

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Pilgrimage Church of Wies

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- Germany

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

271bis



Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1983

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

| Name | Coordinates (longitude / latitude) | Property (ha) | Buffer zone (ha) | Total (ha) | Inscription year |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Pilgrimage Church of Wies | 47.681 / 10.9 | 0.1 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 1983 |
| Total (ha) | | 0.1 | 8.4 | 8.5 | |

1.4 - Map(s)

| Title | Date | Link to source |
|---|------------|---|
| Pilgrimage Church of Wies | 09/01/2009 |  |
| Pilgrimage Church of Wies - inscribed minor boundary modification | 29/06/2011 |  |

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

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1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

- [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
- [Wieskirche - Wallfahrtskirche zum Gegeißelten Heiland auf der Wies](#)
- [Die Wieskirche \(Deutsche UNESCO-Kommission - german only\)](#)

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

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

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

(i)(iii)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

The sanctuary of Wies, pilgrimage church constructed in the open country side, a perfect masterpiece of rococo art, is a master piece of creative genius (criterion i) and an exceptional testimony to a civilization which has disappeared (criterion iii)

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

Integrity A unique feature is the harmony between art and the countryside. In this sparsely settled area, in complete solitude, it was possible for a religious and architectural idea to be realized unhindered. This setting is completely untouched. Authenticity All art forms and techniques used - architecture, sculpture, painting, stucco work, carving, ironwork, etc. - were welded by the architect into a perfect, pervasive whole, in order to create a diaphanous spatial structure of light and form. Form and design, material and substance, use and function of the Pilgrimage Church of Wies have remained unchanged.

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

none

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

| | Name | Impact | | | | | | Origin | |
|---------------|---|-----------|----------|----------|--------|---------|--|--------|--|
| 3.1 | Buildings and Development | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1.1 | Housing | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1.4 | Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1.5 | Interpretative and visitation facilities | | | | | | | | |
| 3.8 | Social/cultural uses of heritage | | | | | | | | |
| 3.8.1 | Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses | | | | | | | | |
| 3.8.6 | Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation | | | | | | | | |
| 3.10 | Climate change and severe weather events | | | | | | | | |
| 3.10.1 | Storms | | | | | | | | |
| 3.10.6 | Temperature change | | | | | | | | |
| 3.13 | Management and institutional factors | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | |
|--------------|---|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|
| 3.1 | Buildings and Development | | | | | |
| 3.1.4 | Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure | restricted | intermittent or sporadic | minor | high capacity | decreasing |
| 3.8 | Social/cultural uses of heritage | | | | | |
| 3.8.6 | Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation | restricted | intermittent or sporadic | minor | high capacity | decreasing |

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

3.17.1 - Comments

none

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is a buffer zone

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 buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

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

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

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

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **known** by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

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

none

4.2. Protective Measures

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

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

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- **Question 6.02**

Land Use Plan: definition of the area surrounding the Pilgrimage Church of Wies as agricultural land Law on the Protection of Monuments: prohibition of change pursuant to Article 6

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 provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

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 legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

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 provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity

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

none

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

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

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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: 1946

Function: Tours, general administration (with the exception of construction issues) –Tours by the tourism association or other institutions have to be registered with and authorized by the priest. Construction issues are dealt with by the State Construction Office Weilheim in coordination with the steering group

Mandate: Pilgrimage Church Foundation (Wallfahrtskuratatiekirchenschaft) St Joseph Wies / Pilgrimage Church of Wies

Constituted: formal

- **Question 5.05**

Overall management system of the site

- Management by the State Party
- Management under protective legislation
- Consensual management
- Other effective management system

Priest and his staff

4.3.2 - Management Documents

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 fully 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?

No annual work / action plan exists despite an identified need

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

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Local communities / residents | Good |
| Local / Municipal authorities | Fair |
| Indigenous peoples | Good |
| Landowners | Fair |
| Visitors | Fair |
| Researchers | Fair |
| Tourism industry | Fair |
| 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?

Local communities directly contribute to some decisions relating to management

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 little or no contact with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

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

none

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

none

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) | 70% |
| Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State) | 20% |
| Governmental (Local / Municipal) | 10% |
| In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc) | 0% |
| Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.) | 0% |
| Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.) | 0% |
| Other grants | 0% |

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

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 some flow of economic benefits to local communities

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

There are some equipment and facilities but overall these are inadequate

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

There is basic maintenance of equipment and facilities

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

none

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?

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

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 | Fair |
| Community outreach | Good |
| Interpretation | Fair |
| Education | Poor |
| Visitor management | Poor |
| Conservation | Good |
| Administration | Fair |
| Risk preparedness | Good |
| Tourism | Poor |
| Enforcement (custodians, police) | Fair |

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 | Medium |
| Community outreach | Medium |
| Interpretation | Medium |
| Education | Medium |
| Visitor management | Medium |
| Conservation | High |
| Administration | Medium |
| Risk preparedness | High |
| Tourism | Medium |
| Enforcement (custodians, police) | Medium |

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 **partially implemented**; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally **but most of the technical work is carried out by external staff**

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

none

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**

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 **considerable** research but it is **not directed** towards 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

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

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 **limited and ad hoc** education and awareness programme

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 influenced education, information and awareness building activities, **but it could be improved**

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

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is adequately presented and interpreted **but improvements could be made**

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 provided but needed |
| Site museum | Poor |
| Information booths | Adequate |
| Guided tours | Adequate |
| Trails / routes | Adequate |
| Information materials | Adequate |
| Transportation facilities | Adequate |
| Other | Not needed |

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

none

4.7. Visitor Management

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

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Last year | Static |
| Two years ago | Static |
| Three years ago | Static |
| Four years ago | Static |
| Five years ago | Static |

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

| |
|-----------------|
| Visitor surveys |
| Other |

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?

There is **some management** of the visitor use of the World Heritage property

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?

No fees are collected

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 considerable monitoring but it is **not directed towards 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 and key indicators have been defined but **monitoring the status of indicators could be improved**

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 | Excellent |
| Local communities | Average |
| Researchers | Excellent |
| NGOs | Average |
| Industry | Not applicable |
| Local indigenous peoples | Not applicable |

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

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

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

none

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

none

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 |
|--------------|---|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3.1 | Buildings and Development | | | | | |
| 3.1.4 | Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure | criteria (i), (iii) | Planning of a Visitor Centre | none | not defined | Archdiocese of Augsburg none |
| 3.8 | Social/cultural uses of heritage | | | | | |
| 3.8.6 | Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation | criteria (i), (iii) | none | none | not defined | not identified none |

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

| 4.3 Management System / Management Plan | | | | | | |
|---|---|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| | Actions | Timeframe | Lead agency (and others involved) | More info / comment | | |
| 4.3.6 | No annual work / action plan exists | none | not defined | not identified | none | |
| 4.3.10 | There is little or no contact with industry regarding management | none | not defined | not identified | no actions necessary | |
| 4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building | | | | | | |
| 4.6.3 | There is a limited education and awareness programme | none | not defined | not identified | none | |
| 4.7 Visitor Management | | | | | | |
| 4.7.4 | Some management of visitor use of the property but this could be improved | none | not defined | not identified | 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

none

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

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

none

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

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|--|
| Governmental institution responsible for the property |
| Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff |

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

none

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

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| UNESCO | Very good |
| State Party Representative | Very 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 | Excellent |
| State Party | Excellent |
| Site Managers | Excellent |
| Advisory Bodies | Excellent |

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

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6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise

none