The Retrospective Inventory, Baseline Data, and Periodic Reporting

A summary of findings of the Retrospective Inventory, November 2004 – October 2005

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Retrospective Inventory

of inscribed sites 1978-1998

Phase I – Europe November 2004- September 2005

Summary

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Origins of the Retrospective Inventory

- No clearly defined limits to many World Heritage properties;
- No understanding of the number and significance of serial properties;
- Portions of nomination dossiers in two different archives;
- National authorities and site managers often no longer possessed either the original nomination files or the institutional memory concerning the original inscriptions.

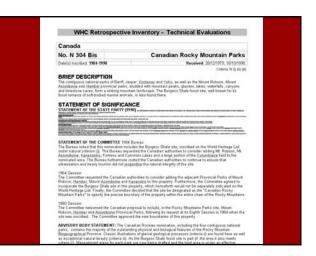
Periodic Reporting and the Retrospective Inventory in Europe

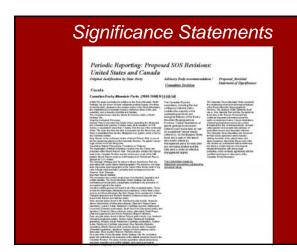
- Focal points of State Parties would have the best possible baseline data on which to base their own Section II reports;
- WHC would have valid baseline data against which to review completed section II reports; and
- Missing geographic information could be identified and requested from States Parties as part of the process.

- Statement of Significance
- Geographic Data
- Statistical Indicators, where present
- · Inventory of the nomination dossier
- Digital reference snapshots of relevant map(s)

Significance Statements

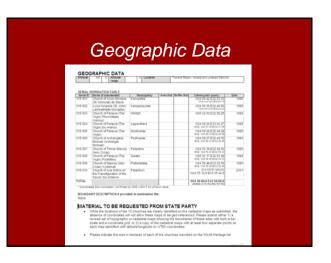
- Justification of the State Party
- Recommendation of the Advisory Body(ies)
- Statements of the Bureau and Committee





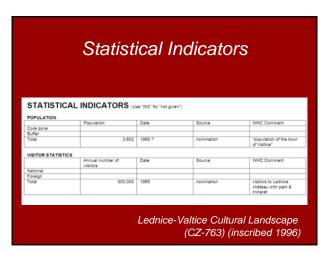


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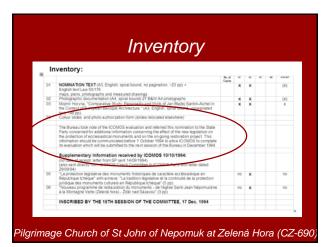
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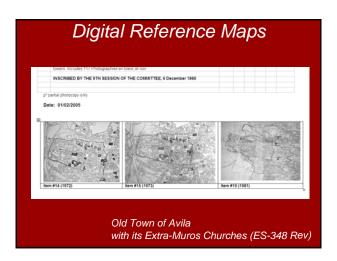
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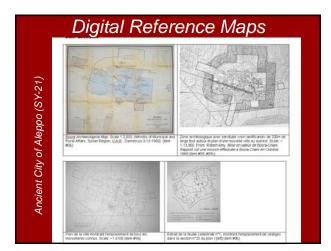


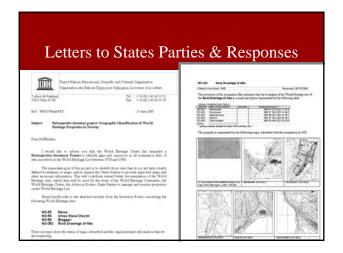




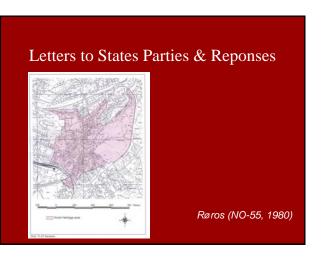
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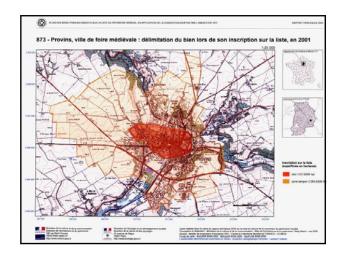


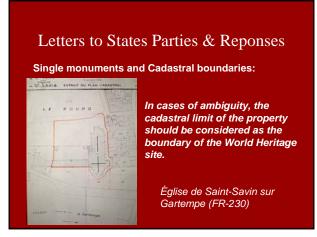














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- 40% were represented by relevant maps only at ICOMOS
- 42% of maps were also missing from the scanned versions of the nominations
- ~10-20 % of scanned nominations included the wrong version of the nomination
- ~50-60 % of scanned nominations were missing critical supplementary information

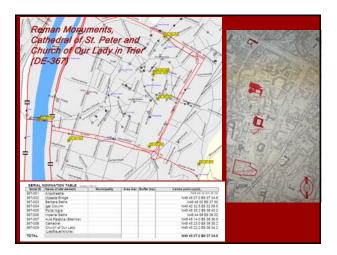


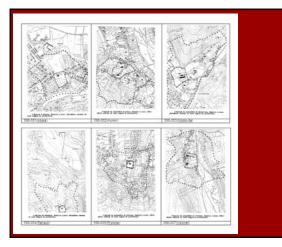
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Of the 410 properties in Europe

- 122 sites (30%) were found to be serial properties in 26 States Parties
- 1,720 additional locations identified as serial
- Spain, Italy, Germany, Russian Federation had 10 or more World Heritage sites identified as serial

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Armenia						
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Austria						
931	City of Graz - Historic Centre			N47 04 23 E 15 26 15		
006	Hallstatt-Dachstein Salzkammergut Cultural Landscape			N47 33 34.0 E 13 38 47.0		
794	Historic Centre of the City of Salchury			N47 48 02 E 13 02 36		





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- Management plans exist on file at the Centre for less than 10% of the European sites

Findings & Conclusions

Baseline Data

- Geographic identification
- Statements of significance
- Site name

Issue	Operational Guidelines ref,	Advisory Body involvement	Committee involvement	Length of time required	Action Recommended			
Name Changes	§ 167	information only	approval	3 mo in advance of Committee	Send requests at least 3 mo in advance by separate letter			
Boundary Changes								
a. "clarifications" of boundary in response to Retrospective Inventory "	(not discussed)	information only	Noting	6 mo in advance of Committee	Send clarification with map(s) and areas (hectares) 6 mo in advance of Committee session			
b. Minor boundary changes	§ 163-164	Recommendation	approval	6 mo in advance of Committee session	Send request for minor boundary changes by February 1			
c. Extensions / Significant boundary changes	§ 165	Recommendation	Approval	18 months	Send request for extensions by February 1 of the year before the approval is desired			
Criteria changes ("Re-nomination")	§ 166	Recommendation	Approval	18 months	Nominations should be submitted by 1 February.			
natural criteria (i) and (ii)	In 1994, the criterion number assigned to geological values was changed, from Niji) to Niji). As a result, sites inscribed before 1994 for geological values were no longer accurately represented by the current criteria. This change would potentially affect up to 47 sites inscribed before 1994, it is proposed that this change, recommended by IUCN and approved by the Committee be made globally at the Virtual meeting, and not on a case by case basis.							
Revisions to Statements of Significance **	(not discussed)	Recommendation	Noting / Approval	undetermined	The amount of time, and action taken, will depend on the nature of the revision.			

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Baseline Data

- Geographic identification (single and serial property boundaries and size in hectares)
- Criteria and statements of significance (SP proposed, Advisory Body recommended; Committee decision)
- Legal protection (citations for protective acts, regulations)

Baseline Data

- Management tools (Citations for Management plans, or identification of "management mechanism")
- Statistical indicators, including but not limited to: resident population in core and buffer zones; tourism figures, number of staff (staff/visitor, staff/size of site), level of financial support, species counts, ... and any other indicators that illuminate potential threats.

Baseline Data

- Baseline data is essential both for reactive monitoring and equally importantly to prepare and to analyze Periodic Reports for World Heritage properties.
- Baseline data does not exist in any consistent, easily retrievable form for most World Heritage sites.

Baseline Data

- Baseline data (and statistical indicators) are the missing links between State of Conservation Reports and the Periodic Reporting exercise, called for by the Committee (7EXT.COM 4B.1 and 29COM 7B.c).
- Both mission reports and state of conservation reports to the Committee should highlight the presence or absence of key baseline data such as clearly identified boundaries and management plans.

Periodic Reporting

- No procedure was developed to evaluate the Section II reports against the baseline data in the original nomination dossiers.
- Future regional cycles of Periodic Reporting should not be undertaken until baseline data has been collected for sites in that region;

Periodic Reporting

 No uniform approach was adopted by the Secretariat either to questionnaire or to the analysis of the returns.

Future Cycles:

- States Parties cannot be asked for the same data a second time
- No question should be asked for which the information is already known or available to the Centre or already provided in the Cycle 1 questionnaires. Questionnaires should be pre-filled with baseline data from nomination files and from (verified) cycle 1 Periodic Reports.

Periodic Reporting

- Far too much information was requested which the Centre has not been able to verify or incorporate into its work;
- Periodic Reporting format should be simplified;
- Section I (SP information) should not be asked in Cycle 2;
- Section 2 should concentrate of baseline data and statistical indicators.

Periodic Reporting

 Database updates – such as revised Site manager information should be routined made via the WHC web site and be not dependent on Periodic Reporting cycles

Periodic Reporting

- A coordinator, in association with regional desks and Advisory Bodies, should be responsible for coordinating Periodic Reporting Cycle 2 to avoid inconsistencies in approaches;
- Redesign of the Periodic Reporting Format, Questionnaire, and Electronic Reporting tool cannot be successful concluded in only one year.

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