

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Surtsey


1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

Iceland Europe and North American natural Marine & coastal 12672008

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Surtsey	63.303 / -20.602	3370	3190	6560	2008
Total (ha)		3370	3190	6560	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Surtsey, Nominated Area	30/01/2007	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

1. [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)

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

Comment

The site is not registered under other International Conventions.

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

Values

Surtsey is a new island formed by volcanic eruptions in 1963-67. It has been legally protected from its birth and provides the world with a pristine natural laboratory. Free from human interference, Surtsey has produced long-term information on the colonisation process of new land by plant and animal life. Criterion (ix): Ongoing biological and ecological processes: Surtsey was born as a new volcanic island in 1963-67 and since that time has played a major role in studies of succession and colonisation. It has been the site of one of the few long term studies worldwide on primary succession, providing a unique scientific record of the process of colonisation of land by plants, animals and marine organisms. Not only is it geographically isolated, but it has been legally protected from its birth, providing the world with a pristine natural laboratory, free from human interference. Above all, because of its continuing protection, Surtsey will continue to provide invaluable data on biological colonisation long into the future.

Integrity

The property includes the whole island and an adequate surrounding marine area, and thus all the areas that are essential for the long term conservation of the ecological processes on Surtsey. There is also a relatively small but functional marine buffer zone that is not part of the inscribed property. It is noted that part of the evolution of Surtsey is the process of coastal erosion which has already halved the area of the island and over time is predicted to remove another two thirds leaving only the most resistant core.

Requirements for Protection and Management

Surtsey is a highly controlled, isolated environment and so threats are very limited. The purpose of strictly prohibiting visits to Surtsey is to ensure that colonisation by plants and animals, biotic succession and the shaping of geological formations will be as natural as possible and that human disruption will be minimised. It is prohibited to go ashore or dive by the island, to disturb the natural features, introduce organisms, minerals and soils or leave waste on the island. Nearby construction is also strictly controlled. The most significant management issue will be to retain the level of control and protection from human influence that has characterised the protective history of Surtsey. It is noted that, as an island ecosystem, there is the potential for human disturbance and pollution from a very wide area. Contingency planning, for example for oil spills, is required for the property and its wider surroundings. Given the lack of access a creative and positive approach to presenting the property will be required to ensure that visitors are able to appreciate, but not disturb, its values.

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

(ix)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

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

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

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

Weather monitoring mast was placed on the island in 2009. The weather station and a web camera on the mast are powered by solar power. The purpose of the weather station is to collect data for research purposes. The mast has positive impact for monitoring and research. Underwater telecable was layed through a corner of the buffer zone in the fall of 2008. The case was reported to UNESCO's WHC and IUCN and was considered having a minor affect on the property.

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact				Origin
3.1	Buildings and Development					
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities					
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.2	Air transport infrastructure					
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities					
3.3.5	Major linear utilities					
3.5	Biological resource use/modification					
3.5.1	Fishing/collecting aquatic resources					
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition					
3.13	Management and institutional factors					
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities					
3.13.3	Management activities					
Legend	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.5	Biological resource use/modification					
3.5.1	Fishing/collecting aquatic resources	localised	on-going	insignificant	low capacity	static
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/ deposition	localised	on-going	minor	no capacity and / or resources	decreasing

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

3.17.1 - Comments

Erosion on Surtsey is a natural process identified in the nomination file and constantly monitored. It is a part of the evolution of the island and is prone to decrease as the island matures.

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

4.2. Protective Measures

4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional) Note WHC (July 2012)

The information below should be carefully reviewed and updated. Thank you for your cooperation.

The property is owned by the Icelandic State and is protected as a Nature Reserve under the Act No. 44/1999 on Nature Conservation. This superseded a previous Act No. 48/1956 on Nature Conservation, according to which Surtsey was gazetted on 19 May 1965, and a subsequently revised Act No. 47/1971 on Nature Conservation. The Municipality of Vestmannaeyjar is the planning authority for the area.

Surtsey falls within the IUCN Protected Area Management Category 1a (Strict Nature Reserve). In January 2006, the boundary of the Surtsey Nature Reserve was expanded to its current position and a revised Declaration of Surtsey Nature Reserve was issued in order to ensure protection of the entire Surtsey volcanic system above the surface of the sea and underwater, including the craters Jólnir, Syrtlingur and Surtla, together with a surrounding marine area. There are further restrictions in place in relation to fishing and other resource use.

At the larger scale, a large part of the Vestmannaeyjar Archipelago, including Surtsey, is scheduled for protection in Iceland's Nature Conservation Strategy 2004-2008. The reasons for including Vestmannaeyjar are its outstanding seabird populations, together with the archipelago's landscape values and geomorphological features. In addition, the Municipal Plan for Vestmannaeyjar, principally the local development plan, confirms the government's intentions to protect the entire archipelago as a managed nature reserve, while allowing sustainable use of its resources

Comment

We would like to change the first sentence in the last paragraph to reflect the current situation and to read as follows: At the larger scale, the Vestmannaeyjar Archipelago, including Surtsey, is scheduled for protection in Iceland's Nature Conservation Strategy 2009-2013.

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 **acceptable** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies remain

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

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Note WHC (July 2012)

The information below should be carefully reviewed and updated.

The World Heritage Centre has been provided with the Revised version (19 November 2007) of the Draft Management Plan for Nature Reserve Surtsey (2007 – 2017) when the property was proposed for inscription. If the above mentioned management plan is currently in force, please provide its 2 paper and electronic versions to the WHC. If a more recent management plan is in force, please submit 2 paper and electronic versions to WHC. In either of the above cases, the submission should be accompanied by a cover letter to DIR/WHC. Thank you for your cooperation.

From its creation, Surtsey has been strictly protected and the present state of management is excellent. The supervision of the nature reserve is the responsibility of the Environment and Food Agency through a six member advisory panel which includes representatives from the Agency, the Surtsey Research Society, the Icelandic Institute of Natural History, the Marine Research Institute, and the Municipality of Vestmannaeyjar. By special agreement of the Ministry of Environment, the Surtsey Research Society coordinates all research on the island and advises on other activities.

A draft Surtsey Nature Reserve Management Plan covering the period 2007-2017 has been produced and provides a long term vision for management of the Reserve, along with a series of detailed goals and objectives that include the necessary measures for integrated conservation, research, monitoring and interpretation. The Surtsey Research Society receives a small annual sum from the State and in kind support from a range of institutions, although its work is mostly voluntary.

The purpose of strictly prohibiting visits to Surtsey is to ensure that colonisation by plants and animals, biotic succession and the shaping of geological formations will be as natural as possible and that human disruption will be minimised. It is prohibited to go ashore or dive by the island, to disturb natural features, introduce organisms, minerals and soils or leave waste on the island. Any planned construction on or extraction from the nominated property must have the approval of the Environment and Food Agency and Vestmannaeyjar Municipal Council, on advice from the Surtsey Research Society, although maintenance of the existing helicopter pad and the research society's hut (Palsbaer) is permitted. In addition to these latter two structures, the only other man-made construction on the island is a concrete blockhouse which is the remains of an abandoned lighthouse on the summit of Austerbunki. In 2006, bottom-towed net fishing was banned in the property, although such fishing is allowed in the buffer zone. Fishing with gill nets, lines and traps are not considered to be a threat and thus are allowed within the nominated property.


The Vestmannaeyjar community also has considerable interest in Surtsey, including as a part of its tourism development programme. Aerial sightseeing and boat tours are available, and Surtsey is also passed by cruise liners en route for Reykjavik.

Comment

The Environment and Food Agency is now called Environment Agency New management plan that covers the period 2013-

2023 has been prepared but has not been validated. The management plan is based the draft in the nomination file. The management plan is in Icelandic and a translation will not be finished before the deadline for the periodic report.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Management Plan of Surtsey	N/A	Available	30/01/2007	

Comment

Surtsey Management plan for the period 2013-2023 has been made but not validated. See comment above.

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 **excellent coordination** between all bodies / levels involved in the management of the property

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?

An annual work / action plan exists and **many activities** are being implemented

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

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

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 have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role in 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

Question 4.3.10 is not relevant for the Site.

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

The regulation for the protection of Surtsey was updated in 2011, regulation 468/2011.

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)	
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	
Governmental (National / Federal)	100%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	
Other grants	

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

Comment

Assistance from the World Heritage Fund has not been requested.

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 **adequate** equipment and facilities

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

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

Full-time	100%
Part-time	

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

Permanent	100%
Seasonal	

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

Paid	100%
Volunteer	

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	Fair
Promotion	Poor
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Fair
Education	Fair
Visitor management	Not applicable
Conservation	Good
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Fair
Tourism	Not applicable
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	Medium
Promotion	Medium
Community outreach	Low
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Medium
Visitor management	Not applicable
Conservation	Medium
Administration	Medium
Risk preparedness	Medium
Tourism	Not applicable
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Low

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

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

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

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

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

Link to Surtsey Research progress report published in 2009 with scientific papers about Surtsey
http://www.surtsey.is/pp_ens/report/report_XII.htm

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?
Not displayed at all

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

Local communities / residents	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Non-existent
Local landowners	Non-existent
Visitors	Average
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 planned education and awareness programme but it only **partly meets the needs** and could be improved

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

World Heritage status has influenced education, information and awareness building activities, **but it could be improved**

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

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

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

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

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

Access to the site is restricted to scientists . The public is not allowed to visit the Island. The World Heritage emblem is located outside the WH site at Heimaey, with a view to Surtsey, were visitors can access it and learn more about the world heritage site from information signs. Awareness building and education takes place at the Surtsey visitor centre in Heimaey.

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	N/A
Five years ago	N/A

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

Entry tickets and registries

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents

Comment

A written permission is needed from the Environment Agency of Iceland to visit Surtsey and dive within the WH site. Only scientists are allowed to go there and occasionally film crews and photographers making documentary films and educational

material about Surtsey. The Nature Reserve officer for the site goes with all expeditions to the island as a guide.

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

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

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

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

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

No fees are collected

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

Many of those questions don't apply to Surtsey since there are no tourists allowed to the heritage site. There is a visitor centre at Heimaey the largest island in the Vestmannaeyjar archipelago with an exhibition about Surtsey and the research projects that take place there. There is a admission fee to the exhibiton wich is used to operate the centre. Access to the island is restricted for scientific purposes.

4.8. Monitoring

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Implementation is **underway**

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

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

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

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

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.5	Biological resource use/modification					
3.5.1	Fishing/collecting aquatic resources	Not affected.				
3.11	Sudden ecological or geological events					
3.11.5	Erosion and siltation/deposition	No	Non	Constantl monitored.	On-going	Institute of Natural History.

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		
4.3.10	There is little or no contact with industry regarding management	The island has very restrict access and contact with the insusty is none existent.				
4.6 Education, Information and Awareness Building						
4.6.1	World Heritage emblem not displayed	The World Heritage emblem is placed in the field hut where the researhers stay while they are on Surtsey. Otherwise no one else goes there. The emblem has therefore also been placed on a nearby island, Heimaey, were people can se it.			no one goes there exept fore those who have written permisson to do so and there for the emblem was placed outside the site with information about World heritage site.	

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

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

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

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

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

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

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

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

5.4.1 - Comments

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

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

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

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

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

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

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

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	Very good

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

All 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
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Management effectiveness

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

UNESCO	Not Applicable
State Party	Not Applicable
Site Managers	Not Applicable
Advisory Bodies	Not Applicable

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