam.gov.lv) for natural heritage. UNESCO LNC is the focal institution of Latvia for all UNESCO related matters, including WH reporting process.

1.5 - Other key institutions responsible

- Andis Cinis
Deputy Head of Board
Riga City Construction Board
Domain: Cultural
- Ivars Aleksejenko
Head of Geodesy Division
Latvian Geospatial Information Agency
Domain: Cultural
- Iveta Staša - Šaršūne
Head of Historic Centre Planning Division
Riga City Council City Development Department
Domain: Cultural

1.6 - Comments

Institutions in Riga for heritage protection: Riga City Construction Board, Riga City Council City Development Department and Housing and Environment Department, Municipal Agency Riga City Architect's Office Latvian Geospatial Information Agency – governance of the Struve Geodetic Arc Ērgļi municipality and Jēkabpils municipality – managers of Sestu kalns and Jēkabpils stations of the Struve Geodetic Arc Nature Conservation Agency – protection of the natural heritage on the national level

2. Inventories / lists / registers for cultural and natural heritage

2.1 - Cultural Heritage (Level and Status)

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| National | Process completed or continually updated |
| Regional / provincial / state | Not applicable |
| Local | Process well-advanced |
| Other (please provide details in 2.7) | Not applicable |

2.2 - Natural Heritage (Level and Status)

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| National | Process well-advanced |
| Regional / provincial / state | Not applicable |
| Local | Not applicable |
| Other (please provide details in 2.7) | Process commenced |

2.3 - Are inventories/lists/registers adequate to capture the diversity of cultural and natural heritage in the State Party?

Inventories / lists / registers capture the full diversity of cultural and natural heritage.

2.4 - Are inventories / lists / registers used to protect the identified cultural heritage?

Inventories / lists / registers are frequently used for the protection of cultural heritage.

2.5 - Are inventories / lists / registers used to protect the identified natural heritage?

Inventories / lists / registers are frequently used for the protection of natural heritage.

2.6 - Are inventories / lists / registers used for the identification of properties for the Tentative List?

Inventories / lists / registers are sometimes used for the identification of potential World Heritage Properties.

2.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to inventories / lists / registers of cultural and natural heritage (questions 2.1 to 2.6)

Lists capture the full diversity of heritage and are being constantly updated via participatory approaches. New information system is being developed combining the cultural heritage monuments list with inventory documents. 2.2- there are various municipal databases for protected values being constantly updated. 2.2.4- nature protection plans are developed for territories of specific protection

3. Tentative List

3.1 - Potential future nominations (Property name / anticipated year of nomination)

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| Viking Age Monuments and Sites around North Atlantic and Baltic Sea / 2014 / |
| Kuldīga Old Town in the Primeval Valley of the River Venta / Not known / |

3.2 - Tools used for a preliminary assessment of the potential Outstanding Universal Value

None of the above

3.3 - Level of involvement in the preparation of the Tentative List

| | |
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| National government institution(s) | Good |
| Regional / provincial / state / government(s) | Not applicable |
| Local government(s) | Good |
| Other government departments | Fair |
| UNESCO National Commission | Good |
| Local authorities within or adjacent to the property | Good |
| Local communities / residents | Fair |
| Indigenous peoples | Not applicable |
| Landowners | Fair |
| Local industries | No involvement |
| Non Governmental Organization(s) | Fair |
| Consultants / experts | Good |
| Site manager / coordinator(s) | Good |

3.4 - Was the authority(ies) listed in question 1.4 responsible for the approval and submission of the Tentative List?

Yes

3.5 - If not, what authority(ies) is responsible for the approval and submission of the Tentative List?

3.6 - Do you intend to update your Tentative List within the next six years?

Yes

3.7 - Comments

In 2009 the initiative of the updating of the WH Tentative List was assumed by UNESCO LNC, until then it was coordinated by the State Inspection for Heritage Protection. The enhancement of natural values of the tentatives sites has promoted interinstitutional cooperation and environmentally friendly management.

4. Nominations

4.1 - Property

| Name | Date of submission | Status |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| Warrior's Cemetary and Monuments of Freedom of Riga | 1990-10-04 | not inscribed |
| Warrior's Cemetery and Monuments of Freedom of Riga | 1996-07-08 | not inscribed |
| Historic Centre of Riga | 1996-07-08 | inscribed |
| The Abava Valley | 1999-07-01 | not inscribed |
| Jurmala Wooden Construction (Dzintari District of Summer Cottages) | 2000-06-28 | not inscribed |
| Struve Geodetic Arc | 2004-01-28 | inscribed |

4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

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| National government institution(s) | Fair |
| Regional / provincial / state government(s) | Not applicable |
| Local government(s) | Good |
| Other government departments | Good |

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| UNESCO National Commission | Good |
| Local authorities within or adjacent to the property | Fair |
| Local communities / residents | Fair |
| Indigenous peoples | Not applicable |
| Landowners | Fair |
| Local industries | No involvement |
| Non Governmental Organization(s) | Fair |
| Consultants / experts | Good |
| Site manager / coordinator | Fair |

4.3 - Perceived benefits of inscribing properties on the World Heritage List








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| Strengthened protection of sites (legislative, regulatory, institutional and / or traditional) | Some benefit |
| Enhanced conservation practices | Some benefit |
| Catalyst for wider community appreciation of heritage | High benefit |
| Improved presentation of sites | High benefit |
| Enhanced honour / prestige | High benefit |
| Increased funding | Limited benefit |
| Additional tool for lobbying / political influence | Limited benefit |
| Stimulus for enhanced partnerships | Some benefit |
| Increased recognition for tourism and public use | Some benefit |
| Stimulus for economic development in surrounding communities | Some benefit |
| Others (please provide details in 4.4) | High benefit |

4.4 - Comments

Thanks to the status of the Hisotoric Centre of Riga as a WH site and the support of the European Council and UNESCO, we have managed to avert the economic pressure and ensure its preservation and protection.

5. General Policy Development

5.1 - Legislation

| Title | Year | Link to source |
|--|------|---|
| Exportation of works of Art and Antiques from Latvia and Importation into Latvia (for a copy of the document, please contact the Database manager s.al-tabbal@unesco.org) | 2003 |  |
| Procedures for Return of Unlawfully Removed Art and Antique Objects | 2003 |  |
| Regulations regarding the Preservation and Protection of the Historic Centre of Riga (no more in force) | 2004 |  |
| Regulations regarding the Registration, Protection, Utilisation and Restoration of Cultural Monuments, the Right of First Refusal of the State and the Granting of the Status of an Environment-Degrading Object | 2003 |  |
| Law on Preservation and Protection of Riga's Historical Centre | 2003 |  |
| Text consolidated by the latvian Translation and Terminology Centre with amending laws of: 1 June 1993, 2 December 1993, 9 February 1995, 15 November 2001, 6 November 2003 and 28 April 2005 | |  |
| Latvia: last update July 2012 | |  |

5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1

Law On the Protection of Cultural Monuments / 1992 / National / Cultural / In Latvian: <http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=72551>; In English: http://www.vvc.gov.lv/export/sites/default/docs/LRTA/Likumi/On_Protection_of_Cultural_Monuments.pdf

Law On Specially Protected Nature Territories / 1993 / National / Natural / In Latvian: <http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=59994>; In English: http://www.vvc.gov.lv/export/sites/default/docs/LRTA/Likumi/On_Specially_Protected_Nature_Territories.pdf

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| <p>By-law of the State Inspection for Heritage Protection Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of 9, 2004, No. 916 / 2004 / National / Cultural / In Latvian: http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=96371; In English: http://www.vvc.gov.lv/export/sites/default/docs/LRTA/MK_Noteikumi/Cab_Reg_No_916_-_By-law_of_the_State_Inspection_for_Heritage_Protection.doc</p> | <p>5.10 - Comments Latvia has a strong legal basis for the protection of heritage. However, due to the economic crisis the cuts in funding as well as decreased capacity of the institutions affects their implementation.</p> |
| <p>Methodology of Determining the Protection Zone of a Cultural Heritage Monument Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of July 15, 2003, No. 392 / 2003 / National / Cultural / In Latvian: http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=77333</p> | <p>In general policy documents on environmental issues it is recommended to promote specially protected nature territories within the framework of the world natural heritage.</p> |
| <p>Procedures by which Cultural Monuments shall be Included in the List of State-protected Monuments Excluded from the List of State-protected Monuments Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of August 26, 2003, No. 473 / 2003 / National / Cultural / In Latvian: http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=78457; In English: http://www.vvc.gov.lv/export/sites/default/docs/LRTA/MK_Noteikumi/Cab_Reg_No_473_-_State-protected_Monuments_.doc</p> | <p>Furthermore, it is recommended to stimulate ecotourism and other environmentally friendly kinds of tourism in these areas.</p> |
| <p>By-law of the Council for Preservation and Development of Riga Historic Centre Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of October 21, 2003, No. 582 / 2003 / National / Cultural / In Latvian: http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=80348; In English: http://www.vvc.gov.lv/export/sites/default/docs/LRTA/MK_Noteikumi/Cab_Reg_No_582_-_By-law_of_the_Council_for_Preservation.doc</p> | <p>6 - Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation</p> |
| <p>The procedure of using the funds of the Preservation and Development of Riga Historical Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of September 7, 2004, No. 768 / 2004 / National / Cultural / In Latvian: http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=93472</p> | <p>6.1 - To what degree do the principal agencies / institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of this heritage?</p> |

5.3 - Comment

Various other normative documents enhance the protection and preservation of the specially protected nature territories and cultural monuments. Real estate tax reductions for owners promote protection and better management of cultural heritage properties and specially protected nature areas.

5.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulations) adequate for the identification, conservation and protection of the State Party's cultural and natural heritage?

The legal framework is adequate for the identification, conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

5.5 - Can the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulations) for the identification, conservation and protection of the State Party's cultural and natural heritage be enforced?

Existing capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework could be strengthened.

5.6 - Other International Conventions adhered Comment

Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe; European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage; Framework Convention of the Council of Europe on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society; European Landscape Convention; European Culture Convention; Convention on Biological Diversity; Planning to join: 1970, 2003, UNIDROIT Convention on stolen or illegally exported cultural objects

5.7 - Implementation of International Conventions into national policies

There is adequate coordination and integration.

5.8 - States Party's policies to give heritage a function in the life of communities

There are policies but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.

5.9 - Integration of heritage into comprehensive / larger scale planning programmes

There are policies but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.

6.1 - To what degree do the principal agencies / institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of this heritage?

There is some cooperation between the principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but improvements are possible.

6.2 - To what degree do other government agencies cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of natural and cultural heritage?

In general, cooperation exists between other government agencies and the principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but there are still deficiencies.

6.3 - To what degree do different levels of government cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of cultural and natural heritage?

In general, cooperation exists between different levels of government for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but there are still deficiencies.

6.4 - Are the services provided by the agencies / institutions adequate for the conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage properties in your country?

There is adequate capacity within services to conserve, protect and present World Heritage properties.

6.5 - Comments

The cut of the funding of the sector as well as decreased capacity of the institutions due to the economic crisis affect the services for protection, conservation and presentation.

7. Scientific and Technical Studies and Research

7.1 - Is there a research programme or project specifically for the benefit of World Heritage properties?

There is some research specifically addressing World Heritage.

7.2 - Research projects

- The Evolution of Vecrīga's Public Areas in the 20th and 21st Century / 2006
- Local
- Cultural
-

- The Quality of the Architectural Dimensional Space in the Center of Riga / 2010
Local
Cultural
-
- The Inventory of the Wooden Buildings in the Historic Centre of Riga / 2004
Local
Cultural
-
- Research of Several Segments of the Buildings in the Historic Centre of Riga and Its Protection Zone / 2008-2009
Local
Cultural
-
The cultural and historical value of 52 special territories (connected with the 3rd nomination criteria of the city council) have been evaluated using the InterSAVE program in order to specify the construction regulations and to promote the preservation and protection of historic buildings
- Proposals and Recommendations for Amendment of the Regulations of Utilization and Construction in the Waters and Shorelines of the Historic Centre of Riga and Its Protection Zone / 2010
Local
Cultural
-
- Partitioning, Analysis and Assessment of the Landscapes of the City of Riga / 2009
Local
Both
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- National Research Programmes: NATRES, LETONIKA and other programs and projects related to the cultural and natural heritage / 2010 - 2014
National, regional, local
Both
www.izm.gov.lv; www.lzp.lv
- The development of plans for the protection of nature in the special conservation areas / Since 1993 and hereafter
National, regional
Natural
http://www.daba.gov.lv/public/lat/iadt/dabas_aizsardzibas_plani/
Special nature protection plans are being developed for each special conservation area that evaluates the steps necessary to preserve the species and habitats of these territories in a propitious condition. The cultural and historical aspect is also taken into the account when evaluating the territory. The development of the plans are financed using the national, organizational, European and local funds
- Environment monitoring program (including the monitoring of the territories protected in Natura 2000) / 2006-2012 and henceforth 2013-2018
National
Nature
http://www.daba.gov.lv/public/lat/dati1/valsts_monitoringa_dati/
The national environmental monitoring program ensures that the information is being gathered about protected natural values - the status of species and habitats within

the framework of the special conservation areas of NATURA 2000 - of European significance.

7.3 - Comments

In the Historic Centre of Riga architectonically artistic inventory and examination is required in the renovation programs. The information thus gathered on every object updates the overall inventory. Regarding natural heritage research is needed in the field of biologic diversity and ecosystem services as well as about species and biotopes that are rare or of special conservation value.

8. Financial Status and Human Resources

8.1 - Sources of funding

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| National government funds | Minor source of sustained funding |
| Other levels of government (provincial, state, local) | Minor source of sustained funding |
| International assistance from the World Heritage Fund | Minor source of sustained funding |
| International multilateral funding (e.g. World Bank, IDB, European Union) | Major source of fixed term funding |
| International bilateral funding (e.g. AFD, GTZ, DGCS, GEF, etc.) | Minor source of fixed term funding |
| NGOs (international and / or national) | Minor source of fixed term funding |
| Private sector funds | Minor source of sustained funding |
| Other (Please specify in 8.6) | Minor source of sustained funding |

8.2 - Involvement of State Party in the establishment of foundations or associations for raising funds and donation for the protection of World Heritage

Yes

8.3 - National policies for the allocation of site revenues for conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage

Yes

8.4 - Is the current budget sufficient to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage effectively at the national level?

The available budget is inadequate for basic conservation, protection and presentation and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to conserve and protect cultural and natural heritage.

8.5 - Are available human resources adequate to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage effectively at the national level?

A range of human resources exist, but they are below optimum to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage.

8.6 - Comments

The funding and the capacity of the institutions were cut due to the economic crisis. 8.2.1- The Fund of Preservation and Protection of the Historic Center of Riga has been created according to the Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers, but has not been implemented due to the lack of funds. The most important investment in the protection of nature is the co-financing of the European Union.

9. Training

9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs

- The subprogram Studies of museums and cultural heritage of the Latvian Academy of Culture / National / Cultural
The employees of the State Inspection for Heritage Protection are working as lecturers
- The Centre Koka Riga / Local / Cultural
Tourism information centre, exhibition hall, museum and competence centre collecting the information regarding the renovation of wooden buildings and the methods of renovation
- The Restoration Centre of Kuldiga / Local / Cultural
Competence centre collecting the information regarding the renovation of wooden buildings and the methods of renovation

9.2 - Training needs

| | |
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| Conservation | High priority |
| Education | High priority |
| Promotion | Medium priority |
| Interpretation | High priority |
| Administration | Medium priority |
| Visitor management | Medium priority |
| Community outreach | Medium priority |
| Risk preparedness | High priority |
| Enforcement (custodians, police) | Medium priority |
| Other | Not applicable |

9.3 - Does the State Party have a national training/ educational strategy to strengthen capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation?

There is a national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation but there are some deficiencies in implementation.

9.4 - Comments

There are several educational and info centres in Latvia that promote restoration, also various training seminars are being organised on heritage with local and national as well as international specialists. However in both formal and informal training of related fields it is still necessary to continue elaborating on the natural and cultural heritage, its protection, preservation, management etc.

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

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| Participation in other UN programmes |
| Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements |
| Financial support |
| Contributions to private organisations for the preservation of cultural and natural heritage |
| Participation in foundations for international cooperation |
| Sharing expertise for capacity building |
| Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars |
| Distribution of material / information |
| Other (please specify in 10.3) |

10.2 - Twinned World Heritage properties with others

Yes

10.3 - Comments

Latvian Geospatial Information Agency is part of the Struve Geodetic Arc Coordinating Committee Regarding cultural heritage Latvia is active in UNESCO, Council of Europe, the Monitoring Group on Cultural Heritage in the Baltic Sea States, European Heritage Heads Forum, European Archaeological Council etc. Riga is a member of OWHC as well as develops bilateral partnerships with other WH cities.

11. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.1. Media used for World Heritage sites promotion

11.1.1 - Publications

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| Information |
| Awareness Raising |
| Education |
| International |
| National |
| Regional |
| Local |

11.1.2 - Films / TV

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| Information |
| Awareness Raising |
| Education |
| International |
| National |
| Regional |
| Local |

11.1.3 - Media campaigns

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| Information |
| Awareness Raising |
| Education |
| International |
| National |
| Regional |
| Local |

11.1.4 - Internet

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| Information |
| Awareness Raising |
| Education |
| International |
| National |
| Regional |
| Local |

11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals

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| Information |
| Awareness Raising |
| Education |
| International |
| National |

11.1.6 - World Heritage Day

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| Not applicable |
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11.1.7 - Translation and diffusion of publications made available by the World Heritage Centre

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| Information |
| Awareness Raising |
| Education |
| International |
| National |
| Local |

11.1.8 - Other (please specify in 11.1.8)

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| Information |
| Awareness Raising |
| Education |
| International |
| Local |

11.1.9 - Comments

The State Inspection for Heritage Protection is constantly organizing public discussions on issues related to cultural heritage, including issues of World Heritage as well as the preservation and protection of heritage, and publishes the information on the webpage of the Inspection www.mantojums.lv. The Inspection annually is organising Heritage days in September devoted to various heritage kinds, themes and topics.

11.2. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.2.1 - Strategy to raise awareness among different stakeholders

There are no strategies to raise awareness about conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage but nonetheless this is being done on an ad hoc basis.

11.2.2 - Level of general awareness

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| Private Sector | Poor |
| Youth | Fair |
| Communities living in/around heritage sites | Fair |
| Tourism industry | Fair |
| Decision makers and public officials | Fair |

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| Indigenous peoples | Not Applicable |
| General public | Fair |

11.2.3 - Does the State Party participate in UNESCO's World Heritage in Young Hands programme?

The State Party participates in UNESCO's *World Heritage in Young Hands programme* and has integrated World Heritage Education in School Curricula.

11.2.4 - Level of frequency of activities

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| Courses for teachers for the use of the <i>World Heritage in Young Hands Kit</i> | Occasionally |
| Courses/activities for students within the school programmes | Regularly |
| Youth Forums | Never |
| Skills-training courses for students | Occasionally |
| Organized school visits to World Heritage properties/cultural and natural sites | Often |
| Activities linked to heritage within the framework of UNESCO Clubs/Associations | Never |
| Other (comment below) | Never |

11.2.5 - Comments

There is a strong movement of environmental education and ESD. UNESCO LNC provides activities regarding the heritage education for the UNESCO ASP school network. Books are being published on the values of the HCR. Various presentation and promotional materials (coin, information board, presentation, artwork etc.) are prepared for the Struve Geodetic Arc

12. Conclusions and Recommended Actions

12.1. State Party's implementation of the World Heritage Convention

12.1.1 - Identification of heritage

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| Identification of heritage |
| Inventories / lists / registers capture the full diversity of cultural and natural heritage. |
| Inventories / lists / registers are sometimes used for the identification of potential World Heritage Properties. |

12.1.2 - National Inventories

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| National Inventories |
| National : Process completed or continually updated |
| Regional / provincial / state : Not applicable |
| National : Process well-advanced |
| Regional / provincial / state : Not applicable |

12.1.3 - Tentative List

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| Tentative List |
| Yes |

12.1.4 - Legal framework

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| Legal framework |
| Existing capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework could be strengthened. |

12.1.5 - Implementation of international conventions within national policies

Implementation of international conventions within national policies

12.1.6 - Communities

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| Communities |
| Local communities / residents: Fair |
| Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: Not applicable |
| Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: Fair |
| Local communities / residents: Fair |
| Indigenous peoples: Not applicable |
| Landowners: Fair |

12.1.7 - Larger-scale planning

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| Larger-scale planning |
| There are policies but there are some deficiencies in their implementation. |

12.1.8 - Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation

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| Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation |
| In general, cooperation exists between different levels of government for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but there are still deficiencies. |

12.1.9 - Scientific and Technical Studies and Research

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| Scientific and Technical Studies and Research |
| There is some research specifically addressing World Heritage. |

12.1.10 - Financial status

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| Financial status |
| The available budget is inadequate for basic conservation, protection and presentation and presents a serious constraint to the capacity to conserve and protect cultural and natural heritage. |

12.1.11 - Human resources

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| Human resources |
| A range of human resources exist, but they are below optimum to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage. |

12.1.12 - Training

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| Training |
| There is a national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation but there are some deficiencies in implementation. |

12.1.13 - International cooperation

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| International cooperation |
| Participation in other UN programmes |
| Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements |
| Financial support |
| Contributions to private organisations for the preservation of cultural and natural heritage |
| Participation in foundations for international cooperation |
| Sharing expertise for capacity building |
| Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars |
| Distribution of material / information |
| Other (please specify in 10.3) |

12.1.14 - Education, Information and awareness building

Education, Information and awareness building

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| Education, Information and awareness building |
| Private Sector : Poor |
| Youth : Fair |
| Communities living in/around heritage sites : Fair |

12.2. Actions for the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* (identified from table 12.1).

12.2.1 - Please select the top issues (up to six)
Please refer to question 5.2

12.3. Priority Actions Assessment

12.3.2 - Priority actions assessment

Answers provided have not outlined any serious management need.

12.3.3 - Additional actions for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention

Attraction of more financial resources for the preservation, protection and promotion of heritage, Awareness raising in the society as well as various institutions about the values of heritage and their proper preservation and protection, Continuous education for heritage managers and professionals, Work with heritage owners – their education and involvement, Continuous improvement of the legislation concerning protection and preservation of heritage etc.

13. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

13.1 - Was the questionnaire easy to use and clear to understand?

No

13.2 - Please provide suggestions for improvement:

Although questionnaire aims to collect overall information regarding heritage protection, preservation and promotion, it is constructed focusing on heritage recognized as WH sites only. Such construction excludes incentives for heritage that is not recognized as WH. Space for comments must be extended and added under more questions. Online version restricts possibilities for broad consultation.

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

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| World Heritage Centre | Fair |
| UNESCO (other sectors) | Not applicable |
| UNESCO National Commission | Good |
| ICOMOS International | Fair |
| IUCN International | Fair |
| ICCROM | Fair |
| ICOMOS national / regional | Not applicable |
| IUCN national / regional | Not applicable |

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

Most required information was accessible

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

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|-----------------|------|
| UNESCO | Fair |
| Advisory Bodies | Fair |
| State Party | Good |
| Site Managers | Fair |

13.6 - Comments

In 2009 the Administrative Territorial Reform was finalised in Latvia, therefore in some cases regional scale is applicable and in others not. PR exercise shall focus more on heritage matters in general, not only WH sites. More open ended questions would allow providing more specific information and details.