

Protection and management requirements

Attributes, authenticity and integrity are affected by various factors that produce both positive and negative impacts. Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the nomination format (OG Annex 5) are designed to address these issues and to demonstrate how the State Party is going to protect the OUV. Section 3.1e (OG Annex 5) provides the opportunity to write the Statement of Management.

Responding to sections 4, 5 and 6 of the nomination format (OG Annex 5) requires substantial guidance and is the main focus of the last two chapters of this manual (Part 4 and Appendix A).

Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

For the purpose of management, States Parties prepare a Statement of Outstanding Universal Value which captures all the above components (3.1 b, c, d and e of the nomination format, OG Annex 5) and which the World Heritage Committee adopts at the time of inscription. According to the OG, 'the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value shall be the basis for the future protection and management of the property'. Statements of OUV aim to provide a clear, shared, understanding of the reasons for World Heritage inscription and of what needs managing in order to sustain OUV for the long term.

While OUV is described broadly in the World Heritage Convention and the OG, it is defined very specifically for each property by the World Heritage Committee at the time of inscription, using the draft SOUV prepared by the State Party, amended as necessary. The purpose of the Statement is to set out clearly this definition. Once so defined, the Statement is the baseline for future management of the property.

It is essential that the SOUV should as far as possible identify the attributes that carry the OUV to be managed. These will articulate the OUV in a way that is manageable and are also the basis for assessing authenticity and integrity. Clear identification of attributes is an essential step towards effective values-based management targeted at the maintenance of a property's OUV.

Not all Statements can deal fully in the space available with the specific attributes of OUV for a particular property. It may be necessary to develop the detailed attributes within the documentation of the management system. The following guidance will be useful in this respect.

The main sections of a SOUV should be (1) brief synthesis; (2) justification for criteria; (3) statement of integrity (for all properties); (4) statement of authenticity (for properties nominated under criteria i to vi) and (5) requirements for protection and management (guidance is provided in paragraph 155 and in Annex 10 of the OG and also in the *Nomination Manual*).

GOOD TIPS

A Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should respect the following format (two A4 pages maximum):

- Brief synthesis:
 - Summary of factual information (what the property consists of, and the geographical and historical context, 150 words maximum);
 - Summary of qualities (values, attributes, 150 words maximum);
- Justification for criteria (values and attributes which manifest them, and why the property justifies each proposed criterion, 200 words maximum for each criterion);

