



IUCN World Heritage Consultation Form

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Background: In its role as Advisory Body to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee on natural heritage, IUCN continually monitors the state of conservation of the 200+ natural World Heritage sites. This monitoring role includes the preparation of c.60 state of conservation reports on natural World Heritage Sites every year, undertaking c.15 monitoring missions, and day-to-day monitoring of all listed sites. In addition, in 2014 IUCN launched the IUCN World Heritage Outlook – the first global assessment of natural World Heritage which included individual site assessments of all natural and mixed sites. These assessments summarize the current state and trend of a site's values, the threats to those values, and the effectiveness of protection and management. The IUCN World Heritage Outlook has been designed to track conservation status of all sites over time and we are currently updating all site assessments which will be released in 2017 in a new World Heritage Outlook report. IUCN consults a wide range of stakeholders during its monitoring processes and welcomes any news, documents, research or comments on the status of these sites. **This consultation process is indispensable to ensuring that conservation issues affecting natural World Heritage sites are identified and addressed as early as possible** (see our website for further information www.iucn.org/worldheritage). Please use this consultation form to send your comments to whconservation@iucn.org. The comments you provide will be *strictly confidential*.

Date	June 23,2017
Name of site	Yakushima
Name of respondent/organization	Kyushu Regional Environment Office, Ministry of the Environment JAPAN
Your involvement with this site	Nature Regeneration Planning Officer
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Please answer the following questions. If there are any recent studies, articles or other publications that IUCN should be aware of, please provide links or send the documents to whconservation@iucn.org

1. What are the key threats to the site's values? please find attached file (conservation state)
2. What is the status of the site's key values ? (Please include references if available) please find attached file (conservation state)
3. How effective is the site's protection and management and what strengths and weaknesses do you consider exist? (e.g. <i>adequate staffing, adequate funding, adequate legal protection</i>) please find attached file (conservation state)
4. What are the actions needed to address key conservation issues? please find attached file (conservation state)
5. What are the key benefits associated with the site (at a local, regional or global level)? please find attached file (conservation state)
6. Are there any other organizations/individuals involved with this site that IUCN should contact for further information? -
Please share any additional comments and/or suggestions for improving this consultation process.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this form. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.
Please return all comments and documents to whconservation@iucn.org