

Sub-factors:

- 3.8.1 - Ritual/spiritual/religious and associative uses
- 3.8.2 - Society's valuing of heritage
- 3.8.3 - Indigenous hunting, gathering and collecting
- 3.8.4 - Changes in traditional ways of life and knowledge system
- 3.8.5 - Identity, social cohesion, changes in local population and community
- 3.8.6 - Impacts of tourism/visitor/recreation

Table 15. A template used in the current Periodic Reporting process to assess the factors affecting heritage

3.8.1 Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses							
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		Positive	Negative	Current	Potential	Inside	Outside
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Whether or not such a template is used, it is necessary to assess the impacts on heritage, identifying both the threats and opportunities that the analysis reveals. These may be quantitative or qualitative or collective decisions of the stakeholders. Tools such as SWOT analyses ('strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats') are being utilized to this end. They help to isolate key issues that need to be prioritized and management actions to be taken. This is explained in the stage four (p.140).

Some of the common issues are related to the following themes:.

- Management (structure, human resources, finance)
- Planning and urban design
- Infrastructure
- Conservation
- Maintenance
- Use
- Social and economic situation
- Site interpretation
- Visitor management
- Natural and man-made risks and threats (disaster risk management)
- Relations with the community
- Special audiences
- Implementation and monitoring
- Research
- Specific World Heritage issues