

Objective:	Action:	Complete:	In Progress:	Not yet Commenced
Objective 1: To put in place an effective management framework to protect the Outstanding Universal Value of Skellig Michael	Action 1. Appointment of a Site Management team	Site Management Team in place. Site Manager appointed		
	Action 2. Provision of adequate funding, resources and logistical support to continue conservation works		Ongoing	
	Action 3. Establishment of Skellig Michael WHS Management Plan Implementation Group	SMIG in place		
	Action 4. Production of an annual report on Skellig Michael by the Implementation Group	2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Annual Reports complete and published		

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<p>Objective 2: To improve liaison with local interest groups and other relevant parties</p>	<p>Action 5. Liaise with public agencies, non-governmental organisations, local authority, local communities and interest groups to facilitate the effective implementation of the Management Plan</p>	<p>Report on works and archaeology for 2013 issued to UNESCO</p>	<p>Ongoing liaison as required</p>	
	<p>Action 6. Meet with local boatmen on an annual basis in advance of the tourist season.</p>		<p>Liaison between OPW Counsel and Counsel for the boatmen ongoing. A meeting will be offered and general communication will continue as normal by letter. 2015 actions include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition for the award of a new permit • Introduction of new safety protocols • Reemphasis on 	

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			necessary operating conditions	
Objective 3: To preserve the cultural heritage of the island and sustain its OUV	Action 7. Draft a full pre-works survey and a detailed specification for each phase of future works	Renewed and ongoing		
	Action 8. Prepare a formal, structured maintenance programme for all conserved structures	In place		
	Action 9. Produce a detailed stratigraphic report of the archaeological excavations for lodgment in the Archive Section, DoEHLG and for publication on website	In place on website	Work on production of a peer reviewed book commenced. Target date end of 2015.	
	Action 10. Publish a full, costed record of the conservation works and excavations undertaken, from 1978 to present,	Conservation Architect has been released part-time to work on conservation report	Conservation Architect is working, with assistance to complete this work. Work on architectural archive is	

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	during the lifetime of the plan. The publication will be on a phased basis, as advised by the implementation group, and will be made available on the proposed website for Skellig Michael		advanced and will be completed by early summer 2015. A senior archaeologist has also been released to work on publication.	
	Action 11. Ensure that heritage objects from Skellig Michael are cared for appropriately		Ongoing	
	Action 12. Draft terms of reference for and appoint an Expert Advisory Committee to advise on best practice for all works, the publication programme and future research.	Expert Academic Advisory Group established with agreed terms of reference in place	Interim advice provided by the Group which has agreed to a further 1 year on their present terms of reference. Recent meeting concentrated on planning for a seminar in April 2015 and designing a research strategy.	
Objective 4: To identify and conserve the natural heritage	Action 13. Prepare and implement a five-year		Draft plan prepared. Further work required	Public consultation to commence in due

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of the island	conservation plan for the Skelligs SPA.		to update the conservation objectives for the species of conservation interest.	course.
	Action14. Maintain close co-operation, including regular meetings, between the project team, the guide service and the NPWS		Ongoing – meetings held as required	
	Action 15. Apply, as necessary, for notifiable activity consent.		Ongoing (applied for annually). Current system under review with NPWS.	
	Action16. Ensure an appropriate assessment for any plan or project (either individually or in combination) likely to have a significant effect on the species and their habitats for which the SPA has been designated		Ongoing assessment and the development of works methods to ensure the sustainability of the bird habitat. Work commenced on revisiting areas worked on previously to assess validity of current conservation practices.	
	Action 17. Develop, in		Will be covered by	NPWS and OPW

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	conjunction with the future works programme, a monitoring programme for Manx Shearwater and Storm-Petrel		conservation management plan for SPA	liaising on this survey
	Action 18. Carry out a census count of all breeding seabirds (except for nocturnal species) every two years.	Seabird census conducted on 2012	Annual census took place June/July 2104. Ongoing study by UCC into puffin migration patterns. Installation of camera to extend the puffin survey to guillemots and razorbills.	
	Action 19 Participate in the next Ireland and Britain breeding seabird survey			Not relevant in 2014– Next survey 2015
	Action 20 Carry out a vegetation survey, including an investigation of species that may have been cultivated by the monks.	Lichen survey completed in 2009 and uploaded onto World Heritage website.	A broad scale map will be produced with draft conservation plan for SPA	
	Action 21. Include the Skelligs in national Grey		Awaiting results	

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	Seal census.			
	Action 22 Ensure the island is kept free of introduced species. Compile an action plan with accidental or deliberate introduction of predator species		Part of conservation management plan for SPA	
	Action 23. Liaise with Commissioners of Irish Lights to ensure that helicopter flights are kept to a minimum during the birds' breeding season.		Ongoing, flights reduced to a minimum	
Objective 5: To further promote the importance of the WHS to ensure that there continues to be a co-ordinated approach by government departments, agencies and other statutory bodies with responsibilities for making and implementing national policies and undertaking activities that may impact on Skellig Michael	Action 24. Adoption of the Management Plan as a framework for the policies, future plans and decisions regarding Skellig Michael.	Adopted	Ongoing	

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and its environs.				
	Action 25. The State to ensure compliance with all relevant statutory provisions for the protection of the site.		Ongoing	
	Action 26. Encourage the local authority to recognise the status of this Management Plan in its County Development Plans.	In County Development Plan	In County Development Plan	
	Action 27. Heighten awareness, via state agencies, local authorities and other statutory bodies, of the implications and responsibilities of World Heritage Site designation.	A number of State agencies and the Local Authority invited to Skellig Michael Conference 2013	Ongoing World Heritage Website established and relevant agencies notified of same.	
	Action 28. Ensure secondary legislation is in place to provide for the enlargement of the area of the Special Protection Area for Skellig Michael,	Statutory Instrument made. S.I. No. 74 of 2010.		

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	to include the area of sea between and around the islands			
Objective 6: The effective management of visitors to Skellig Michael	Action 29. Liaise with Fáilte Ireland and local tourism networks in their development of a tourism strategy for the greater area.	Co-operation with Fáilte Ireland on Wild Atlantic Way initiative	Ongoing contacts as necessary	
	Action 30. Continue to review the optimum number of visitors to the island consistent with site protection.	Health and Safety Review completed with actions in place to mitigate risks to visitors	Carrying capacity report completed. Submitted to UNESCO, Jan 2013.	
	Action 31. Liaise with Failte Ireland and local tourism bodies to ensure conservation obligations are communicated to tourism promotion agencies.			See Action 29
Objective 7: The provision of an appropriate standard of visitor access and interpretation	Action 32. Establish a defined annual season within which the island will be open to visitors, weather permitting.		This year we expect the season to run from 17 th May to end September	

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	Action 33. Maintain a quality guide service to enhance the visitor experience by ensuring that there are relevant training programmes in place for the guides.	Guide training has been upgraded and maintenance of this level will continue on an ongoing basis.	Guides receive six full days training prior to start of season	
	Action 34. Collect visitor statistics for each season and analyse trends.		Ongoing Visitor statistics collected each season. Adapted last year to take account of Carrying Capacity Study.	See Action 30 above.
	Action 35. Work towards establishing a minimum time limit of two-and-a-half hours for visitors to the island on days when normal weather conditions prevail		Ongoing monitoring	See Action 30 above
	Action 36. Effective operation of the permit scheme for landing visitors on the island during the visitor season		Senior Counsel appointed by boatmen and OPW to negotiate issues between the parties.	OPW report attached

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	Action 37. Identify the criteria for the granting of future permits for boats to land visitors on the island.		The OPW are holding a competition for the design of a new permit. It is hoped to issue 1-2 new permits. Ongoing discussions between Senior Counsel appointed by both sides. State's position with the Attorney General for approval.	
	Action 38. Meet with boatmen annually, in advance of season, to discuss any issues. Minutes of the meetings will be circulated to relevant parties		OPW offered to meet with the boatmen earlier this year but the offer was not taken up.	(See Action 6)
	Action 39. Inform local dive schools, private boating organisations and yachting clubs of the necessary parameters of access to the island			Not in place for 2013 season. Announcements on websites to be initiated
	Action 40. Continue to		Ongoing regulation.	

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	control the number of larger private vessels permitted to access the island		Now only one large private vessel coming to island.	
	Action 41. Monitor landings by occasional and private crafts to the island and take action, where appropriate.		Monitoring by the Guide Service. Verbal or written warnings issued as necessary.	
Objective 8: To increase understanding of and appreciation for Skellig Michael and its environs	Action 42. Publish a series of multilingual pamphlets for public distribution.	English version available at present. New Safety Leaflet completed in 2010 as a result of the recent safety review	Distributed by boatmen.	Irish, French and German leaflets are a target for 2015 season. At proof stage.
	Action 43. Establish a website for Skellig Michael	Website launched in June 2010	Updated as required	
	Action 44. Enhance dissemination of information on Skellig Michael by the provision of materials in diverse media relating to the island	Website launched See Actions 42 & 43		
	Action 45. Establish an			As resources permit

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	Education outreach programme			
	Action 46. Continue to support and give public lectures/case study seminars on the conservation works and the history of the island.	See Action 5	Ongoing as opportunities permit Lecture on Management Plan and Periodic Reporting to World Heritage Management Post-graduate course, University College Dublin. Lectures and tours given during Heritage Week.	Lectures to local stakeholders already agreed to.
	Action 47. Promote public awareness of other archaeological sites of importance in the area in order to broaden the experience of the visitors.	Links to be established with www.heritageireland.ie and www.NPWS.ie to show other sites both archaeological and natural in the vicinity	Ongoing through Guide Service and Website	
	Action 48. Support local initiatives, such as organized walks/tours of historical sites of interest, in the Iveragh Peninsula.		Ongoing as required – information available on www.worldheritageireland.ie ,	

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			www.archaeology.ie and national monuments facebook page.	
	Action 49. Liaise with Fáilte Ireland to ensure high quality information and off-site interpretation for visitors.	Link to World Heritage website provided for Fáilte Ireland website		See Action 29
Objective 9: The provision of a high level of public safety on the island	Action 50. Continue to work with emergency response agencies to prepare a variety of rescue scenarios.	Emergency Plan finalized and agreed. Emergency exercise carried out during the 2014 season.	To be continued annually	
	Action 51. OPW to maintain an up-to-date safety statement for the island, in accordance with Health Safety legislation, and as part of the risk assessment to be undertaken on the island.	Updated Safety Statement completed in 2011 in advance of the visitor season.	Monitored and updated on an ongoing basis	
	Action 52. Continue to	New warning signs in place on the		(See Action 42)

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	ensure safe access to the island during the season by regular maintenance of the pier and steps and ensure that appropriate signage is in place at the pier and at the steps to the South Peak.	island and on departure piers on mainland. Chains in place at 2 locations on the island to assist visitors. A Health and Safety guidance video has been uploaded to www.worlpheritageireland.ie . It is also be available in hard copy.		
Objective 10: To maintain and enhance the landscape setting of Skellig Michael	Action 53. Explore alternative on-site accommodation, and ensure temporary work huts are in keeping with the landscape.		OPW have commissioned a study to examine the potential uses for the lighthouse including accommodation and public toilets. It will be completed by June 2015.	
	Action 54. Maintain current waste-management strategy, agreed with Kerry County Council, for removal and recycling of waste.	Enclosed area for the housing of recycle and waste bins in place	Liaison with Local Authority ongoing	All waste is removed from the island on a weekly basis.
	Action 55. Continue regular liaisons with the		Ongoing inspections	

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	local authority environmental officer.			
	Action 56. Commission feasibility study of the possibility of providing toilets for visitors that would not impact on the setting of the WHS	Feasibility study complete	This is being revisited in light of the study commissioned into the se of the lighthouse and associated compound. See Action 53.	
Objective 11: To monitor those factors with the potential to impact on the built and natural environment of Skellig Michael	Action 57. In conjunction with ICOMOS Ireland, develop a framework for monitoring climate change.	ICOMOS Report covered Brú na Bóinne and Clonmacnoise. Skellig Michael not covered due to access limitations	Limited Monitoring in place. The Department is now producing a sectoral plan for climate change. This may identify a more suitable site for monitoring climate change than Sceilig Mhichíl.	
	Action 58 Ensure that any possible impact of Climate Change on Skellig Michael is monitored and taken into account in the development of the National Climate Change	Climate change report by DIT included Skellig.	3 Stone samples placed on the island to record the effect on same of climate change	

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	Strategy			
	Action 59. Regularly monitor the decay of structures.		Ongoing	
	Action 60. Monitor, on an ongoing basis, other factors that may impinge on the built and natural environment.		Ongoing	
Objective 12: To establish a research framework for Skellig Michael	Action 61. Enhance visitors' experience of visiting the site through increasing knowledge of the island and by encouraging research and ensuring research results are disseminated		Ongoing – Website updated with all new information available. Skellig Michael Seminar to be held in April 2015.	Seminar (see action 46)
	Action 62. Support any relevant national research programmes.		Ongoing as required. Discovery Programme involvement	
	Action 63 Establishment of a research framework that would invite involvement of universities and interested parties in		Researchers are facilitated on request. Liaison with UCC on Puffin tagging laser scanning of monastic structures in its second	See also Action 46

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	research programmes.		season	
	Action 64 Complete the research programme on geology and historic quarrying		Commissioned report on South Peak to be completed in 2014	
	Action 65 Complete research on water collection and management			Not yet commenced
	Action 66 Undertake and complete research into horticultural aspects of the monastic settlement.	Paleoenvironmental survey completed		Vegetation survey to be commissioned by NPWS/OPW when resources permit.(Action 20)
	Action 67 Complete research into the development of drystone construction based on the work being carried out on the monastic structures		Work commenced	

