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OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

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**Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda: Establishment of the World Heritage List and of the
List of World Heritage in Danger**

8B. Nominations to the World Heritage List

Summary

This document presents the nominations to be examined by the World Heritage Committee at its extended 45th session. It is divided into four parts:

- Part I** Examination of nominations of natural, mixed and cultural sites to the World Heritage List
- I.A Nominations proposed for examination in 2022
 - I.B Nominations proposed for examination in 2023
 - I.C Nominations evaluated in compliance with Decision **18 EXT.COM 4** (See Addendum)
- Part II** Examination of minor boundary modifications of natural, mixed and cultural properties already inscribed on the World Heritage List
- II.A Minor boundary modifications proposed for examination in 2022
 - II.B Minor boundary modifications proposed for examination in 2023
- Part III** Statements of Outstanding Universal Value of properties inscribed at previous sessions and not adopted by the World Heritage Committee
- Part IV** Record of the physical attributes of each site being discussed at the extended 45th session.

The document presents for each nomination the proposed Draft Decision based on the recommendations of the appropriate Advisory Body(ies) as included in documents WHC/23/45.COM/INF.8B1 and WHC/23/45.COM/INF.8B2, and it provides a record of the physical attributes of each site being discussed at the extended 45th session.

Decisions required:

The Committee is requested to examine the recommendations and Draft Decisions presented in this Document, and, in accordance with paragraph 153 of the *Operational Guidelines*, take its Decisions concerning inscription on the World Heritage List in the following four categories:

- (a) sites which it **inscribes** on the World Heritage List;
- (b) sites which it **decides not to inscribe** on the World Heritage List;
- (c) sites whose consideration is **referred**;
- (d) sites whose consideration is **deferred**.

- f) *Develop a mechanism and opportunities for local communities, rights-holders, and other stakeholders to participate in the management of the nominated property,*
 - g) *Develop a risk preparedness and disaster risk management strategy,*
 - h) *Develop a tourism strategy that takes into account the proposed Outstanding Universal Value of the nominated property, and determine scientifically its carrying capacity,*
 - i) *Develop a sustainability strategy for the traditional masonry and building techniques and skills in order to maintain the traditional villages over the long term;*
4. *Recommends the State Party to ensure a minimum ecological flow regime in the upper areas of the Aaos River to enhance connectivity for the aquatic fauna and riverine ecosystem and to review current and potential future hydropower plants, ensuring that proposals are not permitted if they could have a negative impact on the potential Outstanding Universal Value of the nominated property, including on the aquatic fauna of the wider Aaos River catchment;*
5. *Notes with appreciation the State Party's efforts to take a comprehensive and integrated approach to protecting both the cultural and natural values of the nominated property.*

E. CULTURAL SITES

E.1 AFRICA

E.1.1 Significant boundary modifications of properties already inscribed on the World Heritage List

Property	The Sukur and Diy-Gid-Biy cultural landscape of Mandara Mountains [extension of "Sukur Cultural Landscape", Nigeria, inscribed in 1999, criteria (iii)(v)(vi)]
ID. N°	938 Bis
State Party	Cameroon
Criteria proposed by State Party	(iii)(v)(vi)

See ICOMOS Evaluation Book, 2023, page 296.

Draft Decision: 45 COM 8B.35

The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Having examined Documents WHC/23/45.COM/8B and WHC/23/45.COM/INF.8B1,*
2. *Does not approve the extension of the **Sukur Cultural Landscape, Nigeria**, to include the **Cultural Landscape of Diy-Gid-Biy, Cameroon**, and become **The Sukur and Diy-Gid-Biy cultural landscape of the Mandara Mountains**;*
3. *Noting the strong potential of the nominated extension to demonstrate Outstanding Universal Value on its own, and taking into account the proposed nomination dossier, which mainly focuses on the qualities of the Cameroonian property, recommends that the nomination of the cultural landscape of Diy-Gid-Biy be submitted as an independent nomination under criterion (iii) by the State Party of Cameroon;*
4. *Also recommends the State Party to give consideration to the following:*

- a) *Clarifying the boundaries of the nominated property, by reducing them and focusing on the Diy-Gid-Biy sites and their immediate setting in coherence with the description provided in the nomination dossier,*
- b) *Developing, in dialogue with local communities, a consensus-based approach for the conservation and the appropriate and safe use of the Diy-Gid-Biy sites during the performance of ritual practices and festivals, to ensure that the dry-stone structures are preserved and retain their research potential, whilst at the same time maintaining the relationship of the locals with the archaeological ruins,*
- c) *Developing a specific conservation plan and management approach that addresses the needs of the Diy-Gid-Biy dry-stone structures, which are distinct from the constructions in Sukur, and involving archaeologists and scholars knowledgeable about the specificities of the Diy-Gid-Biy sites,*
- d) *Augmenting the staff dedicated to the on-site management of the nominated property in terms of human resources, competencies and capacities, and funds to implement management tasks and ensure the monitoring of the Diy-Gid-Biy sites and surrounding landscape,*
- e) *Using spatial planning to define the appropriate location of new construction, infrastructure for tourism development and setting up guidance on compatible design, materials and building techniques,*
- f) *Continuing research on the Diy-Gid-Biy sites to shed further light on the important and early period of human history in the Mandara Mountains which still remains largely unknown,*
- g) *Ensuring that presentation and interpretation of the Diy-Gid-Biy dry-stone structures is based on state-of-the-art scientific research, illustrate their specificities and explain as well what is not known yet about these sites,*
- h) *Continuing the cooperation with the Sukur Cultural Landscape for the benefit of the local communities and for the sustenance of the living dimensions of the landscape.*

E.2 ARAB STATES

E.2.1 New Nominations

Property	Ancient Jericho/Tell es-Sultan
ID. N°	1687
State Party	Palestine
Criteria proposed by State Party	(ii)(iii)(iv)

See ICOMOS Evaluation Book, 2023, page 308.

Draft Decision: 45 COM 8B.36

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/23/45.COM/8B and WHC/23/45.COM/INF.8B1,
2. Inscribes Ancient Jericho/Tell es-Sultan, Palestine, on the World Heritage List on the basis of **criteria (iii) and (iv)**;
3. Adopts the following Statement of Outstanding Universal Value: