

Cultural Heritage Agency
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Preparing Serial World Heritage nominations in the Netherlands

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The Netherlands: where we are





The Netherlands: who we are





The Netherlands: what we are

9 World Heritage sites







Schokland 1995

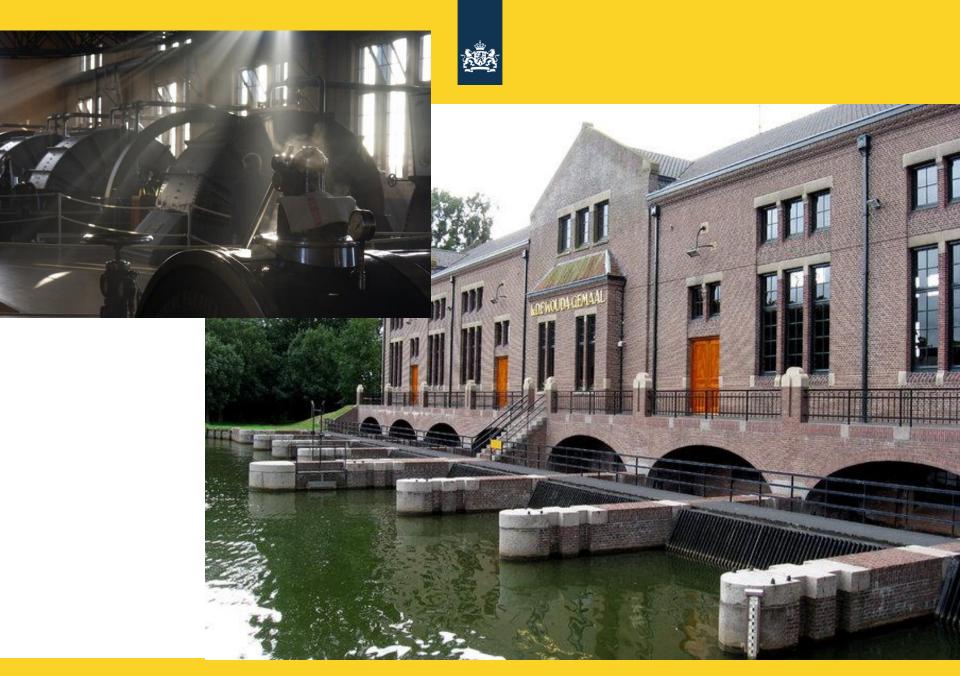












Ir. D.F. Wouda steam pumping station 1998





Beemster Polder 1999







Wadden Sea 2009





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Character in Focus, Vision for Heritage and Spatial Planning

- Complements to national policy strategy for infrastructure and spatial planning
- Focus on heritage preservation in spatial developments
- and by means of spatial planning instruments
- Five national priorities. One is World Heritage sites and Tentative List sites
- €24,5 million for 5 priorities

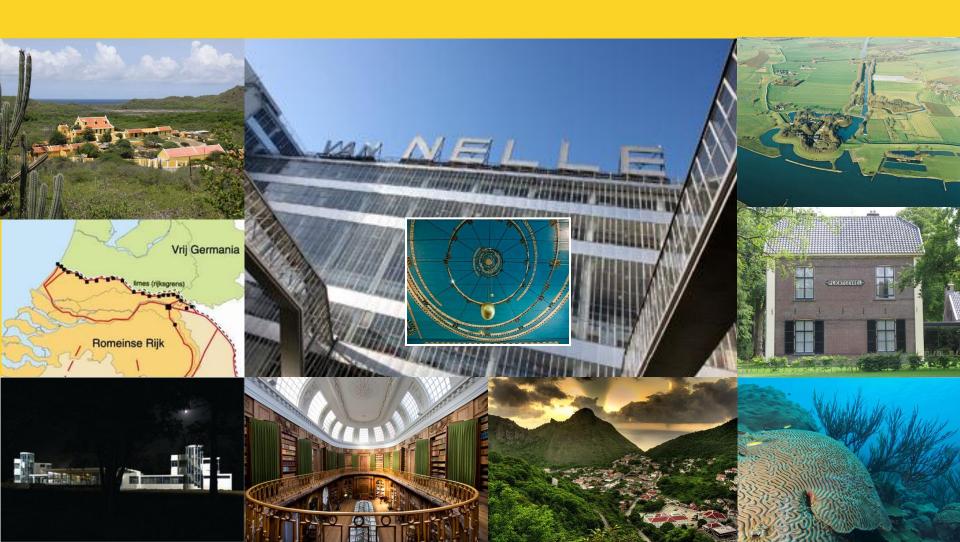


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Tentative List

- Based on assessment of old TL, earlier applications and call for candidates
- Criteria: Global Strategy (natural/mixed, serial/transnational, underrepresented),
 Caribbean sites, NL themes
- Assessment and selection by independent committee

Tentative List of the Netherlands





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Tentative List decision

- Selection of 10 sites
- 3 nominations 2012-2015
- Rest must prove OUV, adequate protective measures and administrative and public support
- Rest nominated between 2016-2025
- Intended site holder(s) is/are responsible for preparing nomination file
- Cultural Heritage Agency co-ordinates and facilitates with knowledge and (some) money



Dutch World Heritage sites: the story to tell

Theme	World Heritage List	Tentative List
Water & water management	Wadden Sea Schokland Defence Line of Amsterdam Mill network Kinderdijk Wouda steam pumping station Beemster Polder Amsterdam Canal District	Bonaire Marine Park Saba New Dutch Waterline (extension)
Civil society	Beemster Willemstad Curaçao Amsterdam Canal District	Teylers Plantations of West Curaçao Colonies of Benevolence Eise Eisinga Planetarium
Design (man-made landscape and Modern Movement)	Rietveld Schröder house Beemster Amsterdam Canal District	Van Nelle factory Sanatorium Zonnestraal
_	-	Frontiers of the Roman Empire (Dutch-German extension)



Dutch World Heritage sites: the story to tell

Transnational sites	World Heritage List	Tentative List
With Germany	Wadden Sea	
With Belgium		Colonies of Benevolence
With Finland (Paimio)?		Sanatorium Zonnestraal
With Germany		Frontiers of the Roman Empire

Serial sites	World Heritage List	Tentative List
	Defence Line of Amsterdam	
		Colonies of Benevolence
		Sanatorium Zonnestraal
		Frontiers of the Roman Empire



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- 2012 Teylers nominated ICOMOS advise not to inscribe – withdrawn
- 2013 Van Nelle factory nominated ICOMOS evaluation mission Oct. '13
- 2015 Nomination of Plantations of Curação ????



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Proposed to M:

- 7 candidates, one year >
 - CA & OUV-justification
 - Boundaries and buffer zone
 - Protection
 - Functioning management system
 - Administrative and local support
- (inter)national committee advises on continuation and order
- M decides end 2014



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Proposed to M:

- Upstream process: include ICOMOS/ IUCN/ICCROM in nomination process
- International peer review
- WHCentre completeness check <u>before</u> nomination
- Explicit advise to cabinet whether to nominate
- Max. one a year
- Not each year



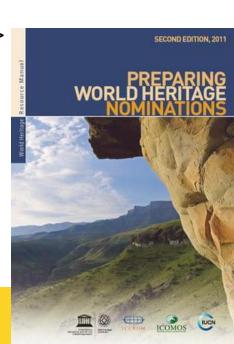
Nominating a transnational serial property

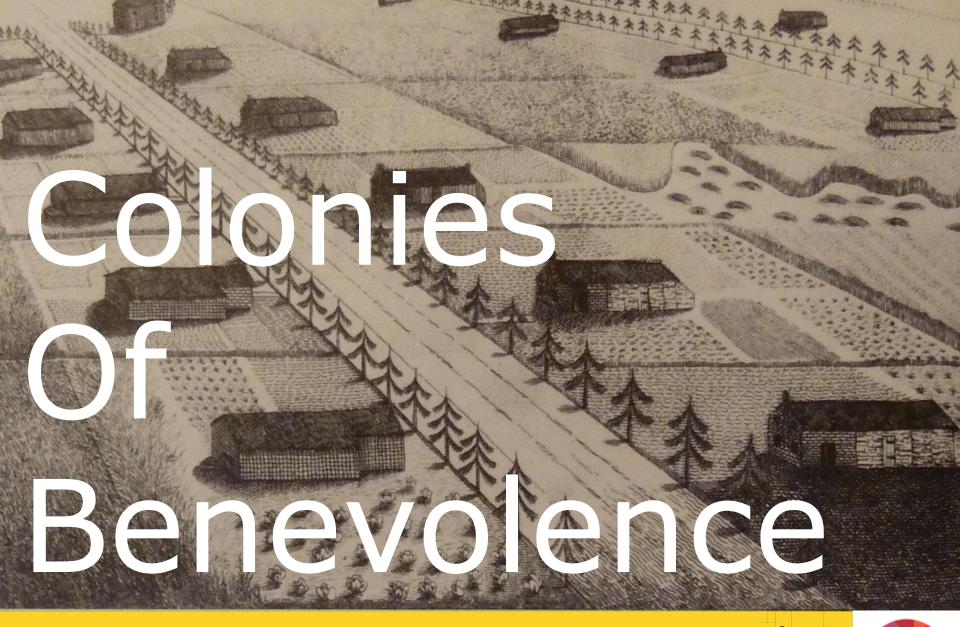
Example: Colonies of Benevolence

- What they are and why they are significant
- Process of preparing a nomination file: * organization
 - * content
 - * procedure
- UNESCO manual > (incl. definitions and descriptions)

and /or

IUCN manual for serial natural WH properties













1815

10% of the population in the Kingdom of the Netherlands (including Belgium) was poor, depending on bagging and charity to survive

Poverty in Europe after Napoleon



50% of the land was wilderness (heathland and peat);

68% in the province of Drenthe (1815)





Elimination of poverty through land cultivation and agricultural colonies



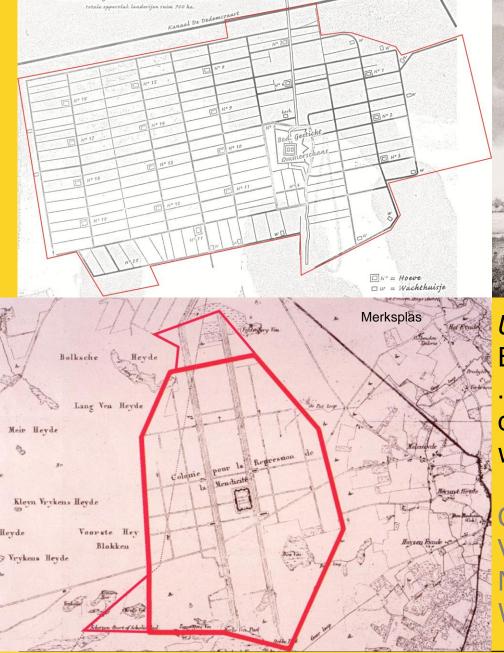


Frederiksoord-Wilhelminaoord NL Willemsoord NL Wortel B



Kolonie van de Maatschappij van Weldadigheid bij Wortel, litho Van den Eynde, omstreeks 1822







Unfree colonies:

Baggers, tramps and drunks partly with mental disorder, orphans, handicapped, 'fallen women'

Ommerschans NL Veenhuizen NL Merksplas B Wortel B (after 1860)





3e Gesticht, Veenhuizen

1818-23: foundation of colonies 1830: separation of Belgium

1859: Veenhuizen and Ommerschans sold to the Dutch state

1870: Wortel and Merksplas redeveloped as state colonies for

paupers

2012:

Frederiksoord NL: Society of Benevolence (domain)
Wilhelminaoord NL: Society of Benevolence (domain)

Agricultural village (privatized)

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Ommerschans: Agriculture and Forensic Psychi

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Village, prison, tourism

Agriculture, prison

Agriculture, prison, centre for refugees



Merksplas B:

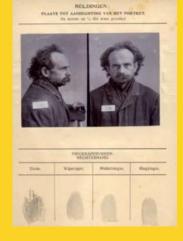
Veenhuizen NL:

Wortel B:





Own currency, sample of cloth for colonists' uniforms





Evolution of a concept



7 colonies, 6 municipalities, 4 provinces, 2 countries

Founded 1818-1823: overall size approximately 6.750 ha







Colonies: landscapes of stories, memories and milestones





Heritage of the Society of Benevolence



Heritage of State architecture in B and NL



Recent layer





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State Party advised: connect Flemish & other Dutch colonies

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 - WH 2018
- Common project organization



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Charter and Action Plan, June 2012

- Action Plan 2012
- Project manager/team
- € 500.000 budget (NL 2/3; B 1/3)



Project organization

Steering group

Project group

Working group CA/OUV (with experts)

Working Group Communication/marketing

6 Sound board groups

1 Minister, 2 members of the Provincial Executive, mayors and aldermen, ngo;2-3 times yearly

Civil servants & ngo's; SP's advisers; 6-8 times

- regularly
- regularly

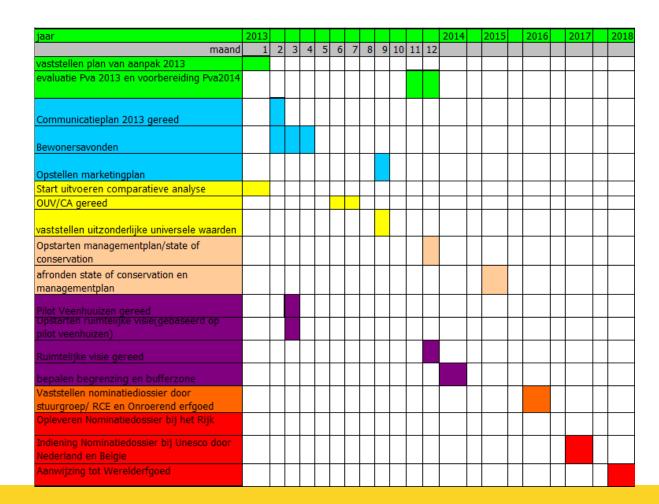
Local: ngo's, interest and lobby groups, entrepreneurs, historical associations, land owners, museums, individuals, etc.



Planning

Action plan:

- Long term plan
- Short term plan
- updated each year





Working group CA/OUV

supervising research CA/OUVjustification (historical, landscape, architecture, comparative) by SteenhuisMeurs & Karvansera

theme groups: discussions with local historians and with national experts (extracting knowledge and gain broad support)

Members working group will write/ contribute to nomination file

Working group Communication/marketing

Internal and external communication

Brand awareness

Marketing of the regions

With 'ambassadors'



Statement of OUV

Background information > 1st draft
OUV + criteria > comparative
analysis > 2nd draft OUV > criteria
> attributes > authenticity and
integrity > boundaries > 3rd draft
OUV + criteria check (cyclic process)
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Management Plan (protection and management system) >>>>



Start preparing nomination file



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Common spatial vision

- Shared history, common values
- Analysis of land use plans and spatial developments
- What's needed for effective protection of OUV
- Comprehensive landscape vision (with landscape architects and municipal planners; tailor-made)
- Implementation > updating land use plans
- Results >> Management Plan



Conclusions: in the Netherlands

- Nominating authorities have a big responsibility in the nomination process
- Local support and commitment (administrative and public) is essential
- CHA facilitates, but keeps distance in order to feel free to advise on nominations



Other points of interest

- Start with an approved, practical and comprehensive project plan
- All concerned parties must be represented
- WH nomination must <u>not</u> be the only objective
- Project leader must be acceptable for all and needs a clear mandate
- Make early agreements to avoid late disagreements
- Built public support; connect and find a 'standard bearer'
- One voice in communication
- Give all parties credits

