

Key findings and conclusions

Relevance

The Programme is highly relevant from a strategic and beneficiary point of view. It directly contributes to the espoused paradigm shift of bringing nature and culture together and of taking a people-centred approach to capacity building at all levels. It is in line with and contributes to the developments in wider conservation practice (eg Post-CBD Framework). The Programme actively links its approach to managing World Heritage with other conservation agenda such as the CBD, environmental and sustainability issues.

As of now, the Programme has facilitated the delivery of its materials with the broad involvement of the core institutions. It has also contributed to enhancing the connections between the World Heritage Committee and site managers through the Site Managers Forum as an outstanding achievement of the Programme. Although still in their pilot stages, beneficiary groups have assessed the existing draft manuals and guidelines as highly useful, and have confirmed that they address relevant issues. The full relevance of manuals/guidelines will become visible once the knowledge products have been finalised and broadly disseminated by the Programme. During the remaining time of the Programme, it should be clarified how knowledge products will be adopted, published, and made available for broad application. Once the manuals are finalised and officially endorsed by the relevant

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