

SELECTED GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS FOR MANAGEMENT OF WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Please note that this list is not complete, and probably never can be

Statutory documents (the World Heritage Convention and documents and policies agreed by the World Heritage Committee or the World Heritage General Assembly):

The World Heritage Convention <http://whc.unesco.org/archive/convention-en.pdf>

Operational Guidelines (2015 edition) <http://whc.unesco.org/en/guidelines/>

Nara Declaration (given official status by its inclusion in Annex 4 of the Operational Guidelines) <http://whc.unesco.org/en/guidelines/>

World Heritage Capacity Development Strategy (adopted by the World Heritage Committee in 2011) <http://whc.unesco.org/archive/2011/whc11-35com-9Be.pdf>

Policy for the integration of a sustainable development perspective into the processes of the World Heritage Convention (adopted by the World Heritage General Assembly 2015) <http://whc.unesco.org/archive/2015/whc15-20ga-inf13-en.pdf>

World Heritage Policy on Climate Change (adopted by the World Heritage General Assembly 2007) <http://whc.unesco.org/en/CC-policy-document/>

Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage properties (adopted by the World Heritage Committee 2007) <http://whc.unesco.org/archive/2007/whc07-31com-72e.pdf>

UNESCO Recommendation on Historic Urban Landscapes (adopted by UNESCO General Conference 2011) http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=48857&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

Committee decisions, Statements of Outstanding Universal Value, State of Conservation reports, Periodic Reports for each property (see World Heritage Centre website for individual properties <http://whc.unesco.org>)

Resource Manuals:

(all published by UNESCO and prepared by the Advisory Bodies and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre – all available on <http://whc.unesco.org/en/resourcemanuals/>)

Managing Disaster Risks for World Heritage

Managing Natural World Heritage

Managing Cultural World Heritage

Preparing World Heritage Nominations

Selected World Heritage Papers:

This is series of papers published by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre. 41 volumes have been published since 2002, covering a wide range of topics. The volumes selected here are probably the most relevant to management of World Heritage properties in the UK.

Enhancing our Heritage Toolkit World Heritage Papers 23
<http://whc.unesco.org/en/series/23/>

World Heritage and Buffer Zones World Heritage Papers 25
<http://whc.unesco.org/en/series/25/>

World Heritage Cultural Landscapes World Heritage Papers 26
<http://whc.unesco.org/en/series/26/>

Managing Historic Cities World Heritage Papers 27 <http://whc.unesco.org/en/series/27/>

Other reference sources/ policy statements:

Guidance on the preparation of retrospective statements of Outstanding Universal Value for World Heritage Properties (ICOMOS, ICCROM, IUCN, UNESCO)
<http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/whouven.pdf>

Guidance on Heritage Impact Assessments for Cultural World Heritage Properties (ICOMOS 2011) http://www.icomos.org/world_heritage/HIA_20110201.pdf

Environmental Assessment and World Heritage (IUCN 2013)
https://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/iucn_advice_note_environmental_assessment_18_11_13_iucn_template.pdf

Additionally, there is much more useful material on management on the websites of the World Heritage Centre (<http://whc.unesco.org>), ICCROM (see <http://www.iccrom.org/downloads/> for their publications), ICOMOS, and IUCN (see http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/gpap_home/gpap_capacity2/gpap_bpg/ for publications relevant to management).

ICOMOS has published less direct guidance on management than IUCN but its corpus of Charters and doctrinal texts (<http://www.icomos.org/en/charters-and-texts>) contains much that is useful.

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