

**1. Introduction**

**1.1 - State Party**

Norway

**1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention**

12/05/1977

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

|   |
|---|
| Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage |
| External experts  |

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

- Trond Taugbøl  
Directorate for Cultural Heritage – Riksantikvaren  
Senior Adviser
- Gaute SØNSTEBØ  
Directorate for Nature Management  
Senior Adviser  
Directorate for Management

**Comment**

Update of contact information for Sønstebø; Norwegian Environment Agency www.miljodirektoratet.no Gaute Sønstebø Senior Adviser PO BOX 7672 Sluppen N-7485 Trondheim Norway Telephone +47 988 55 734 Email: gaute.sonstebo@miljodir.no

**1.5 - Other key institutions responsible**

- Berit Halvorsen  
Deputy Director General  
Norwegian Ministry of the Environment  
Domain: Cultural and Natural

**1.6 - Comments**

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

**2.1 - Cultural Heritage (Level and Status)**

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

**2.2 - Natural Heritage (Level and Status)**

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

**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)**

2.2: The Norwegian Biodiversity Information Centre (NBIC) makes information and data on biodiversity available to the public (www.biodiversity.no) including Red List DB, Alien Species DB, Species Maps and Habitat DB. (Knowledge Status on species; approx 60% (potential total 60.000)) 2.1 Askeladden DB: All listed/protected cultural heritage (buildings, sites, monuments, archeological sites).

**3. Tentative List**

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

|   |
|---|
| Islands of Jan Mayen and Bouvet as parts of a serial transnational nomination of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge system /  |
| Svalbard Archipelago /  |
| The Laponian Area - Tysfjord, the fjord of Hellemobotn and Rago (extension) /   |
| The Lofoten islands /   |
| VIKING MONUMENTS AND SITES / Vestfold Ship Burials and Hyllestad Quernstone Quarries / 2014 /   |
| Rjukan/Notodden and Odda/Tyssedal Industrial Heritage Sites, Hydro Electrical Powered Heavy Industries with associated Urban Settlements (Company Towns) and Transportation System / 2014 / |

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

|  |
|--|
| ICOMOS thematic studies  |
| IUCN thematic studies  |
| Filling the gaps – an action plan for the future by ICOMOS, Gaps analysis by IUCN        |
| Meetings to harmonize Tentative Lists within your region                                 |
| UNESCO's Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List |
| Others (please provide details in 3.7)   |

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

|  |      |
|--|------|
| National government institution(s)                   | Good |
| Regional / provincial / state / government(s)        | Good |
| Local government(s)                                  | Good |
| Other government departments                         | Fair |
| UNESCO National Commission                           | Fair |
| Local authorities within or adjacent to the property | Good |
| Local communities / residents                        | Good |
| Indigenous peoples                                   | Fair |
| Landowners   | Fair |

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Local industries                 | Not applicable |
| Non Governmental Organization(s) | Fair           |
| Consultants / experts            | Fair           |
| Site manager / coordinator(s)    | Not applicable |

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

No

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

Ministry of the Environment / www.miljo.no Berit Halvorsen / Deputy Director General / P.O.Box 8013 Dep / +47 22 24 90 90 / +47 22 24 95 60 / postmottak@md.dep.no / Cultural and natural /

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

Yes

**3.7 - Comments**

3.2.7: TICCHI

**4. Nominations**

**4.1 - Property**

| Name   | Date of submission | Status        |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| Røros Mining Town                                    | 1978-11-15         | inscribed     |
| Røros Mining Town and the Circumference              | 2009-01-30         | inscribed     |
| The Valley of Heidal                                 | 1978-11-15         | not inscribed |
| The Kjerringoy Trading centre                        | 1978-11-15         | not inscribed |
| Urnes Stave Church                                   | 1978-11-15         | inscribed     |
| The Eidsvoll building                                | 1978-11-15         | not inscribed |
| Vingen   | 1978-11-15         | withdrawn     |
| Mølen  | 1978-11-15         | withdrawn     |
| Rock Art of Alta                                     | 1984-12-28         | inscribed     |
| Struve Geodetic Arc                                  | 2004-01-28         | inscribed     |
| West Norwegian Fjords – Geirangerfjord and Nærøfjord | 2004-01-30         | inscribed     |
| Bryggen  | 1978-11-15         | inscribed     |
| Vegaøyen -- The Vega Archipelago                     | 2003-01-27         | inscribed     |

**4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations**

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| National government institution(s)                   | Good           |
| Regional / provincial / state government(s)          | Good           |
| Local government(s)                                  | Good           |
| Other government departments                         | Fair           |
| UNESCO National Commission                           | Fair           |
| Local authorities within or adjacent to the property | Good           |
| Local communities / residents                        | Good           |
| Indigenous peoples                                   | Good           |
| Landowners   | Fair           |
| Local industries                                     | Fair           |
| Non Governmental Organization(s)                     | Good           |
| Consultants / experts                                | Good           |
| Site manager / coordinator                           | Not applicable |


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

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Strengthened protection of sites (legislative, regulatory, institutional and / or traditional) | Some benefit   |
| Enhanced conservation practices  | High benefit   |
| Catalyst for wider community appreciation of heritage  | High benefit   |
| Improved presentation of sites   | High benefit   |
| Enhanced honour / prestige   | High benefit   |
| Increased funding  | Some benefit   |
| Additional tool for lobbying / political influence   | High benefit   |
| Stimulus for enhanced partnerships   | Some benefit   |
| Increased recognition for tourism and public use   | High benefit   |
| Stimulus for economic development in surrounding communities                                   | Some benefit   |
| Others (please provide details in 4.4)   | Not applicable |

**4.4 - Comments**

**5. General Policy Development**

**5.1 - Legislation**

| Title  | Year | Link to source  |
|--|------|---|
| Act of 9 June 1978 N.50 concerning Cultural Heritage entered into force 15 February 1979 | 1978 |  |

**Comment**

5.1 incomplete. To be supplemented with principal pieces of legislation in 5.2

**5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1**

|  |
|--|
| Act of 19 June 2009 No. 100 Relating to the Management of Biological, Geological and Landscape Diversity (Nature Diversity Act) / 2009 / National / Natural / <a href="http://www.regjeringen.no/en/doc/Laws/Acts/nature-diversity-act.html?id=570549">http://www.regjeringen.no/en/doc/Laws/Acts/nature-diversity-act.html?id=570549</a>            |
| Act of 27 June 2008 No. 71 relating to Planning and the Processing of Building Applications (the Planning and Building Act) / 2008 / National / Cultural and natural / <a href="http://www.regjeringen.no/en/doc/laws/Acts/planning-building-act.html?id=570450">http://www.regjeringen.no/en/doc/laws/Acts/planning-building-act.html?id=570450</a> |

**5.3 - Comment**

Nature Diversity Act provides a coherent, long-term, binding legal framework for conservation and sustainable use of all biological, geological and landscape diversity (diversity at ecosystem, habitat and species level and to genetic diversity within populations of species). Planning and Building Act provides legal framework for EIAs to ensure that the environment, natural resources and community are taken into account in planning process.

**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**

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. Rtf 1975 Convention on international trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora. Rtf 1976 Convention on Migratory Species. Rtf 1985 Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats. Rtf 1986 Convention on Biological Diversity. Rtf 1993 European Landscape Convention. Rtf 2001 UNESCO Conventions on cultural heritage UNIDROIT European Council: Granada, Valetta, Faro

**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 that are effectively implemented.

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

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

**5.10 - Comments**

**6. Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation**

**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 effective cooperation between principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

**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?**

Different levels of government cooperate effectively for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

**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**

**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 no research programme specifically addressing World Heritage.

**7.2 - Research projects**

- 

**7.3 - Comments**

**8. Financial Status and Human Resources**

**8.1 - Sources of funding**

|   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| National government funds   | Major source of sustained funding |
| Other levels of government (provincial, state, local)                     | Major source of sustained funding |
| International assistance from the World Heritage Fund                     | Not applicable                    |
| International multilateral funding (e.g. World Bank, IDB, European Union) | Not applicable                    |
| International bilateral funding (e.g. AFD, GTZ, DGCS, GEF, etc.)          | Not applicable                    |
| NGOs (international and / or national)                                    | Not applicable                    |
| Private sector funds  | Minor source of sustained funding |
| Other (Please specify in 8.6)   | Not applicable                    |

**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**

No

**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 acceptable but could be further improved to fully meet the conservation, protection and presentation needs.

**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

9. Training

9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs

•

9.2 - Training needs

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Conservation                     | High priority   |
| Education                        | Medium priority |
| Promotion                        | Low priority    |
| Interpretation                   | High priority   |
| Administration                   | High priority   |
| Visitor management               | High 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

9.3.3: Capacity building on nature heritage management; Every four year the Norwegian Environment Agency runs capacity building courses for protected area management board members (local and regional politicians) and one to four times a year courses for Protected area managers (site managers). The Norwegian Nature Inspectorate field corps meets regularly for capacity building..

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

|  |
|--|
| Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements                            |
| Financial support  |
| Participation in foundations for international cooperation         |
| Sharing expertise for capacity building                            |
| Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars |
| Distribution of material / information                             |

10.2 - Twinned World Heritage properties with others

Yes

10.3 - Comments

10.2.1 The West Norwegian fjords are involved in the Marine World Heritage Program. Røros Mining Town and the Circumference, Vega archipelago and West Norwegian fjords are in a connecting process with iSimangaliso Wetland Park and Richtersveld Cultural and Botanical Landscape in South Africa (Part of the Living with World Heritage conference, Røros 2012). Bryggen is member of WH Cities.

11. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.1. Media used for World Heritage sites promotion

11.1.1 - Publications

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

11.1.2 - Films / TV

|                   |
|-------------------|
| Information       |
| Awareness Raising |
| Local             |

11.1.3 - Media campaigns

|                |
|----------------|
| Not applicable |
|----------------|

11.1.4 - Internet

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

11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals

|                |
|----------------|
| Not applicable |
|----------------|

11.1.6 - World Heritage Day

|                |
|----------------|
| Not applicable |
|----------------|

11.1.7 - Translation and diffusion of publications made available by the World Heritage Centre

|                |
|----------------|
| Not applicable |
|----------------|

11.1.8 - Other (please specify in 11.1.8)

|                |
|----------------|
| Not applicable |
|----------------|

11.1.9 - Comments

11.2. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.2.1 - Strategy to raise awareness among different stakeholders

There are strategies to raise awareness about conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage that are being effectively implemented.

11.2.2 - Level of general awareness

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Private Sector | Poor |
| Youth          | Poor |

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Communities living in/around heritage sites | Fair |
| Tourism industry                            | Fair |
| Decision makers and public officials        | Fair |
| Indigenous peoples                          | Fair |
| General public                              | Poor |

**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.

**11.2.4 - Level of frequency of activities**

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

**11.2.5 - Comments**

11.2.3.3 Limited to local schools from two WH-properties that has actively been using the UNESCO WH in Young Hands Kit. (Approx. 40 ASPnet schools in Norway)

**12. Conclusions and Recommended Actions**

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

**12.1.1 - Identification of heritage**

|   |
|---|
| <b>Identification of heritage</b>   |
| 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**

|  |
|--|
| <b>National Inventories</b>                              |
| National<br>: Process well-advanced                      |
| Regional / provincial / state<br>: Not applicable        |
| National<br>: Process well-advanced                      |
| Regional / provincial / state<br>: Process well-advanced |

**12.1.3 - Tentative List**

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| <b>Tentative List</b> |
| Yes                   |

**12.1.4 - Legal framework**

|   |
|---|
| <b>Legal framework</b>  |
| Existing capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework could be strengthened. |

**12.1.5 - Implementation of international conventions within national policies**

|   |
|---|
| <b>Implementation of international conventions within national policies</b> |
|---|

**12.1.6 - Communities**

|   |
|---|
| <b>Communities</b>  |
| Local communities / residents: Good                           |
| Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: Fair |
| Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: Fair |
| Local communities / residents: Good                           |
| Indigenous peoples: Good                                      |
| Landowners: Fair  |

**12.1.7 - Larger-scale planning**

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

**12.1.8 - Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation**

|  |
|--|
| <b>Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation</b>  |
| Different levels of government cooperate effectively for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage. |

**12.1.9 - Scientific and Technical Studies and Research**

|  |
|--|
| <b>Scientific and Technical Studies and Research</b>                   |
| There is no research programme specifically addressing World Heritage. |

**12.1.10 - Financial status**

|   |
|---|
| <b>Financial status</b>   |
| The available budget is acceptable but could be further improved to fully meet the conservation, protection and presentation needs. |

**12.1.11 - Human resources**

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

**12.1.12 - Training**

|   |
|---|
| <b>Training</b>   |
| 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**

|  |
|--|
| <b>International cooperation</b>                                   |
| Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements                            |
| Financial support  |
| Participation in foundations for international cooperation         |
| Sharing expertise for capacity building                            |
| Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars |
| Distribution of material / information                             |

**12.1.14 - Education, Information and awareness building**

|   |
|---|
| <b>Education, Information and awareness building</b>  |
| Private Sector<br>: Poor                              |
| Youth<br>: Poor                                       |
| Communities living in/around heritage sites<br>: 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

## 13. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

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

Yes

### 13.2 - Please provide suggestions for improvement:

More detailed explanatory text behind "the guidance icon" would be infomativ.

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

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

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| UNESCO          | No follow-up |
| Advisory Bodies | No follow-up |
| State Party     | Poor         |
| Site Managers   | No follow-up |

### 13.6 - Comments