Gaining valuable insights on the image of the List of World Heritage in Danger

At its 40th session (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016), the World Heritage Committee highlighted that the List of World Heritage in Danger was unfortunately often negatively perceived and therefore, decided that this issue should be formally addressed in order to reverse the negative perception of this fundamental component of the World Heritage Reactive Monitoring process.

To address this matter, and with the support of the Norwegian Government, the UNESCO World Heritage Centre has developed a project with the objective to conduct an overall reflection and study on the List of World Heritage in Danger. The main objective of this project is to obtain a better understanding of the current perception of the List of World Heritage in Danger and to suggest ways or approaches to reverse this negative perception. The specific objectives of this study are to:

- Identify the most appropriate target audience(s) towards whom future communication on the List of World Heritage in Danger should focus;
- Identify appropriate ways or approaches that will contribute to uplifting the profile of the List of World Heritage in Danger and will present it as a more favorable tool.

An online survey to collect views and suggestions of all stakeholders of the World Heritage Convention will also be conducted and shall remain accessible to respondents for a minimum of one month on the World Heritage Centre's website, at the following web address:

https://whc.unesco.org/

The World Heritage Committee will be informed of the results of this study at its 45th session. Your inputs into this study are therefore very much welcome.

Welcome to this survey on the List of World Heritage in Danger. On behalf of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, an external party, Beyond Borders Media, is operating this anonymised research into the List of World Heritage in Danger. This survey intends to obtain better insights into its functioning and identify possible points of improvement. This survey will take about 10 - 20 minutes. Many thanks for your participation in advance and for your contribution in the successful implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

SURVEY (August-October 2021)

1. In what type of function are you participating in this survey? What is your relationship to the World Heritage Committee?

- *Member State*
- *Site Manager*
- *Member of the WH Committee*
- *Representative of Civil Society*
- *Representative of Indigenous Peoples*
- *Representative of the Local Communities*
- *Local NGO*
- *International NGO*
- *Other (fill option below)*

(box to fill in)

2. Do you know what the LWHD is, according to the World Heritage Convention?

- *Yes*
- *No*

3. Could you explain in a few words what the purpose of the LWHD is, according to the World Heritage Convention?

(box to fill in – limited to 100 words)

4. What is your general observation about the LWHD?

- *Very Supportive*
- *Supportive*
- *Neutral*
- *Unsupportive*
- *Very Unsupportive*

4.bis Why did you tick the option above? (describe)

(box to fill in)

5. According to you, to which of these options does the LWHD contribute? (Multiple Options possible)

- *Conservation/Preservation of site(s)*
- *Streamlining communication with local authorities*
- *Finding solutions surrounding challenges with local communities*
- *Increased monitoring*
- *Increased tourism / cultural potential*
- *Increased management resources*
- *Increased funding for sites*
- *Other (fill option below)*

(box to fill in)

6. According to you, to which of these options the LWHD doesn't contribute? (Multiple Options possible)

- *Conservation/Preservation of site(s)*
- *Streamlining communication with national/local authorities*
- *Finding solutions surrounding challenges with local communities*
- *Increased political support from Government to address the threats*
- *Increased monitoring*
- *Increased tourism / cultural potential*
- *Increased management resources*
- *Increased funding for sites*
- *Other (fill option below)*

(box to fill in)

7. Are you aware of any success stories surrounding the LWHD?

- *Yes*
- *No*

If yes, which?

(box to fill in)

8. If <u>you</u> could take the decision, would you inscribe a site in the LWHD if there were conservation challenges/threats to its Outstanding Universal Value?

- *Yes*
- *No*

8.1 If yes, why? (Multiple Options possible)

- *Increased monitoring & reporting*
- *Additional attention to site*
- *Additional financial support*
- *Additional administrative support*
- *Other (fill option below)*

(box to fill in)

8.2 If no, why? (Multiple Options possible)

- *Not convinced that it will bring positive change*
- *Doesn't bring in sufficient funds*
- *Negative publicity might overshadow positive*
- *The support does not bring enough positive change*
- *Other (fill option below)*

(box to fill in)

9. Which aspects of the decision-making process could improve the LWHD and its current functioning?

- *Increased monitoring & reporting*
- *Additional attention to site*
- *Additional financial support*
- *Other (fill option below)*

(box to fill in)

10. Have you ever been part of the inscription (process) of a site on the LWHD?

- *Yes*
- *No*

10.1 If yes, in which capacity?

- *As a State Party*
- *As a site manager*
- *As an Advisory Body*
- *As a Committee member*
- *As a member of the Civil Society*
- *Other*

(box to fill in)

10.2 Did you feel the process was well-established?

- *Very Much*
- *Somewhat*
- *Neutral*
- *Not really*
- *Completely not*

10.3 What is your general observation regarding the establishment of a costed action plans?

- *Very Supportive*
- *Supportive*
- *Neutral*
- *Unsupportive*
- *Very Unsupportive*

10.4 What is your general observation regarding the establishment of a Desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the LWHD (DSOCR) and a set of corrective measures?

- *Very Supportive*
- *Supportive*
- *Neutral*
- *Unsupportive*
- *Very Unsupportive*

10.5 What are your observations on the functioning of these three different elements of the actual in-Danger listing process (costed action plans, DSOCR and corrective measures)?

(box to fill in)

11. What do you think is the most important aspect to take into consideration after a site is inscribed on the LWHD?

- *Political support to address the threats*
- *Monitoring*
- *Financial support*
- *Stakeholders mapping*
- *Other (fill option below)*

(box to fill in)

12. After inscription, what did the LWHD do for your site (Multiple Options possible)?

- *More financial support from Government to address threats*
- *Less financial support from Government to address threats*
- *More support from donors to address threats*
- *Less support from donors to address threats*
- *More political support from Government and / or local authorities to address threats*
- *Less political support from Government and / or local authorities to address threats*
- *More awareness on threats*
- *Better Communication with government*
- *Better Communication with government*
- *Worse Communication with government*
- *I was more involved in the management of the site*
- *I was more excluded from the management of the site.*
- *The inscription helped us to ensure the proper conservation of the site*
- *The inscription brought us more challenges*
- *The inscription brought positive publicity*
- *The inscription brought negative publicity*
- *It improved the stakeholders' capacity to manage their site*
- *It made it more difficult and increased the challenges of the management of our site*

13. What should be improved (if relevant) to help States Parties support the inclusion of their sites on the LWHD, and their removal from this list?

- *Empower institutions*
- *Empower civil society, including local NGOs*
- *Empower local communities*
- *Empower indigenous peoples' representatives*
- *Nothing to change*

14. Are there any additional comments you may want to share on the LWHD?

(box to fill in)

Thank you for completing this survey. Your response has been received successfully. Feel free to close this window.
