

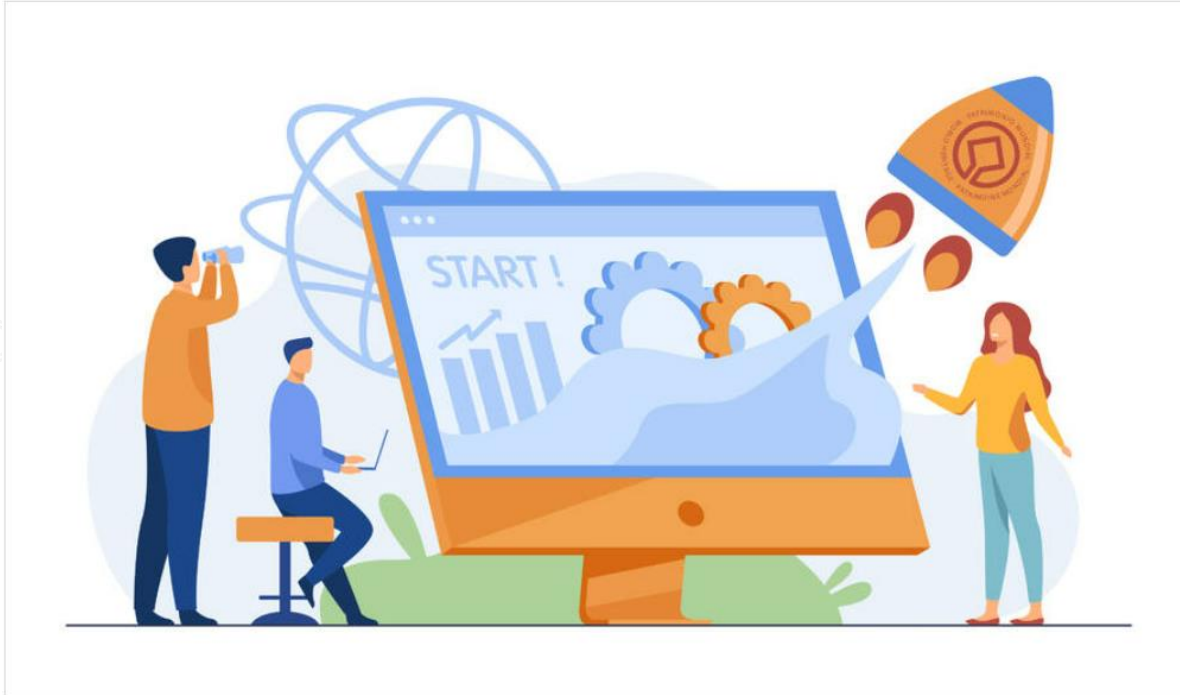


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Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting for the World Heritage Convention

Europe and North America region



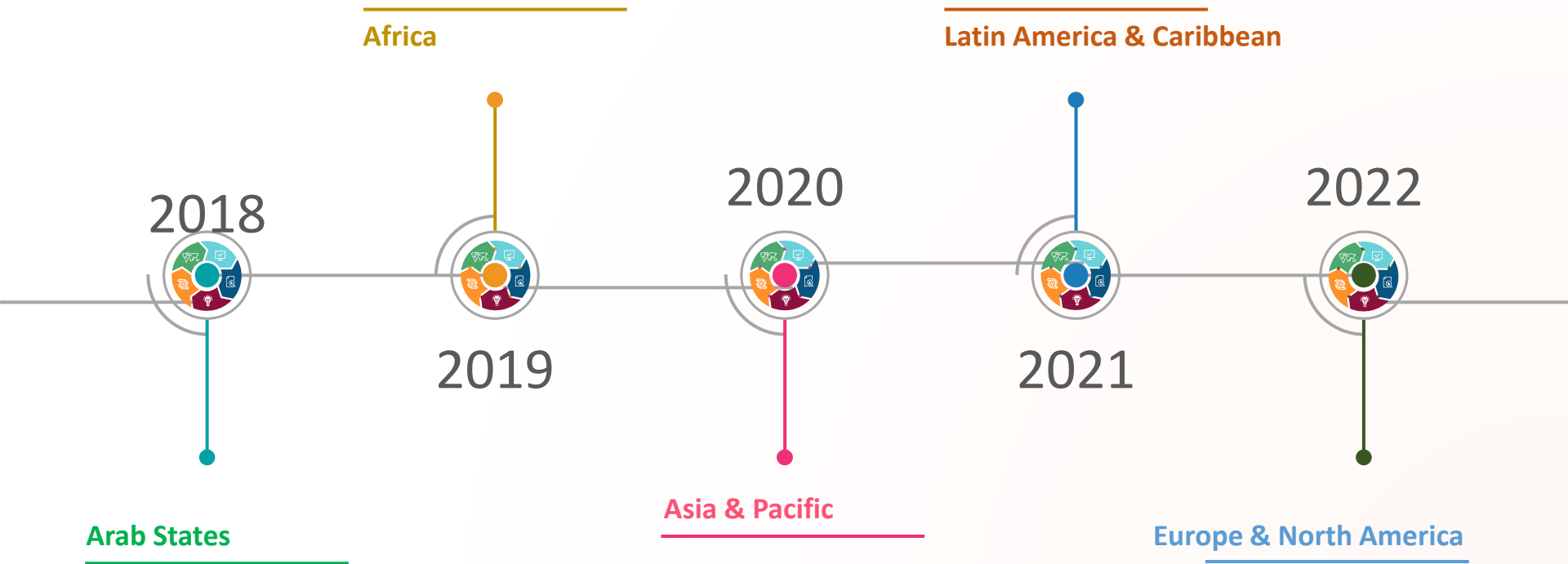


- Global conservation monitoring activity
- Statutory requirement of the World Heritage Convention (Article 29)
- Self reporting on the implementation of the World Heritage Convention at national level and property level

Purposes

- Assessing the **application** of the *World Heritage Convention* by country
- Assessing whether **Outstanding Universal Value** is being maintained
- Helping **update** information on properties and record changing circumstances
- Encouraging regional **cooperation and networking**

Reporting by region: Timeline



Reporting cycle: Reporting by region

REPORTING IN REGIONS 1

National Focal Points complete the state-level report (Section I) while reports for each World Heritage property in the region (Section II) are completed by site Managers

IMPLEMENTATION 5

States Parties implement Action Plans and recommendations arising from the Regional Reports



2 SUBMISSION

Reports are sent to the World Heritage Centre and Regional Reports are developed

3 REGIONAL REPORTS

are examined by the World Heritage Committee and recommendations are formulated

4 REGIONAL ACTION PLANS

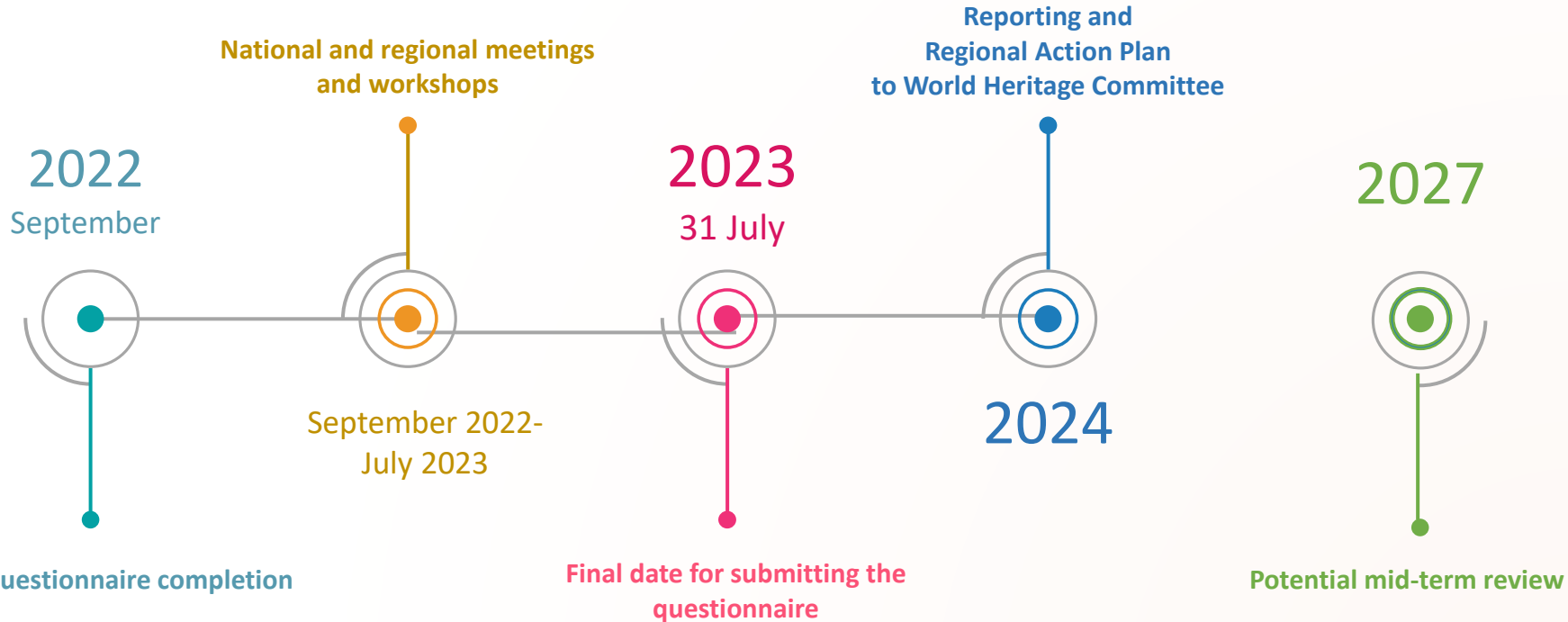
are formulated setting strategies, priorities and goals for implementation of the World Heritage Convention

Periodic Reporting is carried out on a **region by region** basis



- ✓ Promotes **cooperation** in the regions
- ✓ Responds to the **specific needs and priorities** of each region

Timeline for Europe and North America




Online Questionnaire

Periodic Reports are compiled from information collected through an online questionnaire which consists of two sections:

Section I (national level)

Section II (property level)

 Questionnaire can be accessed here:
<http://whc.unesco.org/en/periodicreporting/>

Section I

Question 1.1 / Question 1.1

State Party

This information will be provided by the World Heritage Centre. Please tick the 'Update' box and use the comment field to submit your update.

Agree with current data? Update

Question 1.2 / Question 1.2

Date of ratification/ accession/ acceptance of the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage

This information will be provided by the World Heritage Centre. Please tick the 'Update' box and use the comment field to submit your update.

Agree with current data? Update

Question 1.3 / Question 1.3

Groups and institutions involved in the preparation of Section I of the Periodic Report

1.3.1	Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.2	National Commission for UNESCO	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.3	Federal/State/local authorities concerned/organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.4	World Heritage priority managers/conservators	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.5	Local communities	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.6	Indigenous peoples	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.7	Other experts/ groups	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.8	Non-Governmental Organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.9	ICOMOS International	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.10	ICOMOS national committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.11	IACHRI International	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.12	IACHRI national committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.13	ICOMOS International Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3.14	Experts/ groups	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section II

Chapter 1 asks that information be provided in writing (information submitted on reports to the World Centre of the property, items, sites or intangible, designated conventional, trans, serial, multiple properties, and other cultural, historical or archaeological sites) in order to be prepared for inclusion in the report.

Question 1.1 / Question 1.1

Name of World Heritage property

This information will be provided to the World Heritage Centre. Please tick the 'Update' box and use the comment field to submit your update.

Agree with current data? Update

Question 1.2 / Question 1.2

World Heritage property details

This information will be provided to the World Heritage Centre. Please tick the 'Update' box and use the comment field to submit your update.

Agree with current data? Update

Question 1.3 / Question 1.3

Geographic information table

This information will be provided to the World Heritage Centre. Please tick the 'Update' box and use the comment field to submit your update.

Agree with current data? Update

Question 1.4 / Question 1.4

Map(s)

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Agree with current data? Update

National Focal Points

- Complete Section I
- Validates Section II
- Submit the questionnaire to the World Heritage Centre

Site Managers

- Complete Section II of the questionnaire

World Heritage Centre
UNESCO Field Offices
Advisory Bodies
Category 2 Centres
Civil society
Local communities



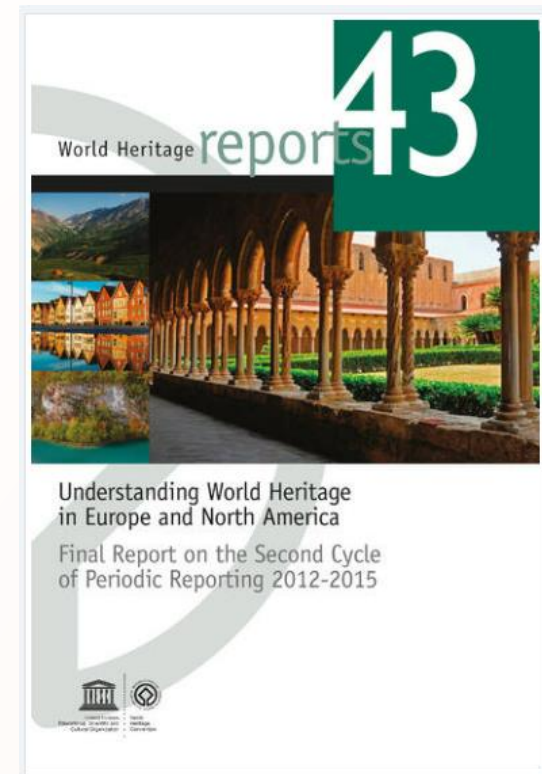
Regional Reports

- information on conservation of World Heritage in a region and the main challenges faced
- trends related to regional or global phenomena
 - information on World Heritage conservation in a region and the main challenges
 - trends related to regional/subregional phenomena

Regional Action Plans


- tool for setting regional priorities for implementing the World Heritage Convention
- a way of interpreting and translating the Periodic Reporting data into concrete outcomes following a set timeline.
 - formulated through a collaborative process that can involve national Focal Points, Site Managers, Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre.
 - a user-generated tool that incorporates the specific needs of Site Managers and States Parties

Previous cycles of Periodic Reporting	2003	2012	2022
Number of World Heritage properties	383	462	547
Cultural	328	392	468
Natural	46	60	68
Mixed	9	10	11
Properties on the World Heritage List in Danger	3	4	4
Properties delisted from the World Heritage List	0	1	2



Outcomes of the report (for Europe)

Main factors affecting the WH properties

- 
- built environment (housing/transportation)
 - tourism / visitor / recreational activities
 - climate change-related factors (humidity, natural hazards)

Management

- 60% of WH properties had a Management System or a Management Plan

Outcomes of the report (for Europe)

Capacity building needs

- developing World Heritage-targeted monitoring indicators
- developing partnership models
- enhancing community-based research
- developing site-specific benefit sharing mechanisms

Implementing WH Committee recommendations

- A minority of the recommendations have been fully implemented.

Outcomes of the report (for Europe)

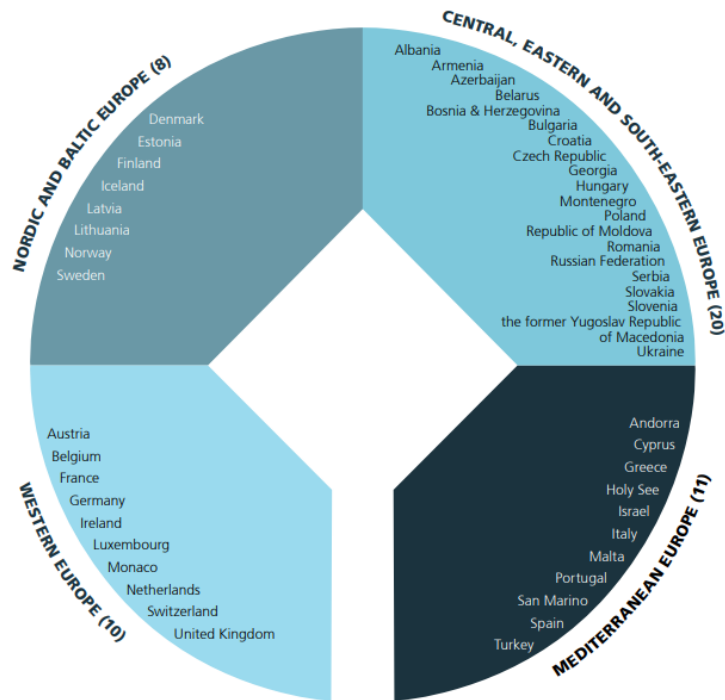


Figure 8: The 49 States Parties in Europe by sub-region



Overall conclusion

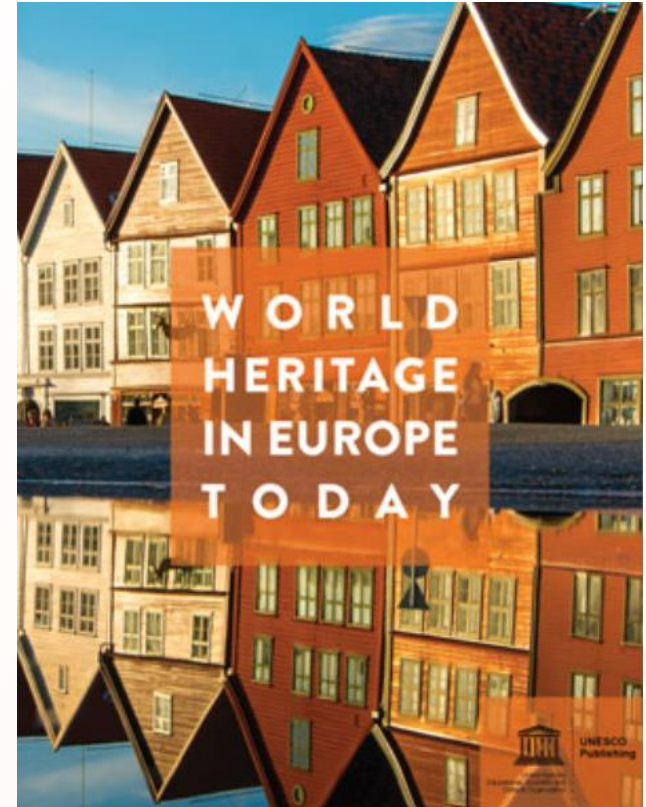
- The state of conservation is rated as good in the region and the OUV of WH properties as maintained.
- National Focal Points and Site Managers considered that the Periodic Reporting was useful.

Action Plan (for Europe)

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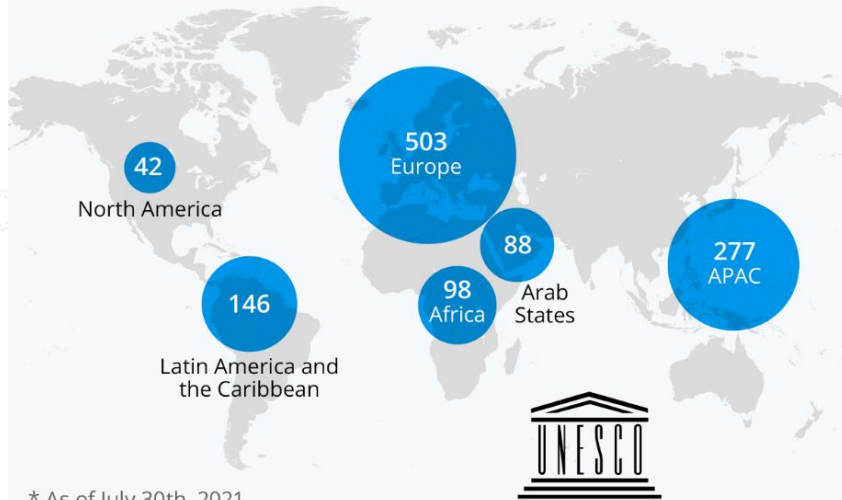
Core objectives:

- 1) Identification and protection of OUV
 - 2) Effective management of WH properties
 - 3) Increased awareness of the Convention
- Identified 34 actions
 - Targets were expected to be reached by the end of the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting (2024)



Europe home to the most World Heritage Sites

Number of UNESCO world heritage sites per region*



* As of July 30th, 2021
Source: UNESCO



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A joint reporting and joint Action Plan is foreseen for Europe and North America

In Europe and North America

Management Plans

2015: 136 out of 480 WH properties submitted a Management Plan to the WHC (28%)

2022: 220 out of 547 WH properties have a Management Plan available on the WHC website (40,22%)



Retrospective SOUVs

2015: Out of the 368 missing RSOUVs, 201 had been adopted by the WH Committee

2022: No missing RSOUV for NA, 29 is still missing in EUR or pending approval by the WH Committee



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Periodic Reporting for the World Heritage Convention

The Periodic Reporting Questionnaire



New developments for the Third Cycle

Outcomes of the Reflection Period (2015-2017)

A wide range of improvements and innovations have been introduced:

- Synergies with other Conventions
- Sustainable development
- Monitoring Indicators and Analytical Framework
- Periodic Reporting platform
- Training materials



New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Synergies with other UNESCO culture Conventions



1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict
Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict



1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property



2001 Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage



2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage



2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Synergies with biodiversity-related Conventions and Programmes



Man and the Biosphere Programme



Convention on Biological Diversity



Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species in Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)



International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)



Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention)



UNESCO Global Geoparks (UGGp)



International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Sustainable Development



Sustainable Development Goal 11

With SDG 11, countries have pledged to

“make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”

Within this goal, Target 11.4 aims to

“strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage”



<https://uis.unesco.org/en/topic/sustainable-development-goal-11-4>

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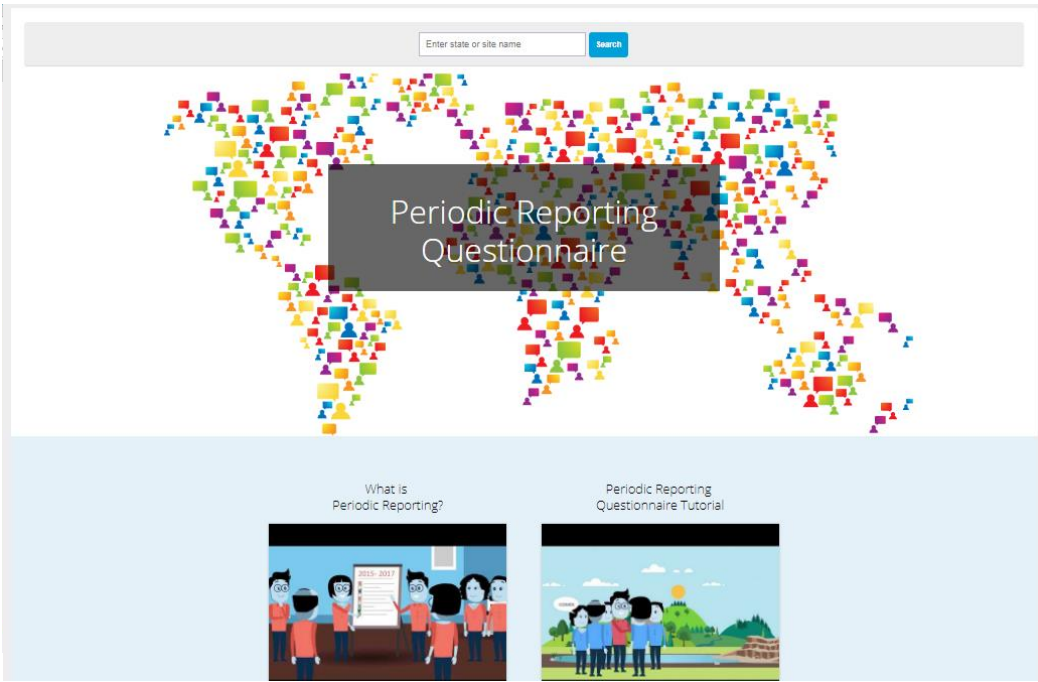
→ Monitoring Indicators and Analytical Framework

- Developed within the framework of the Periodic Reporting Reflection Period (2015-2017)
- To improve the presentation of data for enhanced accessibility and usability, allowing States Parties to use it more effectively for their own monitoring activities
- Based on the six core thematic areas of the Periodic Reports.
- Indicators to measure trends and developments in World Heritage conservation.
- A global template for the analysis of data in all regions



New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Periodic Reporting platform / webpages



Periodic Reporting online

Third Cycle Platform

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/prcycle3/>

- Access to the Questionnaire
- Training and guidance materials

General information on Periodic Reporting

whc.unesco.org/en/periodicreporting/








New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Training materials

A set of training and guidance materials have been developed for the Third Cycle and continue to be updated.

- Facilitate an autonomous and successful Periodic Reporting exercise
- Support capacity-building activities
- Adapted for use in a range of contexts
- Accessible to a broad audience
- Designed as user-friendly and intuitive tools
- Applicable to all regions and sites



	Handbook for Site Managers
	Video tutorials
	Learning modules
	Guidance & Index of key terms
	Demo version of the Questionnaire

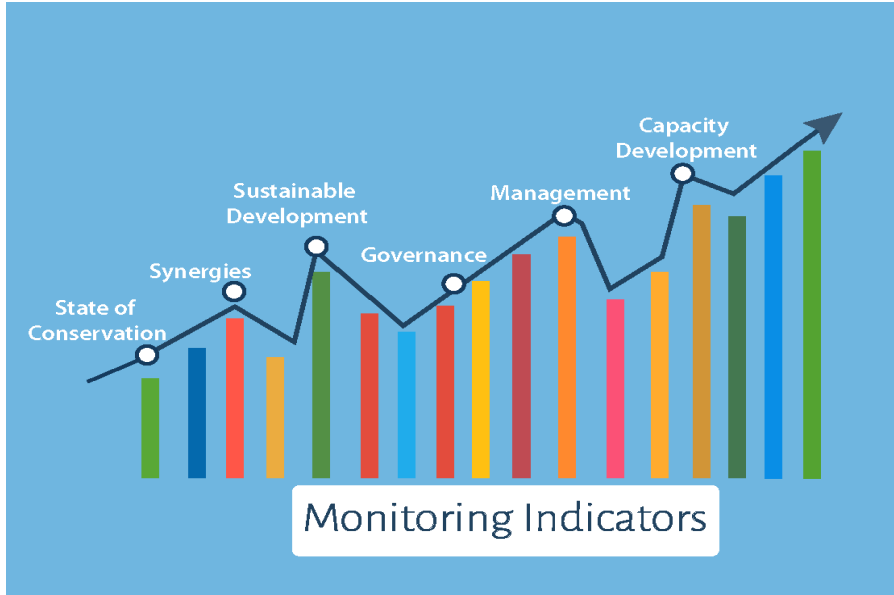
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→ Other improvements to the Questionnaire

- Report positive achievements
- More emphasis on attributes of OUV as an important element of World Heritage system
- Positive as well as negative, potential as well as actual factors to be taken into account in assessing condition and context of properties
- More information on actual and predicted trends gathered (attributes and factors)
- Factors now linked to State of Conservation database
- Technical improvements to online tool



Core themes of the Periodic Reporting Questionnaire



State of Conservation

Synergies

Sustainable Development

Governance

Management

Capacity Development

Overview of the Periodic Reporting Questionnaire



Section I

the legislative and administrative provisions which the State Party has adopted and other actions which it has taken for the application of the *Convention*, together with details of the experience acquired in this field.



Section II

the state of conservation of specific World Heritage properties located on the territory of the State Party concerned.

Overview of the Periodic Reporting Questionnaire – Section I



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Section I

1. Introduction
2. Synergies with other Conventions, Programmes and Recommendations for the Conservation of the Natural and Cultural Heritage
3. Tentative List
4. Nominations
5. General Policy Development
6. Inventories/Lists/Registers of Cultural and Natural Heritage
7. Status of Services for the Identification, Protection, Conservation and Presentation of Natural and Cultural Heritage
8. Financial Status and Human Resources
9. Capacity Development
10. Policy and Resourcing of World Heritage Properties
11. International Cooperation
12. Education, Information and Awareness Building
13. Conclusions and Recommended Actions
14. Good Practice in the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention
15. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

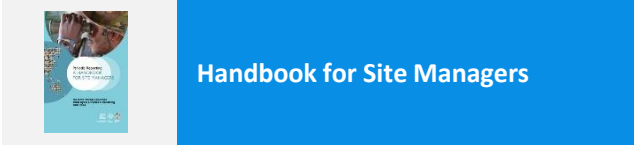


Section II

1. World Heritage Property Data
2. Other Conventions/Programmes under which the World Heritage property is protected (if applicable)
3. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value
4. Factors Affecting the Property
5. Protection and Management of the Property
6. Financial and Human Resources
7. Scientific Studies and Research Projects
8. Education, Information and Awareness Building
9. Visitor Management
10. Monitoring
11. Identification of Priority Management Needs
12. Summary and Conclusions
13. Impact of World Heritage Status
14. Good Practice in the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention
15. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

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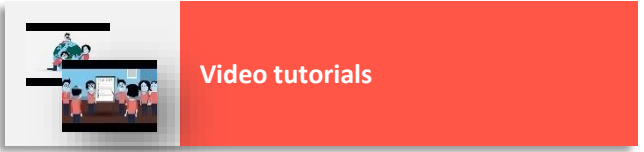
→ Training materials



- Explains the Periodic Reporting process and the broader context of World Heritage in clear language.
- Provides an overview of Section II of the questionnaire.
- Contains technical guidelines and FAQs.
- Available in English, français and العربية

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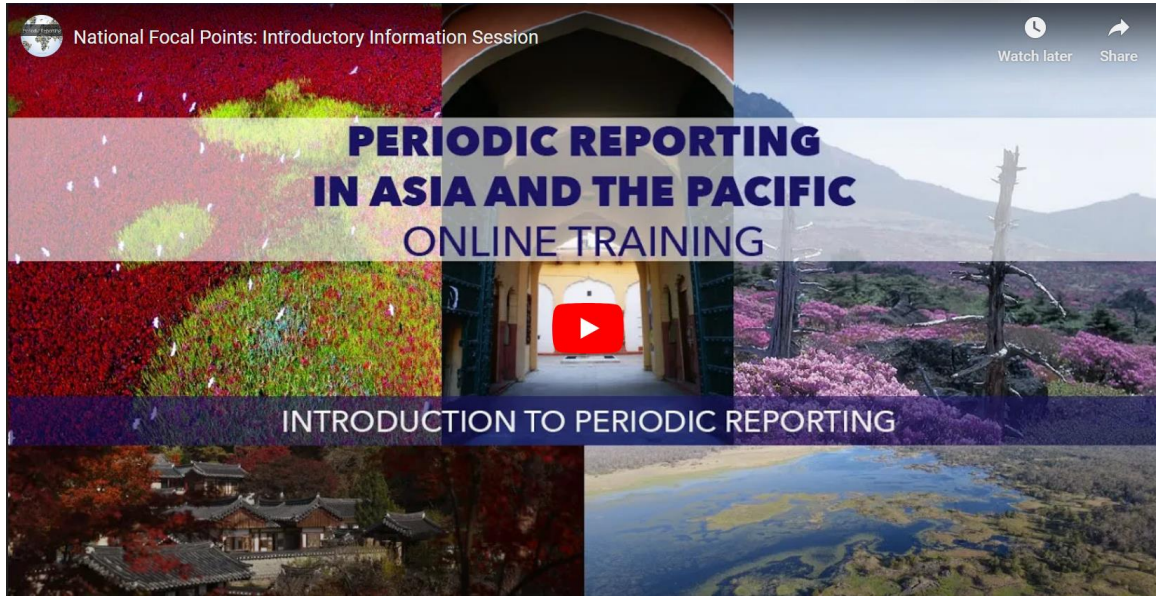
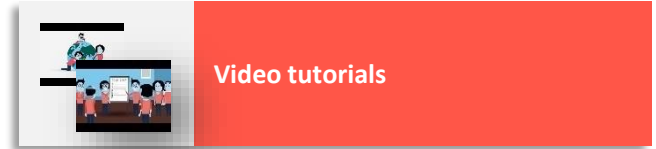
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- **Animation video 1** explains the Periodic Reporting process in clear and simple terms.
 - **Animation video 2** focuses on Section 2, explaining the key functionalities, the main concepts involved and the assistance available.
- Aimed primarily at Site Managers, they offer an overview in plain language with engaging visuals
- Available in English, French.
- Arabic subtitles versions
- Adapted Spanish, Chinese and Russian versions currently under development

New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Training materials



[World Heritage Centre - Online Training for the Periodic Reporting Exercise in Asia and the Pacific \(unesco.org\)](https://unesco.org)

New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Training materials

Site Managers fill in Section II of the questionnaire. Site Managers can only access the questionnaire of the property(ies) that they are responsible for.

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I am answering for a serial site – and the answers only apply to one component.

In these cases, your answers should be components and answers should be qu...

What if the Site Manager changes during the Periodic Reporting exercise?

If there is a change of Site Manager, the national Focal Point should inform the World Heritage Centre as soon as possible in order to give the new designated Site Manager access to the online questionnaire. The former Site Manager will no longer be able to access the questionnaire.

Who has access to the Periodic Reporting questionnaires?

Access to the questionnaires is restricted to national Focal Points, Site Managers, the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre, and according to the level of access.

How do I create an account to access the Periodic Reporting questionnaires?

At the beginning of the reporting in a given region, the World Heritage Centre sends an access email to all national Focal Points and all Site Managers officially designated by their respective authorities. The email contains the username (usually registered email address) and a personal link to create the password. Site Managers who do not receive this email from their Focal Points can request the World Heritage Centre (wh-periodicreporting@unesco.org) to resend this email.

How can I change my registered email or password?

You can change your registered email address and/or password through the World Heritage Centre website.
To change your password: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/04/msg#forgotlogin>
To change your email, you can login and edit your profile on the website or contact the World Heritage Centre (wh-periodicreporting@unesco.org).

Can I increase the character limit in the comment?

No, for data management purposes the character limit in some cases.

My property is part of a serial site – Can I submit more than one report for my property?

Only one report per World Heritage properties, only one questionnaire (See be answered in consultation with all re...

My property is part of a transboundary or transnational property. Can I submit more than one report for my property?

Only one report per World Heritage transboundary and transnational property submitted and therefore, before report report it should be prepared jointly by concerned. The States Parties decide on property to validate Section II of the q...

What is the national Focal Point entitled to do?

National Focal Points fill in Section I of the questionnaires that have been changed to the questionnaires before National Focal Points are responsible for their country.

What is the designated Site Manager responsible for?

Site Managers fill in Section II of the questionnaire of the property(ies) that they are responsible for.

How do I save my answers?

Please remember to save your questionnaire page.

What languages is the questionnaire available in?

The questionnaire is available in two languages. Please note that provided by you in another submitting the questionnaire in...

How do I change the language?

In order to change the language menu bar. The 'Languages' set view the questionnaire in English.

You can also select the language (English) or Français' text box UNESCO and World Heritage language of the webpage, not...

Can I print a version of the questionnaire with my answers as I work through it?

Yes, you have the option of printing the questionnaire in the menu bar. The questionnaire can be exported as a PDF file.

Can I work on a word version first and later input my answers online?

Yes, a word version of the questionnaire can be downloaded. However, some of your answers will generate new when filling the questionnaire online.

Can I access my answers from a previous report please website (you must be logged in)?

Yes, if a Periodic Report has information will be carried for from a previous report please website (you must be logged in).

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Frequently Asked Questions

Periodic Reporting - A Handbook for Site Managers

Frequently Asked Questions



How can I access the online Periodic Reporting questionnaire?

To access the online questionnaire for your property go to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre website using a personal username and password.

Before the launch of the Periodic Reporting exercise in your region, the national Focal Point should communicate your contact details to the World Heritage Centre. The Centre will create a username and password for you and will email them to you at the time of the launch of reporting in your region. In case you have not received this information or you cannot access the questionnaire, please contact your national Focal Point.

To access the questionnaire, go to: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/prc/dec3/>. You can also access it from the page of your region.

How do I navigate through the questionnaire?

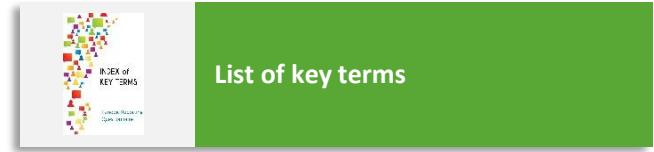
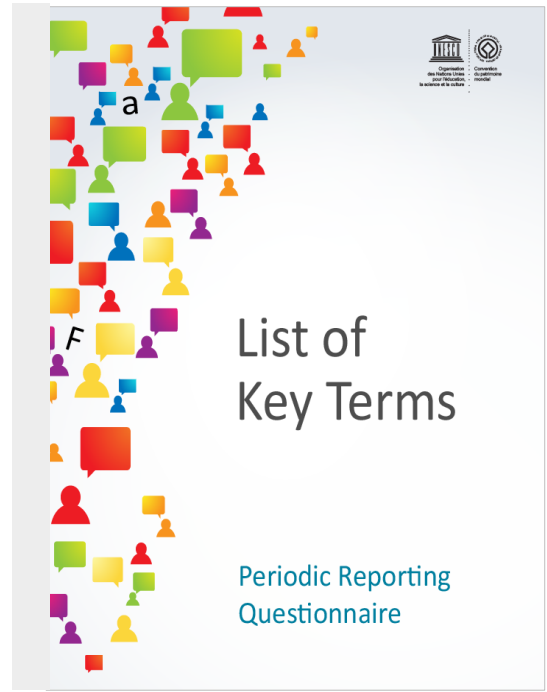
The navigation of the online version of the questionnaire is mainly organized by menu bars located above the questionnaire form.

You will see 2 menu bars. On the first, you will see 'Home', 'Print/Export', 'Options' and 'Manage'.

By clicking on 'Manage' you can change your questionnaire's settings, including the language (for detailed instructions, please see below). At the top and bottom of the page, there is

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List of key terms

- A list of terms supplements the guidance and provides definitions of key terms
- Available in English and French
- Available online and for download in PDF format

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Question 5.2.5 | Guidance

Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation) in the **broader setting** of the World Heritage property adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and/or Authenticity of the property?

Please indicate which of the suggested answers most closely reflects the current status of the property. Please consider the answer you gave in 5.2.2, and which of these applies outside the **buffer zone** (if one exists) and outside the property.

Key Terms	Buffer zone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broader setting Legal Framework (Cultural Heritage) Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) Integrity Authenticity 	<p>The function of buffer zones is outlined in Articles 103-7 of the Operational Guidelines:</p> <p>Whenever necessary for the proper protection of the property, an adequate buffer zone should be provided.</p> <p>For the purposes of effective protection of the nominated property, a buffer zone is an area surrounding the nominated property which has complementary legal and/or customary restrictions placed on its use and development to give an added layer of protection to the property. This should include the immediate setting of the nominated property, important views and other areas or attributes that are functionally important as a support to the property and its protection. The area constituting the buffer zone should be determined in each case through appropriate mechanisms. Details on the size, characteristics and authorized uses of a buffer zone, as well as a map indicating the precise boundaries of the property and its buffer zone, should be provided in the nomination.</p> <p>A clear explanation of how the buffer zone protects the property should also be provided.</p> <p>Where no buffer zone is proposed, the nomination should include a statement as to why a buffer zone is not required.</p> <p>Although buffer zones are not part of the nominated property, any modifications to or creation of buffer zones subsequent to inscription of a property on the World Heritage List should be approved by the World Heritage Committee using the procedure for a minor boundary modification (see paragraph 164 and Annex 11). The creation of buffer zones subsequent to inscription is normally considered to be a minor boundary modification."</p>
5.2.1 There is no legal framework for controlling use and activities in Heritage property	
5.2.2 The legal framework for the broader setting of the World Heritage maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity of the property	
5.2.3 An adequate legal framework exists for the broader setting of the property, but are some deficiencies in implementation which undermine the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity	
5.2.4 The legal framework for the broader setting of the World Heritage property is adequate for the management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity	



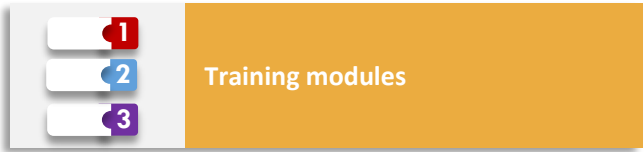
Guidance/ Index of key terms

Integrated into the questionnaire to clarify questions and explain key concepts.

- provides clarifications on the information sought in specific questions
- provide context and background to the thematic areas covered
- a dynamic resource within the questionnaire
- Will be made available online and for download in PDF format

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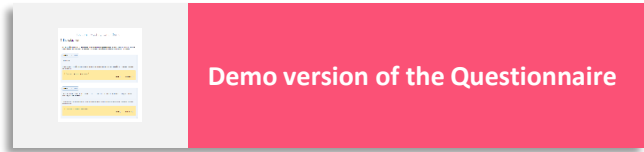
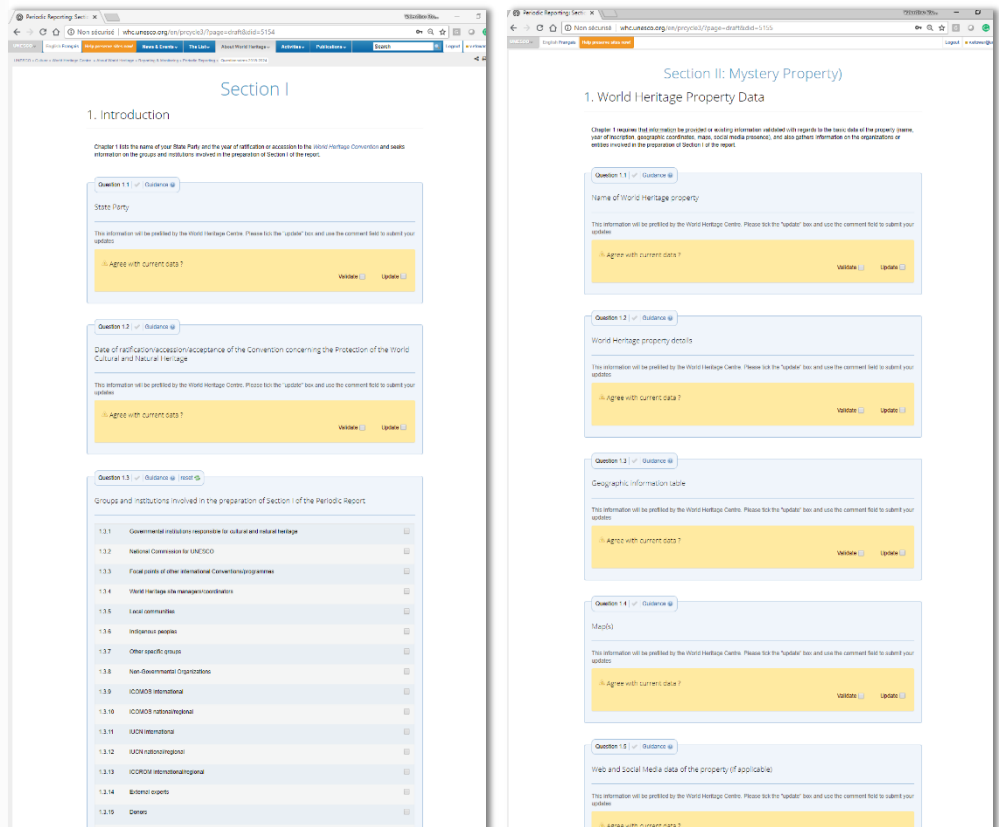
→ Training materials



- A **capacity-building** tool for Periodic Reporting
- Developed to facilitate trainings for those involved in Periodic Reporting
- Draws on a large number of World Heritage **resources**
- To be **accessible** in **basic** and **advanced** versions
- **Comprehensive** nature will make it adaptable to many different World Heritage contexts

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Demo version of the questionnaire

- The demo version of the questionnaire (Section I Mystery Land and Section II Mystery Property) allows you to practice using the questionnaire and gain familiarity with its functions.
- It can be exported to Word and PDF

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