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5B. Reports of the Advisory Bodies

SUMMARY

This document contains the reports of the Advisory Bodies (ICCROM, ICOMOS and IUCN) on their activities in 2010-2011 as follows:

- I. ICCROM
- II. ICOMOS
- III. IUCN

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I. Report by ICCROM on its World Heritage Activities 2010-2011

INTRODUCTION

1. The following is a summary final report of activities prepared by ICCROM for the World Heritage Committee. It outlines major activities carried out in each area of service, in the period 1 January – 31 December 2010. ICCROM support to the Committee, during the period of this report, has been provided principally by Joseph King (ICCROM World Heritage Coordinator), Gamini Wijesuriya (Deputy World Heritage Coordinator), Zaki Aslan, Daijiro Kitagawa, Baba Keita, Valerie Magar and Elena Incerti Medici all under the direction of ICCROM Director-General, Mounir Bouchenaki. ICCROM professional staff, knowledgeable of regional issues, and members of the ICCROM network also contribute to support these activities. Unless otherwise indicated, the costs for items listed below are funded under the ICCROM Service Contract #4500096636 with the World Heritage Centre. Professional and administrative costs above the amount covered in the contract are borne by ICCROM. ICCROM estimates that the organization contributed approximately €130,000 in staff time to World Heritage activities above the amount for professional fees and administrative services provided in its World Heritage contract.

PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE AND PLANNING MEETINGS

2. In 2010, ICCROM took part in the following meetings:

- Meeting of the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre, Paris, France, 13 - 15 January 2010 – ICCROM represented by Joseph King and Gamini Wijesuriya.
- Joint World Heritage Centre / Advisory Bodies Meeting for the Drafting of State of Conservation Reports in Preparation for the 34th Session of the World Heritage Committee, Paris, France, 6 – 10 April 2010 – ICCROM represented by Joseph King and Gamini Wijesuriya.
- Joint World Heritage Centre / Advisory Bodies Meeting for the Finalization of State of Conservation Reports in Preparation for the 34th Session of the World Heritage Committee, Paris, France, 17 – 18 May 2010 – ICCROM represented by Joseph King.
- 9th Extraordinary Session of the World Heritage Committee and Information Meeting for States Parties, Paris, France, 14 – 15 June 2010 – ICCROM represented by Joseph King.
- 34th Session of the World Heritage Committee, Brasilia, Brazil, 25 July – 3 August 2010 – ICCROM represented by Mounir Bouchenaki, Joseph King, and Gamini Wijesuriya.
- Meeting of the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre, Gland, Switzerland, 15 – 17 September 2010 – ICCROM represented by Joseph King.

COMMITTEE ORIENTATION SESSIONS

3. In 2010, ICCROM organized the following orientation sessions at the request of the World Heritage Committee:

- Orientation Session of members of the World Heritage Committee, Brasilia, Brazil, 25 July 2010 – organized by ICCROM in collaboration with the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS, and IUCN.

INVOLVEMENT IN REVIEW OF REQUESTS FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND RELATED MATTERS

4. From January to December 2010, ICCROM was invited to review 34 requests for international assistance. These reviews have been carried out by ICCROM staff knowledgeable in project areas, and ICCROM partners and network members. The following requests were evaluated by ICCROM (numbers next to the name of the State Party indicate multiple requests or revised requests resubmitted for comment):

Preparatory Assistance: Cook Islands (2), Côte d'Ivoire (2), Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Morocco, Palau, Sierra Leone (3), Swaziland

- Conservation and Management Assistance: Bolivia, Georgia (2), Iraq, Kenya (2), Malawi, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
- Emergency: Chile, Gambia, Guatemala (3), Haiti, Jordan, Uganda (4), Ukraine

5. ICCROM participated in the following Advisory Bodies/World Heritage Centre International Assistance Panel meetings:

- Paris, France, 15 January 2010 – ICCROM represented by Joseph King and Gamini Wijesuriya
- Gland, Switzerland, 15 September 2010 – ICCROM represented by Joseph King

REACTIVE / REINFORCED MONITORING MISSIONS TO WORLD HERITAGE SITES

6. From January to December 2010, the following Reactive Monitoring missions were carried out by ICCROM:

- Island of Mozambique, Mozambique, 22 – 25 March 2010. A joint ICCROM/ICOMOS/WHC reactive monitoring mission was scheduled, but the representatives of ICCROM and the World Heritage Centre were unable to travel due to the restrictions from the volcano eruption in Iceland.
- Historical Monuments of Mtskheta and Bagrati Cathedral and Gelati Monastery, Georgia 29 March – 4 April 2010. A joint ICCROM/ICOMOS/WHC reactive monitoring mission was carried out – ICCROM was represented by Simon Warrick.
- Lamu Old Town, Kenya, 7 – 9 May 2010. A joint ICCROM/ICOMOS/WHC reactive monitoring mission was carried out – ICCROM was represented by Joseph King.
- Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley, Bamiyan, Afghanistan, 20 – 26 November 2010. A joint WHC/ICCROM Advisory Mission was carried out – ICCROM was represented by Andrea Bruno. (*Costs for this activity were covered through other sources.*)

MANAGING AND COORDINATING CAPACITY BUILDING FOR WHICH FUNDS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED BY THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Publication of the first Volume in the World Heritage Resource Manuals Series, *Managing Disaster Risks for World Heritage*

7. As part of the partnership with the World Heritage Centre and other Advisory Bodies, the first publication within the framework of the new series of World Heritage Manuals, *Managing Disaster Risks for World Heritage*, was published. ICCROM was the lead author on this publication. The publication date was 1 July 2010.

Workshop on Urban Conservation for World Heritage Properties

8. From 22 – 29 April 2010 a Workshop on Urban Conservation for World Heritage Properties was held in Rome for 26 participants from 25 countries in all 5 UNESCO regions. The workshop was held within the framework of ICCROM's Built Heritage Course, with five additional participants invited to present cases studies related to specific World Heritage Urban sites. The workshop included lectures, discussions, a site visit to the World Heritage Property of Assisi, and group work on the five case study sites of Lamu, Kenya, Georgetown, Malaysia, Istanbul, Turkey, Zabid, Yemen, and Valparaiso, Chile.

Implementation of activities with ICCROM's ATHAR Programme for Conservation of Cultural Heritage in the Arab States Region (*Costs of this activity were covered through other sources.*)

9. Within the framework of the ICCROM's ATHAR programme, ICCROM undertook the following capacity building activities related World Heritage properties and/or World Heritage themes:

- ATHAR Specialist Course on the Documentation of Heritage Sites in the Arab Region, Sharjah, UAE, 3 – 14 January 2010.
- ATHAR-MOSAİKON Course on Conservation and Management of Mosaics on Archaeological Sites, Tyre, Lebanon, 3 – 22 May 2010 (in partnership with the Getty Foundation, the Getty Conservation Institute, and the International Council for the Conservation of Mosaics).
- Third Workshop on Conservation Professional Education and Practice in the Arab Region, Sharjah, UAE, 1 – 3 June 2010.

INVOLVEMENT IN REVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC ISSUES AND THEMES PERTINENT TO THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (*Costs for some of these activities were covered through other sources.*)

10. From January to December 2010, ICCROM took part in the following scientific meetings on themes pertinent to the World Heritage Committee:

- Consultation Meeting on the World Heritage Earthen Architecture Programme, Paris, France, 11 January 2010 – ICCROM represented by Joseph King.
- Drafting Group on the UNESCO Recommendations for the Historic Urban Landscape, Paris France 16 – 19 February 2010 – ICCROM represented by Joseph King.
- International Expert Meeting on World Heritage and Serial Properties and Nominations, Ittingen, Switzerland, 25 – 27 February 2010 – ICCROM represented by Jane Thompson.
- Experts Meeting on the Relationship between the World Heritage Convention, Conservation, and Sustainable Development, Paraty, Brazil, 29 – 31 March 2010 – ICCROM represented by Carolina Castellanos.
- Expert Meeting on the Feasibility of an International Landscape Convention, Paris, France, 25 – 26 October 2010 – ICCROM represented by Joseph King.
- Meeting on the Role of Religious Communities in the Management of World Heritage Properties, Kiev, Ukraine, 2 – 5 November 2010 – ICCROM represented by Jukka Jokilehto.
- Meeting of the Working Group on the Revision of the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention, Paris, France, 15 – 16 November 2010 – ICCROM represented by Joseph King.
- Expert Meeting on Decision-making Procedures of the World Heritage Convention, Manama, Bahrain, 15 – 17 December 2010 – ICCROM represented by Mounir Bouchenaki and Joseph King.

ICCROM INVOLVEMENT IN THE GLOBAL TRAINING STRATEGY

Meeting on the Updating of the Global Training Strategy, Rome, Italy, 20 – 21 May 2010

11. ICCROM hosted a meeting of capacity building stakeholders to discuss the revision of the Global Training Strategy. Participants included 11 professionals from all UNESCO regions. This meeting was a follow-up of a first meeting on training held in Chexbres, Switzerland in December 2009.

Drafting Group Meeting on the Updating of the Global Training Strategy, Rome, Italy, 9 – 10 December 2010

12. ICCROM hosted a drafting group meeting to discuss the ongoing revision of the Global Training Strategy. Participants included representatives of the World Heritage Centre, Advisory Bodies, and the Swiss Government.

Meeting on Category 2 Centres, UNESCO Chairs, and Other networks, Manama, Bahrain, 19 – 20 December 2010

13. ICCROM took part in a meeting of Category 2 Centres, UNESCO Chairs, and other capacity building networks. At the meeting, ICCROM presented a draft of the revised World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy for discussion and comment by the capacity building stakeholders present at the meeting. ICCROM was represented at the meeting by Mounir Bouchenaki and Joseph King. *(Costs for this activity were covered through other sources.)*

Cooperation with the World Heritage Institute for Training and Research – Asia and Pacific – WHITR-AP (UNESCO Category 2 Centre)

14. In 2010, ICCROM collaborated with WHITR-AP on a Training Course on Management Planning for Cultural Heritage which took place in Shanghai, China from 13 – 24 September 2010. *(Costs for this activity were covered through other sources.)*

Cooperation with the Africa World Heritage Fund (UNESCO Category 2 Centre)

15. From 15 – 19 November, ICCROM participated in the 2nd African World Heritage Fund World Heritage Nominations Training Programme. Gamini Wijesuriya represented ICCROM. *(Costs for this activity were covered through other sources.)*

Cooperation with the World Heritage at Work Masters Programme (Torino, Italy)

16. In 2010, Joseph King lectured at the World Heritage at Work Masters Programme on the themes of “Introduction to the World Heritage Convention”, “The International Context for Conservation”, “Outstanding Universal Value”, “Values, Significance, Authenticity, and Integrity”, and “Post-Inscription Processes”, Torino, Italy, 9 – 10 November 2010. *(Costs for this activity were covered through other sources.)*

Cooperation with the Cultural Heritage Protection Cooperation, Asia/Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU Nara Office)

17. In 2010, ICCROM cooperated with the ACCU Nara Office on the Training Course, Cultural Heritage Protection in the Asia /Pacific Region: Research, Analysis and Preservation of Archaeological Sites and Remains, from 7 September – 7 October 2010. ICCROM was represented by Gamini Wijesuriya from 7 – 10 September. ICCROM also participated in an international conference at the ACCU Nara from 27 – 30 January on the topic of Human Resources Development for Cultural Heritage Protection. ICCROM was represented at this conference by Mounir Bouchenaki. *(Costs for this activity were covered through other sources.)*

Collaboration with the Government of Switzerland and IUCN on a Capacity Building Programme for World Heritage

18. Through a generous contribution of the Government of Switzerland, ICCROM and IUCN in collaboration with ICOMOS and the World Heritage Centre have undertaken activities within the first year of a three year programme on capacity building. The programme foresees six workshops in various regions of the world, a workshop on sustainable tourism, advice and evaluation of existing training programmes, publication and translation of key materials related to World Heritage, and the ongoing development of the World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy. In 2010, this programme carried out its first training activity in San Jose, Costa Rica from 1 – 10 May for the training of cultural and natural heritage experts in all aspects of World Heritage processes. In addition, the ongoing revision of the Global Training Strategy has been carried out in the framework of this programme. *(Costs for this activity were covered through other sources.)*

COLLABORATION WITH THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE AND/OR STATES PARTIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES (*Travel and DSA for the following activities were covered through other sources.*)

19. During 2010, ICCROM staff was involved in the following activities for the benefit of World Heritage properties:

- **Collaboration with Sri Lanka on Management Planning for World Heritage Properties:** From 16 – 21 February, Gamini Wijesuriya undertook a mission to Sri Lanka to help in the development of management plans for six World Heritage properties. The mission was a follow-up to one undertaken in 2009.
- **Advice to the Government of Italy on the Management Plan for the World Heritage Property of the Historic Centre of Naples:** Joseph King participated in three meetings during 2010 (3 – 4 June, 2 July, and 17 November) to provide advice to municipal and other officials in regard to the development of a management plan for the Historic Centre of Naples.
- **Advice and Cooperation at the World Heritage Site of Angkor in Cambodia:** ICCROM Director General, Mounir Bouchenaki attended the Ad Hoc Experts Group and Technical Committee of the International Coordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Historic Site of Angkor in Siem Reap, Cambodia from 8 – 9 June 2010.
- **Participation in the Scientific Committee of the UNESCO Initiative, Safeguarding Project of Hassan Fathy's New Gurna Village, Luxor, Egypt, 2 – 3 October 2010:** ICCROM was represented by Joseph King.
- **Participation in an International Workshop on the Development of a Management Plan for Samarkand – Crossroads of Cultures, Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 22 – 28 October 2010:** ICCROM was represented by Gamini Wijesuriya.

INVOLVEMENT IN PERIODIC REPORTING

20. From January to December 2010, ICCROM took part in the following meetings on the Periodic Reporting process:

- Launch Meeting for the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting in Sub-Saharan Africa, Dakar, Senegal, 20 – 22 January 2010 – ICCROM represented by Baba Keita.
- Final Regional Meeting for the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting in the Arab States, Algiers, Algeria, 1 – 5 February 2010 – ICCROM represented by Mounir Bouchenaki, Joseph King, and Zaki Aslan.
- Sub-regional Meeting for the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting in Sub-Saharan Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, 4 – 6 May 2010 – ICCROM represented by Joseph King.
- Sub-regional Workshop on the Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting for Asia and the Pacific, New Delhi, India, 2 – 5 June 2010 – ICCROM represented by Gamini Wijesuriya.
- Workshop on Periodic Reporting for World Heritage - Cluster Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, 14 – 19 June 2010 – ICCROM represented by Gamini Wijesuriya.
- Sub-regional Meeting for the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting in Sub-Saharan Africa, Yaounde, Cameroon, 21 – 23 June 2010 – ICCROM represented by Katri Lisitzin.
- National Workshop on the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting in Sri Lanka, 17 – 23 August 2010. ICCROM represented by Gamini Wijesuriya.
- Sub-regional Meeting for the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting in Latin America and the Caribbean, Zacatecas, Mexico, 6 – 10 September 2010 – ICCROM represented by Lilia Rivero Weber and Valerie Magar.
- Sub-regional Meeting of the Second Cycle Periodic Reporting for Asia and the Pacific, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1 – 3 December 2010. ICCROM represented by Gamini Wijesuriya.

II. Report by ICOMOS on its World Heritage Activities 2009-2010

Thirty-fourth session of the World Heritage Committee (Brasilia, 25 July-3 August 2010)

21. The International Council on Monuments and Sites was represented at the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee (Brasilia, 25 July-3 August 2010). Its work at this session concerned the following:

1. The presentation of the evaluations of the Advisory Body for the nomination for inscription of cultural and mixed properties, extensions and requests for minor revisions;
2. The presentation of statements of outstanding universal value notably those originating from the Arab States region;
3. The presentation of monitoring reports on the state of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List, including reactive monitoring mission reports and the reflection on trends in the monitoring of the state of conservation. Furthermore, the Advisory Body responded to requests for information and/or technical advice from representatives of the World Heritage Committee or States Parties;
4. The presentation of a thematic study, « Heritage sites of Astronomy and Archeoastronomy in the context of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention », in the Document Guidance on the Heritage Impact Assessments for Cultural World Heritage properties and Examination of Working Methods and Procedures of ICOMOS for the evaluation of cultural and mixed properties;
5. Contribution to debates on agenda items concerning procedures and themes such as the revision of the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*, the reinforced monitoring mechanism, historic urban landscapes, proposals for serial transborder nominations for inscription, the Future of the World Heritage Convention;
6. Contribution to the orientation session of the World Heritage Committee, 25 July 2010.

The International Council on Monuments and Sites was also called upon to participate in working group discussions that were held in concurrence with the plenary session, to meet with delegations of States Parties for the organization of future evaluation and monitoring missions as well as working with the World Heritage Centre and the other advisory bodies to facilitate the work of the World Heritage Committee.

Contractual aspects

22. Contract, No 4500111014, was signed on 30 July 2010 for an amount of 556535.00 Euros for the activities of the advisory body to the World Heritage Committee between July 2010 and February 2011.

A contract was also established in December 2009 concerning the preparation of a thematic study « Early Human Expansion and Innovation in the Pacific » and another in June 2010, for the preparation of a typology analysis on properties related to the Silk Roads.

Evaluation of nominations for inscription to the World Heritage List

23. For the 2011 cycle, beginning in March 2010 until June 2011, ICOMOS was called upon to evaluate 29 new cultural and mixed properties proposed for inscription, including one nomination for reinscription of a natural property based on cultural criteria.

Three of these concern nominations of mixed properties and one, the transborder nomination by two countries. The requests for nomination originate from 29 States Parties to the World Heritage Convention.

Expert missions were organized between July-October 2010 for these 29 properties which were sent to ICOMOS in March 2010, rigorously following the principles and procedures set out in the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention*, in particular Section III.E and Annex 6.

For the evaluations, the ICOMOS International Scientific Committees were consulted and the National Committees were involved. Moreover, individual experts are consulted to provide an viewpoint regarding the outstanding universal value of all the properties concerned, their authenticity and integrity and their protection and management.

Written evaluations have been prepared and examined by the ICOMOS World Heritage Commission during a four-day meeting held from 2 to 5 December 2010. Additional documentation was requested from several States Parties before 31 January 2011. In March 2011, evaluation texts, approved by the Panel in December will be amended to take into account this additional documentation during the second meeting of the Commission. The evaluations shall be presented at the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee (Paris Headquarters, 19-29 June 2011).

ICOMOS also worked in cooperation with IUCN concerning the mixed properties and cultural landscapes, first and foremost participating in a teleconference with the Panel of the Advisory Body and in consultations regarding the natural elements of the cultural landscapes.

In February 2010, ICOMOS received the files of five properties referred back at earlier sessions of the World Heritage Committee and eleven requests for minor revisions for evaluation. These properties shall be examined in March 2011 at the second meeting of the ICOMOS World Heritage Commission and the evaluations shall be presented at the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee (Paris Headquarters, 19-29 June 2011).

In the framework of the project "Up-stream Processes", ICOMOS carried out research concerning properties identified following criteria established by the information meeting of November 2010 to elaborate a list of pilot projects. This research enabled the establishment of a list of pilot projects in consultation with the World Heritage Centre.

In March 2011, ICOMOS shall receive new nominations for inscription to be presented at the 36th session of the World Heritage Committee.

Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value

24. Revision work for the retrospective statements of outstanding universal value of World Heritage properties is associated with the second cycle of the periodic report and its regional timetable. In the second half of 2010, the Advisory Body examined 26 retrospective statements of outstanding universal value for the region of Africa which were dispatched to the World Heritage Centre in February-March 2011. As agreed upon with the World Heritage Centre, it also accorded priority to retrospective statements of the Arab States that States

Parties had not submitted in 2010 and those of sites inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger. Work on the retrospective statements of other regions should be carried out in accordance with the timetable of the periodic report , as decided by the World Heritage Committee. In context, in March 2011, work on the 122 retrospective statements of the Asia-Pacific region should commence. The possibility of availability of extrabudgetary funds was broached by the World Heritage Centre for the Latin American and Caribbean region (81 statements). Confirmation would be useful so that the Advisory Body could take into account this additional task in its work timetable for 2011.

Reports on the state of conservation of World Heritage properties

25. The World Heritage Centre regularly and throughout the year consults the Advisory Body on problems or threats that weigh on properties inscribed on the World Heritage List or on the Tentative Lists of the States Parties. Additional research was carried out, notably through the ICOMOS networks, documents studied and written reports transmitted to the World Heritage Centre. These reports (desk reviews) concerned Vézelay, the Loire Valley, Le Havre (France), Tikal (Guatemala), Kathmandu (Nepal), Brussels (Belgium), Avila, Ségovia (Spain), Liverpool, (United Kingdom), Tallinn (Estonia), Jesuit Block and Estancias of Cordoba (Argentina), Wouda (Netherlands). Other reports are under preparation.

To date, ICOMOS has carried out 22 reactive monitoring missions requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session. They concern joint missions with UNESCO. A few missions foreseen for before end 2010 were postponed until March and April 2011.

Furthermore, in reponse to a request from UNESCO, the Advisory Body participated in an advisory mission to Pompéi financed by the State Party.

On 1 February 2011, ICOMOS began report writing on 55 projects on the state of conservation of cultural and mixed properties and shall review the drafts of 58 projects to be presented at the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee.

Periodic Reports

26. The International Council on Monuments and Sites participated in several regional meetings of the second cycle of periodic reporting for the Asia-Pacific region, the Africa region and Europe region. These meetings provided the opportunity to present the key concepts of the World Heritage Convention, the format of the questionnaire, to organise workshops attended by the managers of the properties and to respond to their professional and technical queries, as well as to questions regarding the retrospective statements of outstanding universal value. The closing meeting of the periodic report for Africa (Dôme de Vredefort, South Africa, 14-17 February 2011) enabled the Advisory Body to present an analysis of the data gathered during that exercise.

Evaluation of international assistance requests

27. ICOMOS examined 38 requests for international assistance (technical, preparatory, emergency, training) that had been submitted for technical evaluation and comment since June 2010. These assistance requests were studied and examined by the Panel on 15 September 2010 and on 17 January 2011. In the framework of this exercise, the Advisory Body responded to the requests of the States Parties regarding the availability of experts for the implementation of activities.

Global Strategy and Thematic Studies

Preparation of documents and thematic studies:

29. The thematic study « Early Human Expansion and Innovation in the Pacific » was printed in December 2010 and made available to the World Heritage Centre. This is the second thematic study concerning the Pacific region and an additional step in the identification and long-term protection of significant sites and cultural landscapes in the region. It provides a global view of the first colonisation of the Pacific by man with the objective of providing comparative data to facilitate the selection of cultural properties for nomination to the World Heritage List.

The study on the theme « Silk Roads » which began last June proposes an analysis of known sites along the silk roads as a basis for future comparative analyses, by comparing the proposed sites with similar sites along the silk roads. This study covers data from the States Parties.

The Advisory Body has begun work on a new thematic study “Water and Heritage”. A progress report on this study shall be presented to the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee at UNESCO, Paris, in June 2011.

The thematic study « Rock Art in Central Asia » has been completed and is available as a bilingual publication, in Russian and English.

The Advisory Body is working in consultation with IUCN on a guide for the preparation of the desired state of conservation of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Global Strategy training:

30. ICOMOS participated in global strategy training meetings organised by ICCROM. The last one was held in Rome from 8 to 11 December 2010 and prepared the World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy (2011) which shall be presented to the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee.

ICOMOS and ICCROM covered the cultural heritage component together with the participation of IUCN for the training workshop for a group of professionals aimed at technical assistance in support of the World Heritage Convention in Africa. This workshop, organized in Porto Novo in Benin (29 November-3 December 2010) with support from Switzerland, brought together professionals who work with the advisory bodies in their evaluation of the nominations for inscription and the monitoring of the state of conservation.

Thematic meetings:

31. ICOMOS was represented at several meetings relating to the development of the Global Strategy and, more generally to other aspects of the World Heritage Convention. Among others, it was represented at the Working Group on the Revision of the *Operational Guidelines*, the Meeting on Up-stream Processes, the meeting on the Working Methods of the World Heritage Committee in Bahrain, and the joint meeting of the Category II Centres.

Meetings	Dates	Place
Periodic Reporting Asia	1-5 June 2010	Dehra Dun, India
Periodic Reporting Asia	11-12 September 2010	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Periodic Reporting Africa	21-23 June 2010	Yaoundé, Cameroon
Periodic Reporting Africa	3-4 September 2010	Windhock, Namibia
Periodic Reporting LAC	6-8 September 2010	Zacatecas, Mexico

Periodic Reporting LAC	7-10 December 2010	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Periodic Reporting Europe	8-10 December 2010	Amsterdam, Netherlands
Training Workshop	29 November-3 December 2010	Porto Novo, Benin
Global Strategy Training	8-11 December 2010	Rome, Italy
Meeting on the Role of Religious Communities in the Management of WH properties	2-5 November 2010	Kyiv, Ukraine
Meeting of the Working Group on the Revision of the Operational Guidelines	15-16 November 2010	UNESCO, Paris
Informal Working Group on the Emblem	17 November 2010	UNESCO, Paris
Meeting on Up-stream processes	17 November 2010	UNESCO, Paris
Meeting on decision-making procedures	15-17 December 2010	Manama, Bahrain
WH related Category II Centres	19-20 December 2010	Manama, Bahrain

Meetings of the ICOMOS World Heritage Working Group: The ICOMOS World Heritage Working Group that assists the World Heritage Unit in activities and strategy relating to the World Heritage Convention, met in Paris on 20-21 September 2010 and 6 December 2010.

Information:

32. ICOMOS has a Documentation Centre with a data base available on line; all documents and publications may be consulted at ICOMOS, every afternoon from 14.00 to 17.00 and by appointment. The "World Heritage" archives are an everyday work tool of our World Heritage Unit and are consulted regularly by researchers, professionals, but also by States Parties' administrations wishing to prepare nominations for inscription.

The Advisory Body responds on an almost daily basis to requests for information on the World Heritage Convention from States Parties, researchers, students and the general public.

Statutory and administrative meetings:

33. ICOMOS participated in the Advisory Body meetings (IUCN, ICCROM and ICOMOS) with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, held on 16 and 17 September 2010 at IUCN Headquarters in Gland (Switzerland) and on 17-19 January 2011 at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris.

III. IUCN Activities on World Heritage 2009-2010

IUCN SUMMARY ACTIVITY REPORT TO THE 35th SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

34. The report below provides a summary of key activities by IUCN since the 34th Session of the World Heritage Committee, focused in particular on the activities that were requested by the World Heritage Committee and are funded from the World Heritage Fund. More information will be provided on request, and is also included in other reports to the 35th Session of the World Heritage Committee.

Activity	Key Results	Comments
34th Session of the World Heritage Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN attended the 34th Session of the World Heritage Committee, and the IUCN delegation included the Director-General of IUCN who was present for an extended time during the meeting. IUCN played an active role in the presentation of many items considered at the meeting, including the reports on the State of Conservation of natural and mixed properties, and the evaluations of new natural and mixed nominations to the World Heritage List. • IUCN provide comments on the majority of working documents for the 34th Session of Committee. 	<p>IUCN notes that there is a significant discussion following the meeting regarding a range of points on the Committee's process, and IUCN participated in the meeting on decision-taking processed in statutory organs of the World Heritage Convention, held in Bahrain in 15-18th December 2010, which considered many of these points. IUCN looks forward to playing a full part in the further discussions, which have been considered within its networks, at IUCN Council and at the most senior levels of the organization. A joint letter has been sent to the Director General of UNESCO by the Directors General of IUCN and ICCROM and Presidents of ICOMOS considering points to strengthen the Convention.</p>
Evaluation of new nominations (see also Annex 1).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluations of 13 nominations related to natural and mixed World Heritage nominations have been undertaken in line with the procedures established in the Operational Guidelines, and with the support of the IUCN World Heritage Panel. IUCN also provided input to ICOMOS on nominated cultural landscapes (including one joint mission). • IUCN has continued to coordinate with UNEP-WCMC on the updating of its records on World Heritage Sites, and the World Database on Protected Areas. • IUCN has also developed with UNEP-WCMC more standardized methods for comparative analysis in relation to the biodiversity criteria (ix and x) providing a basis for supporting the potential work on upstream processes. 	<p>IUCN's evaluations will be presented to the 35th Session of the World Heritage Committee, and details of the evaluation process are set out in IUCN's evaluation report, together with comments regarding the scope to make this process more effective, notably through the design and implementation of upstream processes to provide support to States Parties before nominations are put forward.</p> <p>IUCN welcomes the findings of the review of the ICOMOS evaluation process carried out by Mr. Jade Tabet, and is committed to developing a joint plan of action with ICOMOS on those recommendations that relate to cooperation with IUCN.</p> <p>IUCN and WCMC consider an alternative system to continued</p>

Activity	Key Results	Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN and ICOMOS have continued to increase the communication and coordination of their evaluation processes, and are participating in their respective World Heritage Panels. • IUCN has also extended significantly the diversity of its evaluator network during the year, notably through the use of extra budgetary support provided by the State Party of Switzerland and the MAVA Foundation. 	<p>updating of the WCMC datasheets is required to accord with current standards of information management and will seek to implement this during 2011, in conjunction with the development of the international online platform for protected areas www.protectedplanet.net which is a joint initiative of IUCN and UNEP-WCMC.</p>
<p>Monitoring of World Heritage Sites (See also Annex 2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN is taking the lead in drafting the majority of State of Conservation reports on natural sites to the 35th Session of the World Heritage Committee, and in collaboration with the other Advisory Bodies and World Heritage Centre to compile these documents, together with an overview of conservation trends, and technical advice on key issues such as mining and World Heritage, in dialogue with private sector extractives and finance industry leaders. • Monitoring missions have been undertaken as requested at the 34th, and previous, sessions of the World Heritage Committee, and with an IUCN lead on the drafting of mission reports. • IUCN has also in the course of the year reviewed a wide range of information submitted by States Parties and stakeholders in relation to many World Heritage Sites, including a number of Environmental Impact Assessments. 	<p>IUCN considers additional resources are required if the monitoring processes are to correspond to the requests of the World Heritage Committee, and provide the most effective advice to States and Sites. More upstream support is required in the monitoring process to utilise tools such as Impact Assessments and assessments of the management effectiveness of World Heritage Sites to foresee and avoid issues as far as possible.</p> <p>IUCN has noted there are significant workload issues surrounding the number of SOC reports, and especially the missions requested for the current biennium, which have greatly exceeded budgeted numbers. IUCN considers that the format of mission reports, without sacrificing technical quality, could be simplified to enable more timely delivery and also correspond to the level of effort that can be supported with available funding.</p> <p>In parallel with its reporting to the World Heritage Committee, IUCN is working with external resources to develop a reporting system on the State of World Heritage for launch in 2012, in order to provide an overview of the overall status of natural and mixed World Heritage Sites.</p> <p>With external resources IUCN is also strengthening its regional networks to provide greater support to World Heritage Sites. IUCN is particularly</p>

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		<p>grateful for the collaboration of its regional offices to supporting World Heritage and now has in place new regional focal points for World Heritage in East and Southern Africa (based in Kenya), and Oceania (based in Fiji), to complement those focal points for South America (based in Ecuador), West and Central Africa (based in Senegal) and the Arab States (based in Jordan).</p> <p>IUCN is also increasing its capacity to use Geographical Information and Remote Sensing, and is extending its networks with members and specialists globally, and will continue this work in 2011-12. IUCN is also preparing a vulnerability assessment of World Heritage Sites in relation to potential impacts of climate change.</p>
Periodic Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN actively participated in the second cycle of Periodic Reporting in close coordination with the corresponding regional desks of the World Heritage Centre. • IUCN has provided consistent support to States Parties on the drafting of retrospective Statements of OUV. • IUCN is maintaining and developing a network of regional mentors to support implementation of the periodic reporting process, commencing with activities in the Arab States. 	<p>IUCN considers that there is a need to increase the follow up to the periodic report and ensure that resources are allocated within the World Heritage Centre to ensure that the results of completed reports lead to clear and purposeful action. The repositioning of the Global Capacity Building Strategy is an opportunity to do this, and support from States Parties to assist the process is required. Actions that have been agreed via the periodic report should be a focus for extra budgetary fundraising.</p>
Global Capacity Building Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN has contributed actively to the revision of the Global Training Strategy, and the implementation of a short term capacity building project that is supported by the State Party of Switzerland. A key component of this strategy will be a focus on the needs identified in the second cycle of the periodic report • IUCN also participated actively in the discussions surrounding the proposed new World Heritage focused category 2 centres and related institutions, and attended the first global meeting of this network in December 2010. • IUCN also contributed, with 	<p>IUCN considers the repositioning of the Global Capacity Building Strategy should be a key priority of the World Heritage Committee, and a focus for the Secretariat and Advisory Bodies regarding extra-budgetary fundraising. This matter will be discussed in a specific item during the World Heritage Committee.</p> <p>IUCN is committed to supporting the development of an effective regional and global network of capacity building institutions for World Heritage, including contributing to building the network of Category 2 Centres, and supporting existing</p>

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	extrabudgetary funding raised by IUCN in the programme coordinated by the African World Heritage Fund to support World Heritage nominations in Africa.	institutions to develop and strengthen their work on World Heritage.
Training Materials including Resource Manuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training materials in English, French, Spanish and Arabic have been produced and used in a range of periodic reporting meetings, mostly utilising additional support from the State Party of Switzerland. • The resource manual on World Heritage Nominations, prepared jointly by IUCN and ICOMOS has been completed and published. • The resource manual on Managing Natural World Heritage has been completed and is in production within the World Heritage Centre. 	<p>It is proposed to further consolidate these products jointly with the WHC and the other Advisory Bodies. A joint series of presentations is needed to provide information on key terms and concepts, procedures and objectives of periodic reporting, monitoring, nominations and evaluation and International Assistance.</p> <p>A key target is to translate such materials into a range of languages, not only limited to the working languages of the Convention. IUCN is seeking to raise funds to assist this process.</p> <p>IUCN recommends that the WHC website serve as the primary portal so necessary links and additional resources could be put on one new page dedicated to each resource manual.</p>
Thematic studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN has continued its work on thematic studies, and completed a new study on desert landscapes, in collaboration with the International Association of Geomorphologists. • The Bahrain Action Plan on marine World Heritage has been finalized. • A study on tourism impacts on natural World Heritage Sites has been completed and published. • Work is ongoing, with external funding, on a thematic study on marine sites, and a progress report will be provided at the 35th Session. • IUCN has contributed to an initiative of ICOMOS Norway to examine the relationship of the World Heritage Convention to furthering human rights. • The State Party of Australia has indicated it is willing to support a thematic study on the use of criterion vii, in line with past requests of the Committee, and the release of funds for this study by the 	<p>IUCN notes the importance of thematic studies to support States regarding potential priority setting is essential, and will be increasingly important as an element of upstream processes. The allocation of funding to this work from the World Heritage Fund is extremely small and inadequate to needs, and is likely drop to negligible levels in the forthcoming biennium. Thus this area of work will need external funding to be continued. IUCN is embarked on fundraising activities to support continued activity in this area.</p>

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	<p>World Heritage Centre is awaited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A synthesis of natural gap sites in Sub-Saharan Africa has been published in partnership between IUCN, African World Heritage Fund, and the MAVA Foundation. • A proposal for a revision of the IUCN thematic study on biodiversity gaps (criteria ix and x) has been prepared jointly with UNEP-WCMC. 	
International Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN undertook the reviews of International Assistance requests and attended the meetings of the International Assistance panel. The relevant requests are submitted online and are held by the World Heritage Centre, together with the relevant minutes of these meetings which are also produced by the Centre. 	<p>IUCN considers there is considerable scope to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the International Assistance system, especially by providing greater support and encouragement to States during the application process.</p> <p>IUCN is concerned that more attention is needed to securing extrabudgetary funding to support the International Assistance provision within the World Heritage Fund, and supports the proposals of the Secretariat that the use of the World Heritage Emblem by private sector companies should result, in part at least, in funding being provided to augment the World Heritage Fund. IUCN is willing to support the World Heritage Centre in its work to increase extrabudgetary funding available for International Assistance within the World Heritage Fund.</p>
Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN has reviewed the submitted Statements of Outstanding Universal Value, respecting the regional priorities set by the World Heritage Committee. 	<p>IUCN has noted separately the considerable capacity issues associated with the workload on retrospective Statements of OUV, considering the technical complexity of this exercise. IUCN is highly appreciative of the excellent work by Site Managers and focal points within States Parties to develop the draft Statements of OUV that are being reviewed.</p>
Committee Working Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN has attended and contributed to the relevant documentation for the meetings of the Working Groups on the Operational Guidelines, and the Use of the World Heritage Emblem. 	<p>IUCN considers it important that the Operational Guidelines are agreed and republished following the 35th Session, to provide a text that can be disseminated to States Parties and World Heritage Sites.</p> <p>IUCN's comments on the use of the</p>

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		World Heritage Emblem are included in the minutes and papers of the Working Group.
Technical Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN has taken part in a range of technical meetings as noted in Annex 3. 	IUCN notes that the number of technical meetings continues to grow, and recommends a smaller and more focused programme of events, that would also reduce the costs and carbon footprint of the World Heritage Convention.
Other matters (selected)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IUCN has contributed as requested to the external audit of the Global Strategy • IUCN has contributed to work in relation to a possibly new Global Strategy for the Convention, in the context of the debate on the Future of the Convention. • IUCN has been fully engaged in the discussions regarding Upstream Processes, including the provision of advice to information meetings at UNESCO, and developing a list of potential pilot projects in conjunction with the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies. 	

35. In addition to the above work, IUCN is continuing its collaboration with the MAVA Foundation, UNESCO, UNEP-WCMC, the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas, and others to develop its work on the World Heritage Agenda for Nature, which is IUCN's programme to provide additional support to the work of the Convention through its regional networks, members and partners. The programme includes a priority for work on World Heritage within Africa. Partnership within the World Heritage Agenda for Nature is being provided by the State Party of Switzerland, Korean Cultural Ministry, African World Heritage Fund and a number of other partners. IUCN would be pleased to provide information on this work, and any aspect of its global and regional programmes as required, and during the course of the 35th Session of the World Heritage Committee.

ANNEX 1: IUCN Evaluation missions for the 35th Session of the World Heritage Committee

Nominated property	State Party	Evaluators
Trinational de la Sangha	République du Congo, Cameroun et République Centrafrique	Charles Doumenge Gérard Collin
Harra Protected Area	Iran	Tarek Abul Hawa Tilman Jaeger
Ningaloo Coast	Australia	Rainer von Brandis Ameer Abdulla
Wudalianchi National Park	China	Harald Plachter
Western Ghats	India	Wendy Strahm Brian Furze
Ogasawara Islands	Japan	Naomi Doak Peter Shadie
Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park	Viet Nam	Cristi Nozawa Bastian Bomhard
Lakes System in the Great Rift Valley	Kenya	Geoffroy Mauvais
Parc National de la Pendjari	Benin	Pierre Galland Mamadou Sidibé
Ancient Beech Forests of Germany	Germany	David A. Mihalic
Delta du Saloum (mixed)	Senegal	Wendy Strahm
Wadi Rum Protected Area (mixed)	Jordan	Zoe Wilkinson Kyung Sik Woo
Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park (mixed)	Jamaica	Joerg Elbers
Colombia Coffee Cultural Landscape (cultural landscape)	Colombia	Doris Cordero

ANNEX 2: IUCN Monitoring Missions for the 35th Session of the World Heritage Committee (status at 1 April 2011)

Property	State Party	Mission Dates
Los Katios National Park	Colombia	TBC
Virunga National Park	Democratic Republic of Congo	Week of 13th Dec 2010
Reefs and Lagoons of New Caledonia	France	19 Feb – 06 Mar 2011
Rio Platano	Honduras	2-8 Feb 2011
Manas Wildlife Sanctuary	India	23 – 31 Jan 2011
Lorentz National Park	Indonesia	25 Jan to 2 Feb 2011
Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra	Indonesia	7 to 17 April 2011
Rainforests of the Atsinanana	Madagascar	TBC
Monarch Butterfly Reserve	Mexico	10-14 Jan 2011
Manu National Park	Peru	4-10 Dec 2010
Lake Baikal	Russian Federation	TBC
Komi Virgin Forests	Russian Federation	4-12 Oct 2011
Vredefort Dome	South Africa	11-14 Sep 2010
Doñana National Park	Spain	19-22 Jan 2011
Serengeti National Park (and Ngorongoro)	United Republic of Tanzania	29 Nov to 6 Dec 2010
Everglades National Park	USA	24-28 Jan 2011
Mana Pools	Zimbabwe	10 – 15 Jan 2011
17 missions	TOTAL	

	Missions already agreed for after 35COM	
Pirin National Park	Bulgaria	
Dja Faunal Reserve	Cameroon	
The Dolomites	Italy	
Air Ténéré Natural Reserve	Niger	
Niokolo Koba National Park	Senegal	
Yellowstone National Park	USA	

ANNEX 3: Technical Meetings attended by IUCN

Date	Meeting's name	Location
2010		
1-6 June	APAC Periodic Reporting	India
July 6th	AB meeting on Operational Guidelines	France
July 13th	Expert Mechanism on the rights of Indigenous people	Switzerland
1-4 September	LAC Periodic Reporting	Mexico
6-10 September	Africa Periodic Reporting	Namibia
September 14th	World Heritage extracting industries	France
16-17 September	Advisory Bodies meeting	Switzerland
30 Sept – 4 October	Global Geoparks network	Greece
4-5 October	Periodic Reporting meeting, Europe	Estonia
1-2 November	Training Workshop on Periodic Reporting and Retrospective Inventory of Natural Heritage Sites	India
13-17 November	IUCN evaluation process Europe	Germany
15-26 November	World Heritage nominations in Africa Workshop	Namibia
4 December	Attendance to ICOMOS panel	France
6-8 December	LAC Periodic Reporting	Brazil
8-10 December	Global training strategy	Italy
15-17 December	Decision taking processes	Bahrain
20-21 December	Category 2 Centre meeting	Bahrain
2011		
17-19 January	Advisory Bodies Meeting	France
14-17 February	Closing Meeting, Africa Periodic Report	South Africa
24 March	Board Meeting, African World Heritage Fund	France

IV. Draft Decision

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The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Having examined Document WHC-11/35.COM/5B,*
2. *Takes note of the reports of the Advisory Bodies (ICCROM, ICOMOS and IUCN) on their activities.*