



**PERIODIC REPORTING EXERCISE
ON THE APPLICATION OF THE WORLD
HERITAGE CONVENTION
IN THE ARAB REGION**

OLD WALLED CITY OF SHIBAM



**DOCUMENT 9
SECTION II**

**Convention concerning the protection of the world cultural and natural heritage
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Country : Republic of Yemen PROPERTY : OLD WALLED CITY OF SHIBAM

II.1. Introduction

a	State Party	Republic of Yemen	001
b	Indicate the name of the property as inscribed on the World Heritage List	Name of the property OLD WALLED CITY OF SHIBAM	002
c	Indicate the geographical co-ordinates to the nearest second (in the case of large sites, towns, regions, etc., give at least 3 geographical co-ordinates)	Wadi Hadramout	003
d	Date of inscription on the World Heritage List	1982	004
e	Organisation(s) or entity(ies) responsible for the preparation of this report. Give the necessary details to enable possible contact.	Organisation: GENERAL ORGANISATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORIC CITIES IN YEMEN (GOPHCY) Person responsible: M. Mohammed Jaghman, President Address: City and post code: P.O.Box960 - SANA'A Telephone: 9671 273 474 - 288 118 Fax: 9671 274 179 E-mail:	005 006 007 008
f	Date of the report		009
g	Signature on behalf of the State Party	Surname and given name: Function:	010



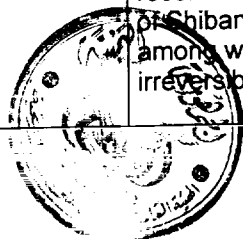
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II.2. Statement of significance

II.2.1. Information provided at the time of inscription

a	At the time of inscription of a property on the World Heritage List, the World Heritage Committee indicates its World Heritage values by deciding on the criteria for inscription. Please indicate the justification for inscription provided by the State Party,	Justification for the inscription provided by the State Party This justification was not provided at the time of inscription	008
b	as well as the criteria according to which the Committee inscribed the property on the World Heritage List. Circle the numbers of the relative criteria.	Criteria retained for the inscription: Cultural criteria: iii - iv - v	009 010
c	Observations made by the advisory body during evaluation	The board of ICOMOS decided to favor, in principle, the inscription of the old city of Shibam on the World Heritage List, but recommends an extension of the zone of protection in the valley of the wadi of Hadramawt.	011
d	Observations made by the World Heritage Committee at the time of inscription	The WH Committee made no statement.	012
e	Reactions to these observations	The committee would have better done by following the ICOMOS recommendation to include the wadi Hadramawt in the nomination of Shibam. The Wadi is suffering huge threats including the cities among which Seyun and Tarim which have been severely and irreversibly threatened.	013



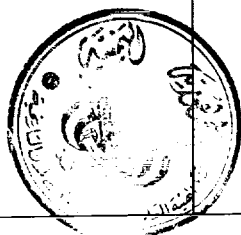
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II.2. Statement of significance (Cont)

II.2.2. Update of the statement of significance (Cont)

<p>e If a statement of significance is not available or incomplete, it will be necessary, in the first periodic report, for the State Party to propose such a statement. The statement of significance should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect the criterion (criteria) on the basis of which the Committee inscribed the property on the World Heritage List. • It should also address questions such as: What does the property represent, what makes the property outstanding, what are the specific values that distinguish the property, what is the relationship of the site with its setting, etc. Such statement of significance will be examined by the advisory body(ies) concerned and transmitted to the World Heritage Committee for approval, if appropriate. 	<p>Is there any statement of significance: NO If YES, do you think it is incomplete and why</p> <p>It is incomplete because not written in the proper way</p> <p>If there is no statement of significance or if it is incomplete, please provide us with a new one according to the criterion described on the left column</p> <p>To write the statement of significance, we would need the assistance of an expert</p>	
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II.3. Statement of authenticity / integrity

(See the nomination file and the chapters of the guidelines above 24 (b) for the cultural sites and 44 (b) for the natural sites).


a	<p>Under this item it is necessary to review whether the values on the basis of which the property was inscribed on the World Heritage List, and reflected in the statement of significance under item II.2 above, are being maintained.</p> <p>This should also include the issue of authenticity/integrity in relation to the property.</p>	<p>What was the evaluation of the authenticity / integrity of the property at the time of inscription?</p> <p>Criteria iii - iv - v</p> <p>These criteria are still applicable. The green belt surrounding the city has significantly suffered from land collectivism and from the disputes arising from the restoration of the original individual property.</p>	000
b	<p>What is the authenticity/integrity of the property at present?</p> <p>Please note that a more detailed analysis of the conditions of the property is required under item II.6 on the basis of key indicators for measuring its state of conservation</p> 	<p>Have there been changes in the authenticity / integrity since inscription?</p> <p>NO</p> <p>If YES, what are the main causes of changes in the authenticity / integrity since inscription?</p> <p>If YES, how do you appreciate the actual authenticity / integrity of the site</p> <p>Are changes in the authenticity / integrity of the property foreseeable in the near future?</p> <p>NO</p> <p>If YES, how and why</p>	000

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II.4. Management

II.4.1. Legal and institutional framework


<p>a Under this item, it is necessary to report on the implementation and effectiveness of protective legislation at the national, provincial or municipal level and/or contractual or traditional protection as well as of management and/or planning control for the property concerned,</p>	<p>Ownership: Private, al-Waqf</p> <p>Legal status: The law of antiquities and the Gophcy regulations</p> <p>Legal framework (national and local)</p> <p>National</p> <p>Institutional framework (local) The GOPHCY branch</p>	<p>000</p>
	<p>Agency(ies) responsible for the management: GOPHCY branch Responsible: Mr Jamal Bamakhrama</p> <p>Address: Shibam - Hadhramout</p> <p>Post code and city: Telephone: 9675 420054 Fax: E-mail:</p>	<p>000</p>
<p>b as well as on actions that are foreseen for the future, to preserve the values described in the statement of significance under item II.2.</p> 	<p>The German technical assistance (GTZ) is coming with a project which aim is the rehabilitation of the walled city and adapted urban planning of the immediate surroundings making up the settlement of Greater Shibam.</p>	<p>000</p>

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II.4. Management (Cont)

II.4.2. Management and planning


<p>a The State Party should also report on significant changes in the ownership, legal status and/or contractual or traditional protective measures, management arrangements and management plans as compared to the situation at the time of inscription or the previous periodic report.</p>	<p>Changes occurred at the site since inscription with regard to :</p> <p>ownership Yes, from state to private</p> <p>legal status Yes, privatisation</p> <p>protective measures : Renewal of the city wall Construction of a ring road Reconstruction and restoration of houses and public buildings</p> <p>Management arrangements : NO Management plans ; NO</p> <p>Under which authority is the property managed: The sub-governorate of Shibam newly installed (1999)</p>	000
<p>b In such case, the State Party is requested to attach to the periodic report all relevant documentation, in particular legal texts, management plans and/or (annual) work plans for the management and maintenance of the property</p> <p>Indicate the different plans relating to the property, prepared and/or implemented by different authorities (national, regional, local) and which have a direct influence on the way in which the property is developed, conserved, utilised or visited. You may provide either a substantial summary of these plans, or significant extracts, or the complete plan in annex to this form.</p> 	<p>Do you have any documentation (list and attach the available documents, summaries or extracts)</p> <p>Legal texts The law of antiquities and GOPHCY regulations</p> <p>Registered plans relating to the property:</p> <p>regional plan: (see the attached 5 years plan)</p> <p>local plan:</p> <p>conservation plan: NO</p> <p>tourism development plan: NO</p> <p>etc.</p>	

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II.4. Management (Cont)

II. 4.3. Management plan of the site and statement of objectives

a	<p>The management plan is a basic tool for the management of the site designed to organise the conservation and to base the actions for development relative to the property. Brief extracts of the management plan could be cited and the plan could be joined in annex to the dossier.</p> 	<p>Does a functional management plan exist: NO If YES, attach it below</p> <p>If NO, is a management plan being prepared or updated : YES</p> <p>If NO, why</p> <p>(Concerning the following questions, if you answer YES, please give extracts or summaries)</p> <p>Has the local community been consulted and informed about the management plan: YES</p> <p>Does the management plan take into account the available human resources: NO</p> <p>Does the management plan take into account the actual financial resources: Yes</p> <p>Does the management plan include aspects of personnel training: NO</p> <p>Does the management plan include zoning and multiple uses of the site : NO</p> <p>Does the management plan take account of a delimited buffer zone : Yes</p> <p>Does the management plan include regular monitoring actions of the site : Yes</p>	000
b			000

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II.4. Management (Cont)

II. 4.3. Management plan of the site and statement of objectives (Cont)

(provide a copy of the plan in annex)	Not applicable
Full name and address of the agency or person directly responsible for the property should also be provided.	Person responsible for the property : GOPHCY branch Name : M. Jamal Bamakhrama Address: Post code and city: Shibam Telephone: Fax: E-mail:




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II.4. Management (Cont)

II.4.4. Capacities in human and financial resources at site level


<p>a The State Party should also provide an estimate of the site's human resources,</p>	<p>Human resources Level of staff: 1. Management: (see the attached list) 2. Managerial staff / engineers (number, role) : 3. Manpower (number, role) : Guards Trackers Chauffeurs Secretaries Workers Unskilled workers . Others (give details)</p>	<p align="right">000</p>
<p>b and the financial resources available and necessary for the management of the property,</p>	<p>Regular financial resources: (see attached documents) Sources and level of financing: Income generated directly by management: Type Amount Utilisation</p>	<p align="right">000</p>
<p>c as well as an estimate of its personnel needs.</p> 	<p>Personnel training needs Types of training desired: - Foreign languages (english) - Computer training - GIS training - Conservation - Management training - Data base</p>	<p align="right">000</p>

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II.4. Management (Cont)

II.4.5. Additional information concerning protection and conservation

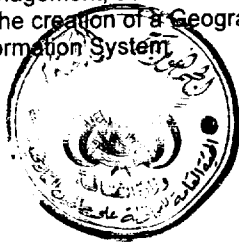
<p>a Protection and conservation</p>	<p>Sources of expertise for the training in conservation and management techniques : None</p> <p>Protection measures and means of implementation: Inspections and follow-up with the help and co-operation of a local NGO.</p> <p>Existing local programmes: NO</p> <p>Policies and programmes for the safeguard of the site (status of implementation): The GTZ project started in June 2000</p> <p>Financing (origin, amount): State, NGO and bilateral assistance</p>	<p>000</p>
<p>b Technical assistance:</p> <p>Indicate technical assistance from which the property has benefited, either from a United Nations agency, or from bilateral co-operation.</p> 	<p>Technical assistance provided by the United Nations system:</p> <p>a. World Heritage Centre Diverse technical assistance missions</p> <p>b. UNESCO International Campaign</p> <p>Technical assistance provided by bilateral co-operation Germany, Netherlands</p>	<p>000</p>

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II.4. Management (Cont)

II.4.6. Scientific, technical and educational activities


<p>a The State Party is also encouraged to provide information on scientific studies,</p>	<p>Existing research facilities on site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site museum NO • Objects cleaning NO • Laboratories NO • Housing for researchers: NO • Vehicles: NO • Scientific equipment: NO • Databases: NO • Skilled personnel (technicians, laboratory staff) NO 	<p align="center">000</p>
<p>b On research projects: for each research programme carried out at the site, provide relevant information.</p>	<p>Research and development programmes NO</p> <p>Name of the programme Agency(ies) sponsoring the research: Participation of national and/or foreign teams: Objectives of the programme: Progress status: Results obtained: Publications: Human resources involved:</p>	<p align="center">000</p>
<p>c New management techniques: Including computerised management, as well as database management, access to the Internet or the creation of a Geographical Information System</p> 	<p>Availability of computer equipment: NO</p> <p>Possible access to the Internet: NO</p> <p>Operational access to the Internet: NO</p> <p>Use of the E-mail: NO</p> <p>Is there a Geographical Information System for the site:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">planned? YES in progress? operational ?</p>	

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II.4. Management (Cont)

II.4.6. Scientific, technical and educational activities (Cont)


<p>d Educational activities, if there are educational programmes aimed at schools</p>	<p>Educational activities</p> <p>Does the site receive schools' visits? YES If YES, how many? Few</p> <p>Are there educational programmes aimed at schools : NO</p> <p>Is there an environmental education policy: NO Is there a Cultural Heritage education policy NO</p> <p>Which themes, target public, means for implementation. None</p>	
<p>e Public information activities and awareness building in direct relation to the property: indicate how the property's World Heritage values are transmitted to residents, visitors and the public.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>How are general public information activities organised,?</p> <p>Not organised</p> <p>How are the World Heritage values transmitted to residents and visitors?</p> <p>Through an NGO (Hadhramout social and welfare association)</p>	

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II.4. Management (Cont)

II.4.7. Miscellaneous elements

a	<p>Other elements could be mentioned, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether the site has a plaque identifying it as a World Heritage site; • whether special events and exhibitions are organised; • what infrastructures, welcome centre, site museum, special paths, guides, information material, etc. are available to the visitor; • the impact of World Heritage inscription on the programmes and activities. 	<p>Is there any signboard mentioning that the site is on the world heritage list, if YES, how is it done World Heritage logo plaque ; NO</p> <p>World Heritage property signs : NO</p> <p>Is there a visitor's information/interpretation centre : NO</p> <p>Is there a Site museum : NO</p> <p>Is there any Hotel infrastructure (lodging, restaurant) ; NO</p> <p>Is there Parking facilities YES</p> <p>Are there Toilets : NO</p> <p>Is there a First aid and rescue station; NO</p> <p>Is there trained personnel : NO</p> <p>Are there Information materials: leaflets, books, slides, videos, CD-ROMs, etc. ; NO</p> <p>Do you organise Open house days NO</p> <p>Are there Special events or exhibitions : Foreseen</p> <p>What are the targeted communication actions: radio, tv, press : NO</p> <p>What are the impacts of inscription on visitor numbers : None</p> <p>Other actions:</p>	000
b	<p>Based on a management study of the property, the State Party might wish to consider whether a significant revision of the legislative and administrative texts governing the property could be advisable.</p>	<p>Is it necessary to revise significantly the legislative texts governing the property:</p> <p align="right">YES</p> <p>If YES, why Because the legislation is insufficient and not applied</p>	

Annexes : Attach legal texts, management plans, work plans, information documents, etc.

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II.5. Factors affecting the property

II.5.1. Degree to which the property is threatened

a	<p>Please comment on the degree to which the property is threatened by particular problems and risks.</p> <p>Factors that could be considered under this item are those that are listed in the nomination format, e.g. development pressures,</p>	<p>Development pressures:</p> <p>Visual integrity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The oasis is left without care, which could affect the visual integrity of the city. If the oasis situation is not improved, it will be definitely lost <p>Structural integrity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 or 12 houses are ruined - The city has 450 houses among which 48 houses are owned by Awkaf. These houses are over inhabited and seriously threatened - 80 houses are in a very good shape, part restored and owned by people living outside the region - 50% of the houses are in a difficult shape because of the low income of the tenants - There still exist a major risk of flow which could destroy part of the city - The new paved ring road brings vibrations to the house. <p>Functional integrity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 14 shops are installed in the ground floors which could be the beginning of the Suq extension to the living areas. - It is necessary to bring new structures for employment near the city in order to bring back the inhabitants which have move away in view of turning back the city to its housing vocation. - There are 2000 inhabitants in the city from 6000 before. This population is of low revenues and their houses are not maintained - The departure of the inhabitants comes from the lack of activities which have moved outside the city to Al Hawta. - Studies must be provided in order to restructure bigger rooms inside the houses. - The sewage system must be rebuilt and the social development fund is ready to finance it. - The water connections must be revised - The streets of the city are still not paved 	000
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II.5. Factors affecting the property (Cont)

II.5.1. Degree to which the property is threatened (Cont)


b	environmental pressures	Not applicable	000
c	<p>natural catastrophes and preparatory planning,</p> 	<p>Natural threats and catastrophes (possible or real) concerning the site :</p> <p>Floods: this problem is not solved because the major part of the flow is still coming along the south elevation of the city, while it is necessary to derive it to the north where it could be used for the irrigation. This problem must be considered as the first priority in the management of the city.</p> <p>Fires: The access is not possible to the firemen</p>	

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II.5. Factors affecting the property (Cont)

II.5.1. Degree to which the property is threatened (Cont)


<p>d visitor/tourism pressures,</p> 	<p>Tourism and its consequences: Yearly visitor statistics: Number of visitors per year : 10000 Origin of the visitors Europe (Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Holland, Switzerland, Austria, Japan) Evolution of visitor statistics over the years Annual income from tourism Accessibility of the site - Distance 700 km from Sana'a - Paved roads Yes - Seasonal routes Yes - Airport Yes Tourist infrastructures: Hotels Yes, in the neighbourhood Souvenir shops Yes What is the tourist capacity of the site? No study conducted Can one speak of sustainable tourism? Depending on security issues</p>	
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II.5.1. Degree to which the property is threatened (Cont)

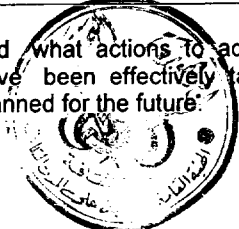
<p>e and the number of inhabitants.</p> 	<p>Relations with the neighbouring residents of the site</p> <p>Evaluation of the local population Number of inhabitants living at the site, over 2000 Number of inhabitants living in the buffer zone : none</p> <p>Geographical distribution of human habitats or the zones of illegal activity Villages (location, population) or encampments (duration) Activities (cf. socio-économic considerations)</p> <p>Cultural specificity of this population : strongly traditional</p>	<p align="right">000</p>
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II.5. Factors affecting the property (Cont)

II.5.2. Prevention of threats and natural and human pressures

a	<p>Considering the importance of forward planning and risk preparedness, provide relevant information on operating methods that will make the State Party capable of counteracting dangers that threaten or may endanger its cultural or natural heritage. Problems and risks to be considered could include earthquakes, floods, land-slides, vibrations, industrial pollution, vandalism, theft looting, changes in the physical context of properties, mining, deforestation, poaching, as well as changes in land-use, agriculture, road building, construction activities, tourism. Areas where improvement would be desirable, and towards which the State Party is working should be indicated.</p> <p>This item should provide up-to-date information on all factors that are likely to affect or threaten the property. It should also relate those threats to measures taken to counteract them.</p>	<p>Methods of counteracting threats and pressures</p> <p>No appropriate methods (request for assistance)</p> <p>Natural disasters:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Floods: Fires:</p> <p>Vibrations : due to ring road paving</p> <p>Modification of the physical context ; NO</p> <p>Changes in land use</p> <p>Urbanism : none Tourism : none</p>	000
b	<p>An assessment should also be given if the impact of these factors on the property is increasing or decreasing.</p>	<p>The vibrations after paving are the major problem together with the flood risks and firefighting Another important factor is the pursuing of the out migration of the population</p>	000
c	<p>and what actions to address them have been effectively taken or are planned for the future:</p> 	<p>Actions taken to address them</p> <p>Actions envisaged To put construction joints on paving along the buildings and renewal of the water and sewage networks Creation of new job opportunities</p>	000

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II.6. Monitoring

a	<p>Whereas item II.3 of the periodic report provides an overall assessment of the maintenance of the World Heritage values of the property, this item analyses in more detail the conditions of the property on the basis of key indicators for measuring its state of conservation.</p> <p>If no indicators were identified at the time of inscription of the property on the World Heritage List, this should be done in the first periodic report. The preparation of a periodic report can also be an opportunity to evaluate the validity of earlier identified indicators and to revise them, if necessary.</p>	<p>Previous monitoring exercises (periodic or reactive monitoring) (give dates and results)</p> <p>Is there regular monitoring of the site (yearly, for example): NO</p> <p>Landscape monitoring: NO frequency methodology inventory estimations results</p> <p>and/or Monitoring of the constructions, buildings, towns: YES Frequency Methodology Inventory : YES Estimations results</p>	000
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II.6. Monitoring (cont)

		<p>Human resources allocated for this monitoring</p> <p>Associated material means</p>	
b	<p>Up-to-date information should be provided in respect of each of the key indicators. Care should be taken to ensure that this information is as accurate and reliable as possible, for example by carrying out observations in the same way, using similar equipment and methods at the same time of the year and day.</p>	<p>Key indicators for measuring the state of conservation : None</p> <p>1. 2. 3. ...</p>	000
c	<p>Indicate which partners if any are involved in monitoring and describe what improvement the State Party foresees or would consider desirable in improving the monitoring system.</p>	None	000
d	<p>In specific cases, the World Heritage Committee and/or its Bureau may have already examined the state of conservation of the property and made recommendations to the State Party, either at the time of inscription or afterwards. In such cases the State Party is requested to report on the actions that have been taken in response to the observations or recommendations made by the Bureau or Committee.</p>	<p>If it is the case, which actions has been taken in response to the observations / recommendations of the Committee/Bureau. No action taken because we did not receive any information about the Committee decisions.</p>	000



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II.7. Conclusions and recommended actions

a	<p>The main conclusions under each of the items of the state of conservation report, but in particular as to whether the World Heritage values of the property are maintained, should be summarised and tabulated together with :</p> <p>Main conclusions regarding the state of the World Heritage values of the property (see items II.2. and II.3. above)</p>	<p>Main conclusions concerning the Statement of significance of the site as a World Heritage property (see item II.2 above)</p> <p>This statement do not exist in the nomination file and need to be made. The assistance of the WH Centre is needed Also the inclusion of the wadi Hadramawt while nominating Shibam would have been advisable.</p> <p>Main conclusions concerning the Statement of authenticity / integrity of the property as a World Heritage property (see item II.3 above)</p> <p>No significant changes</p>	000
b	<p>conclusions regarding the management and factors affecting the property (see items II.4 and II.5. above)</p>	<p>Main conclusions concerning the management of the property (see item II.4 above)</p> <p>The site is missing a workable management plan. An assistance and evaluation from the WH Centre is needed The property has changed from state owned to private</p> <p>Main conclusions concerning the factors affecting the property (see item II.5 above)</p> <p>The water and sewerage networks and connections to be rebuilt Urgent needs for actions on the socio-economic factors in order to maintain and make come back the inhabitants of the city</p>	000
c	<p>Proposed future action(s):</p>	<p>GTZ project programme</p>	000



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II.7. Conclusions and recommended actions (Cont)

d	Responsible implementing agency/agencies Provide the necessary details for eventual contact.	Responsible implementing agency(ies): Agency: GOPHCY branch Person responsible: Mr Jamal Bamakhrama Address: Telephone : Fax: E-mail:	000
e	Timeframe for implementation	5 years	000
f	Needs for international assistance	Type of assistance desired: Technical assistance, preparatory assistance and training assistance, and funding of projects	000
g	The State Party is also requested to indicate what experience the State Party has obtained which could be relevant to others dealing with similar problems or issues. Please provide names of organisations or specialists who could be contacted for this purpose.	Do you think that you could have resource persons or organisations who could be involved in monitoring others NO If YES, give names and addresses 1. Name: UNESCO and WHC Address : Paris france 2. Name: ICOMOS Address: ...	000
h	Address where the inventory, records and archives are kept.	Agency: GOPHCY (CATS) Person responsible: Mr Nabil Al Makaleh Address:	000



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II.8. Documentation enclosed

Maps and plans of the site layout

Site map (zoning)

Illustrations of the state of conservation of the site (photographs, slides and, if available, film/videos):

General view (overall view of the site)

Photos illustrating the physical state of conservation of the site

Photos illustrating the main threats to the site and its surroundings

Copies of the management plans of the site and extracts of other plans relating to the site

Indicative bibliography

