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and of the List of World Heritage in Danger**

8D: Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties

SUMMARY

This document presents a Draft Decision concerning the adoption of eight “boundary clarifications”, i.e. clarifications of the delimitations of properties at the time of their inscription on the World Heritage List by the States Parties.

The boundary clarifications have been prepared in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory of nomination dossiers of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List in the period 1978-1998, as well as for properties inscribed after 1998 in the framework of the Periodic Reporting.

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I. RETROSPECTIVE INVENTORY

1. The Retrospective Inventory, an in-depth examination of the nomination dossiers available at the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN, was initiated in 2004 and endorsed by the World Heritage Committee at its 7th Extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2004), Decision **7 EXT.COM 7.1**.
2. The objective of the Retrospective Inventory is the identification and collection of data such as information on boundaries, serial components and areas of properties for early inscribed World Heritage properties where the available information is missing or not adequate. This data plays a key role in different statutory processes, such as reactive monitoring, modification of boundaries and Periodic Reporting of World Heritage properties.
3. Thus, through the Retrospective Inventory all documentation on properties inscribed from 1978 until 1998 available in the archives of the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN was analysed and inventoried.

II. BOUNDARY CLARIFICATIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF RETROSPECTIVE INVENTORY AND PERIODIC REPORTING

4. In the framework of the Retrospective Inventory, all maps provided in the nomination dossiers and in the evaluations of the Advisory Bodies were examined to check whether they included the delimitations of the World Heritage property as inscribed. Cases where the delimitations were not included or were not clear, were communicated to the States Parties concerned in order for them to provide the missing information on the delimitation of the properties at the time of their inscription.
5. Since 2004, the Retrospective Inventory process has dealt with more than four hundred properties inscribed on the World Heritage List during the period 1978-1998.
6. In parallel, in the course of the second cycle of Periodic Reporting and in reply to Question 1.4 (Maps) of the questionnaire (Section II), some States Parties have also provided technically improved maps of inscribed properties. These maps were submitted by States Parties in cases where the cartographic information provided in the nomination dossier at the time of their inscription did not fulfil the current technical requirements as established in paragraph 132 and Section 1.e of Annex 5 of the *Operational Guidelines*.
7. Consequently, the present document presents information related to maps of properties inscribed before 1998, and which fall within the Retrospective Inventory process, as well as properties inscribed after 1998, as a result of the Periodic Reporting exercise.

III. BOUNDARY CLARIFICATIONS IN 2016

8. Boundary clarifications are considered satisfactory only if: a) they are consistent with the information provided in the nomination dossier, with the evaluation of the concerned Advisory Body(ies) and with the decision of the World Heritage Committee at the time of inscription; b) they meet the current technical requirements, i.e.:
 - are provided on topographic or cadastral maps at the largest available scale (the choice between a topographic or cadastral map depends on the size as well as the type of the property);
 - are provided on maps that:

- a) show a clearly labelled coordinate grid (or coordinate references of at least four points on the map);
 - b) include a bar scale;
 - c) display a legend in English or French clearly referring to the “boundaries of the World Heritage property” and/or to the “buffer zone of the World Heritage property”, if applicable.
9. At its 40th session (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016), the World Heritage Committee requested States Parties concerned to submit all requested boundary clarifications by **1 December 2016** (Decision **40 COM 8D**). A circular letter was sent to all States Parties, asking to submit the missing information by this deadline. Out of the received boundary clarifications, eight were considered satisfactory. They are presented to the World Heritage Committee in the Annex of this document.
 10. Clarifications are presented by region in alphabetical order (Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America, Latin America and the Caribbean) and in alphabetical order of States Parties.
 11. The list of the World Heritage properties concerned is included in Paragraph 12. The Annex of this document presents detailed information on boundary clarifications for each concerned property and provides the following elements:
 - a table indicating the name of the property, its date of inscription, its identification number and its area in hectares as well as the area in hectares of its buffer zone, whenever applicable;
 - a technical summary providing further details and explanations;
 - for serial properties, a table listing the serial components and the areas in hectares as well as the area in hectares of their buffer zone(s), whenever applicable;
 - the maps are available at the following website <http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/41COM/documents/>.
 12. Boundary clarifications for the following properties are presented:

AFRICA

 - Seychelles, Vallée de Mai Nature Reserve

ARAB STATES

 - Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient City of Bosra

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

 - Canada, Old Town Lunenburg
 - Russian Federation, Architectural Ensemble of the Trinity Sergius Lavra in Sergiev Posad
 - Sweden, Church Town of Gammelstad, Luleå
 - Sweden, Laponian Area
 - Sweden, Naval Port of Karlskrona

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 - Honduras, Maya Site of Copan

IV. DRAFT DECISION

Draft Decision: 41 COM 8D

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/17/41.COM/8D,
2. Recalling Decision **40 COM 8D**, adopted at its 40th session (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016),
3. Acknowledges the excellent work accomplished by States Parties in the clarification of the boundaries of their World Heritage properties and commends them for their efforts to improve the credibility of the World Heritage List;
4. Recalls that the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies are not able to examine proposals for minor or significant modifications to boundaries of World Heritage properties whenever the delimitations of such properties as inscribed remain unclear;
5. Takes note of the clarifications of property boundaries and areas provided by the States Parties as presented in the Annex of Document WHC/17/41.COM/8D:

AFRICA

- Seychelles, Vallée de Mai Nature Reserve

ARAB STATES

- Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient City of Bosra

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

- Canada, Old Town Lunenburg
- Russian Federation, Architectural Ensemble of the Trinity Sergius Lavra in Sergiev Posad
- Sweden, Church Town of Gammelstad, Luleå
- Sweden, Laponian Area
- Sweden, Naval Port of Karlskrona

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- Honduras, Maya Site of Copan;

6. Requests the States Parties which have not yet answered the questions raised in the framework of the Retrospective Inventory to provide all clarifications and documentation as soon as possible, and by **1 December 2017** at the latest, for their subsequent examination, if the technical requirements are met, by the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee in 2018.

The boundary clarification maps for the concerned properties can be found at: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/41COM/documents/>. All the maps presented are consistent with the decision of the World Heritage Committee at the time of the inscription, and/or the evaluation of the relevant Advisory Body(ies) and/or the nomination dossier.

AFRICA

SEYCHELLES

Property	Vallée de Mai Nature Reserve
Identification number	261
Date of inscription	1983
Area of the inscribed property	19.5 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

ARAB STATES

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

Property	Ancient City of Bosra
Identification number	22
Date of inscription	1980
Area of the inscribed property	99.8 ha

Serial ID	Name of site element	Area (ha)	Buffer (ha)
22-001	Area 1	90.4	--
22-002	Area 2	1.2	--
22-003	Area 3	4.7	--
22-004	Area 4	3.5	--
TOTAL		99.8	--

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map displaying the boundaries of the four components of the inscribed property.

EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

Property	Old Town Lunenburg
Identification number	741
Date of inscription	1995
Area of the inscribed property	33.85 ha
Area of the buffer zone	32.44 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Property	Architectural Ensemble of the Trinity Sergius Lavra in Sergiev Posad
Identification number	657
Date of inscription	1993
Area of the inscribed property	22.75 ha
Area of the buffer zone	15.57 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

SWEDEN

Property	Church Town of Gammelstad, Luleå
Identification number	762
Date of inscription	1996
Area of the inscribed property	16.402 ha
Area of the buffer zone	243.474 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

SWEDEN

Property	Laponian Area
Identification number	774
Date of inscription	1996
Area of the inscribed property	940,900 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.

SWEDEN

Property	Naval Port of Karlskrona
Identification number	871
Date of inscription	1998
Area of the inscribed property	320.417 ha
Area of the buffer zone	1,105.077 ha

Serial ID	Name of site element	Area (ha)	Buffer Zone (ha)
871-001	Karlskrona and the Island of Trossö	254.40	1,105.077
871-002	Mjölnarholmen	6.82	
871-003	Koholmen	6.03	
871-004	Kungshall (Basareholmen)	4.99	
871-005	Godnatt	0.39	
871-006	Kurrholmen	2.22	
871-007	Ljungskär	1.83	
871-008	Crown Mill at Lyckeby (Kronokvarnen)	0.78	
871-009	Kungsholms Fort (Kungsholmen)	26.62	
871-010	Drottningkärs Citadel (Kastellet)	10.88	
871-011	Skärva	5.42	
TOTAL		320.417	1,105.077

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided clear maps displaying the boundaries of the eleven components of the inscribed property and its buffer zone.

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Property	Maya Site of Copan
Identification number	129
Date of inscription	1980
Area of the inscribed property	15.095 ha

Technical Summary:

The State Party has provided a clear map of the property, displaying the boundaries of the inscribed property.