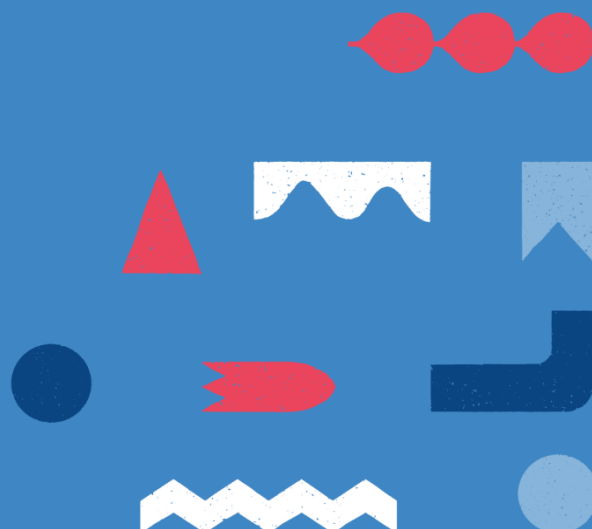


STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORT

Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso (Chile) (959)

December 2024



I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

The state of conservation report of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso highlights the following for the 2023 and 2024 period:

1. The Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site makes significant progress in its implementation and is now fully operational.
2. The Disaster Risk Management Plan for the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site is finalised. During 2024, interinstitutional coordination meetings have been held in relation to its implementation.
3. Implementation of the cultural institutionalisation has continued, with an emphasis on strengthening technical teams on a regional level, especially in the Regional Technical Office of the National Monuments Council.
4. The "Parque Barón" project is in the middle implementing of the Archaeological Management Plan. Resumption of construction works are planned for early 2025, through a new contract, with its operation expected to begin late 2026 or early 2027.
5. Continuity of the project that entails rehabilitating the Subercaseaux Palace of Barrio Puerto for the Regional Archive. The restoration and implementation of elevators is considered a priority issue, with the goal of strategic planning for its operation, maintenance and management.
6. In 2024, the environmental impact assessment of the Terminal 2 "Terminal Cerros de Valparaíso" TCVAl project, resumes. The Port Company has worked on a new design considering some aspects of the previous project, as well as mitigation and compensation measures. The assessment on a national level has accentuated the need to strengthen the analysis in relation to the possible impact on the cultural heritage component and the Outstanding Universal Value of the Site.
7. Implementation of actions arising from the Agreement between the Municipality of Valparaíso and the Port Company, especially in relation to the construction of a Strategic Plan for the Coastal Area of the city, stands out.
8. Of note are actions implemented, to differing extents, from the 31 recommendations of the Advisory Mission carried out in 2022. In this regard, it is of special note that the substantive indication has been introduced into parliamentary debate, which would enable progress towards updating the national legislation in the field of cultural heritage.
9. Among the current conversation topics that could have an impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, of note is the progress towards updating the heritage legislation, increase in the budget designated for conservation of the World Heritage Sites in Chile, progress on the creation of the management tool for the Site, the implementation of the Interinstitutional Roundtable of the World Heritage Site, the rollout of the REVIVE Barrios Programme in the city's Barrio Puerto neighbourhood and the implementation of the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund Project (HEF), among others.

II. RESPONSE TO THE DECISION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (45 COM 7B.111)

Paragraph 3: *Takes note of the continued support of the Inter-American Development Bank and of the timely implementation of the scheduled meetings and studies and requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre complete information on the activities carried out in this framework;*

As informed in previous State of Conservation Reports (SOC), the Technical Cooperation provided by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) ended its programme in 2021, concluding the baseline studies for fulfilling its components.

The aforementioned cooperation was carried out with resources from the Strategic Program for Sustainability Development Financed with Common Equity (SUS) and the Strategic Program for the Development of Institutions Financed with Common Equity (INS), from which a total of USD \$500,000 was made available for the implementation of the institutional proposal for Governance of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso.

The aim of the consultancy was to develop a strategic plan, background analysis and urban survey reports, as well as to prioritise investments and to organise the portfolio of projects identified as necessary within the World Heritage Site and its neighbouring areas.

The studies conducted under consultancies directly contracted by the IDB, considered, among others, the analysis of international case studies with a focus on the Historical Urban Landscape, the design of strategic projects with participatory methodologies at the Valparaíso Heritage Site, the development of a roadmap and investment portfolio for the World Heritage Site and the development of a governance model for the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.

The following consultancy results are outcomes of this Technical Cooperation:

CONSULTANCY	RESULT	CLOSING DEADLINE	ANNEX
Study of the Heritage and Touristic Value of Valparaíso in its day/night relationship (CH - T 1188): Nocturnal characterisation of the World Heritage Site. IDB Housing and Urban Development Division (CSD/HUD)	Final report. Results of the characterisation and assessment of the nocturnal situation of the city, identification of the main challenges and recommendations.	November 2019	Annex N°1

Diagnostic Summary, Governance Model Assessment: Proposals and recommendations for the Valparaíso World Heritage Site. IDB Housing and Urban Development Division (CSD/HUD)	Final report. Study results. Presentation of proposals and recommendations for establishing governance mechanisms of the WHS.	15 June 2020.	Annex N°2
Digital Workshop-Seminar on Management of the World Heritage Site in Valparaíso, Chile. Organised by the IDB.	Conducting an interinstitutional seminar-workshop. Adjusted due to Covid-19.	20-21 July 2020.	Annex N°3
Design, Facilitation and Systematisation of Workshop around the Valparaíso Heritage Site Management. (CH - T 1188).	Final report: Results of the online Workshop on matters of management and governance of public urban spaces, areas of urban heritage interest, together with a summary of key ideas and focal points gathered from the workshop, highlighting the main challenges and opportunities of the process.	August 2020.	Annex N°4
Sustainable Patrimonialisation Process.	Final report. Results from studies of 17 cases in 12 countries on sustainable heritage industry through policies, plans, cultural institution cases and associated programmes.	06 august 2020.	Annex N°5
CH-T1208-P002 Consultancy for Developing a Roadmap and Investment Portfolio for the WHS - Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso.	Final report. Delivery of a proposal with an analysis of gaps, criteria for prioritisation and opportunities for developing a roadmap, investment portfolio for the WHS, and recommendations.	October 2021.	Annex N°6

The Technical Cooperation had a positive evaluation with recognition as an opportunity that contributed and fostered dialogue between a range of stakeholders responsible for the management of the property, paving the way for materialising a new model for administration.

The aforementioned is reflected in the progress made with the interinstitutional coordination around the World Heritage Site in Valparaíso through the "Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the World Heritage Site Historic Quarter of the

Seaport City of Valparaíso". Founded on 5 September 2022, it begins operations in January 2023 as an entity specifically tasked with the integrated management of the Site, serving as a platform for involving public institutions, universities, the private sector and local representatives of the Site's residents, who make up this Corporation and collaborate with developing plans and initiatives that contribute to the protection and safeguarding of the World Heritage Site.

Annexes:

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| Annex 1 | Final report - Study of the Heritage and Touristic Value of Valparaíso in its day/night relationship (CH - T 1188): Nocturnal characterisation of the World Heritage Site. IDB Housing and Urban Development Division (CSD/HUD). |
| Annex 2 | Final report - Diagnostic Summary, Governance Model Assessment: Proposals and recommendations for the Valparaíso World Heritage Site. IDB Housing and Urban Development Division (CSD/HUD). |
| Annex 3 | Report, Digital Workshop-Seminar on Management of the World Heritage Site in Valparaíso, Chile. Organised by the IDB. |
| Annex 4 | Final Report - Design, Facilitation and Systematisation of Workshop around the Valparaíso Heritage Site Management. (CH - T 1188). |
| Annex 5 | Sustainable Patrimonialisation Process. |
| Annex 6 | Final report - for Developing a Roadmap and Investment Portfolio for the WHS - Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso. |

Paragraph 4: Welcomes the establishment of the agreement between the municipality of Valparaíso and the Ministry of Cultures, the Arts and Heritage, encourages the State Party to concretely implement the agreement and also requests it to report to the World Heritage Centre on the results obtained in its framework;

As informed in the previous State of Conservation Report, and as a result of a range of efforts to implement actions in order to strengthen the management of the World Heritage Site, a collaboration agreement was signed in December 2020 between the Municipality of Valparaíso and the Undersecretariat of Cultural Heritage of the Ministry of Cultures, Arts and Heritage, defining actions for strengthening management of the World Heritage Site. The agreement directs the work towards a new management model looking to reinvigorate and revitalise the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.

With this, a phase begins which centres on coordinating a joint effort towards a new management figure of the property, strengthening the role of the State at a local and national level, establishing strategies for funding and revitalisation of the World Heritage Site through mechanisms that enable increased participation. Thus, the agreement activates a collaborative agenda that calls summons stakeholders from the public, private

and from society sectors, and places emphasis on the heritage, urban, architectural and social dimension of the Site for the fulfilment of specific objectives.

As informed in the previous Soc, in January 2022, through a public act which took place in the city of Valparaíso, and as a first concrete action in the implementation of the Agreement, a document was signed which creates the "Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site", fulfilling the first specific objective of the agreement:

- 1. Creating a figure for public/institutional coordination and collaboration that enables the different levels of national, regional and local government to act jointly in the World Heritage Site.*

The corporation is an initiative for interinstitutional coordination which also assumes the management role of the Site, thus with its creation the third point of the agreement is addressed, as indicated:

- 3. Defining a management figure which implements a strategy of administrative, technical and financial tasks and the implementation of plans, programmes and projects.*

In this sense, the Corporation's mission is to promote and strengthen the public-private partnership, for the integral development of projects, programmes and actions that ensure the conservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site and the preservation of its architectural, urban cultural, social and environmental qualities.

This Corporation is fully operational (Annex 7), and more details around the decisions and measures it has adopted in its initial stage of operations during 2023 and 2024, are provided in the following section.

Annexes:

Annex 7 Website, Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.
<https://www.corporacionspmvalparaiso.cl/>

Paragraph 5: *Commends the State Party for the creation of the "Municipal Corporation for Heritage Site Administration", with the mandate of promoting and strengthening public-private partnerships, and further requests the State Party to report to the World Heritage Centre on the decisions and measures that will be taken by this "Municipal Corporation for Heritage Site Administration";*

The Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site has a legal entity status since September 2022 (Annexes 8 and 9), thereby commencing its implementation stage as administrator of the World Heritage Site. During 2023 and 2024 two general meetings (Annex 10), four extraordinary meetings (Annex 11) and eight board meetings (Annex 12) have been held, meetings where a range of aspects related to the management of the property have been reviewed.

More specifically, in 2023 one general, three extraordinary and four board meetings were held, as well as an external audit, and in 2024, until October, one ordinary and one extraordinary general meeting and four board meetings were held.

These meetings have addressed different topics related to the management of the property, as well as establishing measures and making decisions on a variety of issues, among them (Annex 13):

- a) Administrative, legal and budgetary aspects of the Site's management, related to the launch and operations of the Corporation, for example, membership fees and dues, budget execution, statute changes and incorporation of new members, revision of work plans and building the executive team, reporting on agreements, technical assistance and subsidies, and general action policies, the approach to Communications and Participation, 2023 Annual Report.
- b) Aspects related to the management and conservation of the World Heritage Site, such as:
 - Implementation of "Mesa Interinstitucional para el Sitio Patrimonio Mundial de Valparaíso" (*"Inter-institutional Roundtable for the Valparaíso World Heritage Site"*) (addressed in section III.2 of this report).
 - Presentation of REVIVE Barrios Programme, focused on restoring houses in the Barrio Puerto neighbourhood of the Site (addressed in section III.3 of this report).
 - Revision of UNESCO WHC documents, referring to World Heritage Committee decisions, SOC Reports, among others.
 - Management Plan for the World Heritage Site: construction and participation process (addressed in section III.1 of this report).
 - Presentation "Acuerdo por Valparaíso" (*"Agreement for Valparaíso"*), as an intersectoral agreement for a port expansion project sustainable with the city, considering the preservation of its heritage (addressed in section II, as a response to paragraph 11 of this report).
- c) Aspects related to the dissemination of the World Heritage Site, as a 20-year anniversary of the UNESCO declaration.

Regarding human and financial resources for the implementation of agreements and decisions of the Board of Directors, the Corporation currently receives funds through a municipal grant (Annex 14), approved by the Municipal Council, which are supplemented with resources from the World Heritage Site Social Programme from the National Service for Cultural Heritage (Serpat, by its Spanish acronym). All of them are requested on an annual basis.

The resources allocated through the municipal grant enable having a core team for the Corporation's operation and for the management of its agreements.

In 2023, CLP \$175.450.000 (USD 179,949), and CLP \$306.844.800 (USD 314,713) in 2024, was available for the core team, including salaries and the respective social security, acquisition of computers and equipment, as well as the services of an accounting firm and an annual external audit.

This team comprises the following positions and number of people:

POSITION	2023	2024
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1	1
ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT	1	1
SECRETARY	1	1
ARCHITECT	3	3
INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER	1	1
COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER	1	1
COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT		1
TERRITORIAL ENGAGEMENT ASSISTANT		1
PROJECT FORMULATION AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUND PROCUREMENT MANAGER		1
TOTAL	8	11

Furthermore, the World Heritage Site Social Programme from the National Service for Cultural Heritage provides subsidies for projects to be implemented by the administrator of the property, through an annual contest, or technical assistance carried out by the National Centre for World Heritage Sites (CNSPM, by its Spanish acronym), by request and in coordination with the management Corporation.

Thus, in 2023 these resources contributed with four professionals, two of them for Technical Assistance in project development and in drafting of the Risk Management Plan for the Site, and two professionals for strengthening the development of the Site Management Plan, with a total of CLP \$57.500.000 (USD 58,975). And in 2024, contributed with three professionals, one for Technical Assistance for preliminary studies related to carrying capacity, and for continuity of the requirements related to the construction of the Site Management Plan, with a total contribution of CLP \$55.476.000 (USD 56,899)

In addition, during 2023 and 2024 the Corporation has had the support of the Regional Directorate of the National Service for Cultural Heritage (Serpap, by its Spanish acronym), an institution that has provided a part of the San José Castle in Valparaíso for running the physical offices of the Corporation, and at the same time, has covered basic expenses for its operations (water, electricity, internet, cleaning services and security guards). In October 2024, the Corporation managing the Site temporarily relocated its offices to the Edificio de la Ex Bolsa de Valores de Valparaíso, property of the Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María, as the San José Castle about to commence conservation and value enhancement works.

Annexes:

Annex 8	Document, Minutes and Statutes, Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.
Annex 9	Document, Legal Entity Status and Board of Directors, Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.
Annex 10	Document, Ordinary General Assembly Agendas, Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.
Annex 11	Document, Extraordinary General Assembly Agendas, Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.
Annex 12	Document, Board of Directors Meeting Agendas, Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.
Annex 13	Folder containing PPT presentations from meetings of the Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.
Annex 14	Document, 2023 and 2024 municipal Subsidy, from the Municipality of Valparaíso towards the Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.

Paragraph 6: *Also takes note of the third stage of the development of a technical platform for the risk management of the site, and that the start of the elaboration of the Risk Management Plan is foreseen in 2023, and requests that, once completed, the plan be submitted for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies;*

- **Integrated disaster risk management plan for the property**

The Integrated Disaster Risk Management Plan for the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site was completed in December 2023 and is included for review by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies.

As reported in the previous State of Conservation Report and as part of the initiatives funded by the World Heritage Sites Social Programme from the National Service for Cultural Heritage, during 2022 the National Centre for World Heritage Sites implemented the third stage of the Technical Assistance for creating tools and instruments that aim at improving risk management of the Site, with a focus on priority threats. The work entailed identifying a series of feasible strategies, whose results

constituted the basis for the development of the Risk Management Plan for the World Heritage Site, prepared during 2023 through the ongoing Technical Assistance.

The Plan covers the core area inscribed on the World Heritage List. The criteria and methods employed for preparing the instrument are part of the recommendations from the World Heritage Committee's Advisory Bodies, such as ICOMOS and ICCROM, whereby ensuring coherence and a focus on the preservation of the Site's Outstanding Universal Value (Annex 15).

The tool proposes 4 general strategies: a) Management, b) Works and Interventions, c) Training and Documentation and d) Dissemination and Communication.

The Risk Management Plan process included participatory initiatives and presentation of results, with representatives from a range of institutions, both public and private. It becomes evident that the issue of Valparaíso's heritage disaster risk management attracts interest. One of the great challenges is achieving collaboration between the different stakeholders and strengthening their connection with the initiatives for reducing the proposed risks. Moreover, the process enabled progress to be made on active involvement of the resident community, stressing a need to continue and strengthen this connection. (Annex 16).

Implementation of actions for risk management defined by the tool began in 2024. Among them, the following can be mentioned:

-Interinstitutional Roundtable for Disaster Risk Management of the World Heritage Site

Within the scope of the Technical Assistance for preparing the Risk Management Plan, the Interinstitutional Roundtable for Disaster Risk Management of the property convened for the first time in August 2023. Subsequently, sessions were held in January and June 2024, led by the Municipal Corporation that manages the property, with the goal of maintaining a coordinated working schedule regarding the risk reduction (Annex 17 to 20).

This coordination summons a range of public and private stakeholders, tasked with implementing actions related to disaster risk management, among them the managing Corporation itself, the Municipality of Valparaíso, with the involvement of different municipal offices, among them the Directorate of Citizen Security, through its Departamento de Gestión de Riesgo de Desastre y Prevención Social (*Disaster Management and Social Prevention Department*), the Cuerpo de Bomberos de Valparaíso (*Valparaíso Firefighter Service*), the National Disaster Prevention and Response Service (Senapred, by its Spanish acronym), Regional Presidential Delegation of Valparaíso, the Regional Government of Valparaíso (GORE, by its Spanish acronym), the Ministry of Public Works (MOP, by its Spanish acronym), the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning (Minvu, by its Spanish acronym), the Ministry of Cultures, Arts and Heritage (MINCAP, by its Spanish acronym), the Social Development and Family Ministry, Undersecretariat of Regional and Administrative Development (Subdere, by its Spanish acronym), the National Service for Cultural Heritage, the University of Playa Ancha, the Chilean Navy and the UNESCO Santiago Office.

At present, the work is focused on systematising information related to plans, programmes, projects and actions reported by representatives of the various

institutions, as well as on determining if given the scope of the initiatives, they can be actioned at the level of the Site, of its buffer zone and surrounding areas. The ongoing work also considers a revision of the roundtable operating protocol.

-Creating brochures with recommendations for reducing disaster risk at the World Heritage Site.

Among the activities arising from the 2023 Technical Assistance for the preparation of the Risk Management Plan, and specifically regarding the dissemination and communication strategy of the results, brochures were designed, with recommendations for its residents, focusing on reducing disaster risk from the four priority threats identified by the residents of the World Heritage Site: fire, earthquake, graffiti vandalism and landslide (Annex 21).

This was done, given that the residents themselves are a group of highly vulnerable stakeholders, who are unaware of how they can contribute to reducing risk within their properties and public spaces, as well as for their own safety.

With this purpose, brochures were designed for distribution among the neighbours and residents of the World Heritage Site and its buffer zone, and other areas of the city with similar architectural and/or urban characteristics.

-Cooperation Agreement with Cuerpo de Bomberos de Valparaíso

During 2024 a Cooperation Agreement was signed between the Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site and the city's fire service. The focus of the Agreement is the coordination with the respective work plans around risk management, highlighting the creation of technical content and community perception for strengthening the design and subsequent implementation of dry pipe networks for better control of fires in places with difficult vehicle access (Annex 22).

-Cooperation Agreement with the Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María

The Cooperation Agreement between the Corporation managing the Site and the Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María, signed in 2024, includes short- and medium-term actions for strengthening technical capacities of the Corporation in effective implementation of actions for reduce disaster risk (Annex 23).

The Integrative Disaster Risk Management Plan focuses on reducing risks as a general task, with the ability to also cover threats that have not been expressly analysed. The Corporation has integrated these risk management strategies in the Site Management Plan, currently under development, as a specific programme. This programme has been prioritised by communities as an urgent matter, as neighbours have highlighted the concern and need of prompt implementation of preventive measures, especially against the threat of fire.

In turn, the Site Management Plan proposes a global approach to Risk Management through all its strategies, with an effect on all attributes that comprise the Outstanding Universal Value of the property.

Lastly, among the ongoing activities in 2024 within the scope of risk management, the initiative funded by the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund (HEF) stands out, and internal fund of the institution, implemented by the UNESCO Santiago Office in coordination with the Site's management and the National Centre for World Heritage Sites of the National Service for Cultural Heritage. The 250-thousand-dollar project enables strengthening management of fire risk and readiness for emergencies, through a pilot plan within the property, together with offering training and organising an international conference for the Latin America and Caribbean region (for USD 187,876). All these activities are related to the new Fire Risk Management Guide for Cultural and Natural Heritage, developed by UNESCO. More details of the project are provided under section III.7 of this report.

Annexes:

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| Annex 15 | Document, "Plan Integral de Gestión de Riesgo de Desastre del Sitio de Patrimonio Mundial Área Histórica de la ciudad-puerto de Valparaíso", (<i>"Integrated Disaster Risk Management Plan for the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site"</i>), December 2023. |
| Annex 16 | Document, Technical Assistance Final Report 2023, "Plan Integral de Gestión de Riesgo de Desastre del Sitio de Patrimonio Mundial Área Histórica de la ciudad-puerto de Valparaíso", (<i>"Integrated Disaster Risk Management Plan for the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site"</i>) |
| Annex 17 | Invitation, Second inter-institutional day, Disaster Risk Management Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso, UNESCO World Heritage Site. |
| Annexes 18 a 20 | Document, PPT presentations, interinstitutional meetings related to Disaster Risk Management for the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site. |
| Annex 21 | Brochures with recommendations for reducing disaster risk in the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site. |
| Annex 22 | Document, Cooperation Framework Agreement between Cuerpo de Bomberos de Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site. |
| Annex 23 | Document, Cooperation Framework Agreement between Cuerpo de Bomberos de Valparaíso and Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María. |

Paragraph 7: *Also welcomes the further progress in the creation and provision of Regional Heritage Directorates under the National Cultural Heritage Service and urges the State Party to reinforce the technical office of the National Monuments Council;*

- **Continuity and progress with establishing and implementing Regional Directorates of the National Service for Cultural Heritage**

The implementation of the institutional framework of the Ministry of Cultures, Arts and Heritage, effective since 2018, has continued, and in particular, the progress with establishing the Regional Directorates of the National Service for Cultural Heritage across the country, is worth mentioning, which has been one of the priorities for the National Service for Cultural Heritage under the current administration. In 2023, and as indicated in the Exempt Resolution N° 1428 of the same year (Annex 24), powers were granted to specified official roles and authorities to authorise and sign administrative acts, a document complemented by the Exempt Resolution N° 0679 of 2024 (Annex 25).

The document includes, among other points, the granting of powers to the Regional Directors of the National Service for Cultural Heritage, with a framework of action covering activities to be carried out in matters related to the Regional Directorate's core functions, as well as personnel, administrative processes and financial management, processes related to procurement and supply, and matters related to investment projects.

The Valparaíso Regional Directorate of the National Service for Cultural Heritage has approximately 100 civil servants, who perform their functions within a structure formed by different Units and Departments, including Archives, Libraries and Museums. The Legal Department, the Heritage Projects Department, the Administrative Management Department are of note among the Units and Departments, as well as the teams within the Intangible Heritage Department and the Subdirectorates of Indigenous Peoples, among others. (Annex 26)

It is also important to mention that the Valparaíso Region administratively includes the territory of the Easter Island province, which encompasses the World Heritage Site of the Rapa Nui National Park.

As noted in the previous SOC report, the presence of these Regional Heritage Directorates and Regional Technical Offices of the National Monuments Council, along with the Regional Secretariats of the Ministry of Cultures, Arts and Heritage, enables extensive territorial coverage for the protection and conservation of the country's heritage, particularly of the World Heritage Sites.

Regarding the last point, it is important to highlight the close collaboration between the Regional Directorate of the National Service for Cultural Heritage and the National Centre for World Heritage Sites on matters related to the management of the Valparaíso World Heritage Site. An example of this collaboration is the establishment of the "Interinstitutional Roundtable for the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site", an initiative for coordination with different

stakeholders from the public sphere in the region, which has been implemented and under the responsibility of the Regional Directorate of the National Service for Cultural Heritage in coordination with the World Heritage Sites National Centre.

The “Interinstitutional Roundtable for the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site” is further discussed in section III of this report.

- **Actions for strengthening the Regional Technical Office of the National Monuments Council (OTR CMN, by its Spanish acronym), Valparaíso**

Regarding the Regional Technical Offices of the National Monuments Council (OTR CMN, by its Spanish acronym), the priority of strengthening the technical teams is highlighted, with special attention to the Valparaíso Regional Technical Office of the National Monuments Council. At the end of 2022, this unit faced a specific shortage in its professional team, as confirmed by the Unesco Advisory Mission conducted at the Site.

The current technical team was established during 2023 and now consists of eight professionals: two architects, one archaeologist, two geographers (including the person in charge of the Regional Technical Office of the National Monuments Council), one biology teacher, one history specialist, and one administrative assistant.

These actions have helped overcome the previous staffing shortage, requiring periodic reviews of the necessary technical teams based on the various needs that arise in the region and at the World Heritage Site. It is important to mention that the territorial scope of the Regional Technical Office of the National Monuments Council administratively covers the entire Valparaíso Region, which includes the area of the World Heritage Site, coinciding almost entirely with the national protection area under the category of Typical Zone and with other National Monuments.

Annexes:

Annex 24	Exempt Resolution N° 1428 of 27.09.2023, which repeals Exempt Resolution N° 71 of 2021 and delegates indicated powers to authorise and sign administrative acts in stated positions and departments.
Annex 25	Exempt Resolution N° 0679 of 02.05.2024, which repeals Exempt Resolution N° 71 of 2021 and delegates indicated powers to authorise and sign administrative acts in stated positions and departments.
Annex 26	Organisational Chart, Valparaíso Regional Directorate of the National Service for Cultural Heritage.

Paragraph 8: *Further welcomes the new Paseo Barón project focusing on the creation of a public park that will enhance the social relation between the coast and the city, and further requests the State Party to report to the World Heritage Centre on the excavation works expected to be launched in 2023 for review by the Advisory Bodies;*

As reported in previous SOC, the "Parque Barón" project is located in a coastal area on the flat section of the city, within land owned by the Valparaíso Port Company and is situated more than one kilometre away from the World Heritage Site and its buffer zone.

The "Parque Barón" initiative aligns with the existing instruments and plans for the Region of Valparaíso, representing a project of great relevance both for the commune and metropolitan Valparaíso, bringing together efforts from various stakeholders - the Valparaíso Port Company, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, and the local government - with a view of restoring access to the city's coastline. The project incorporates urban improvements for inhabitants and visitors to the city and seeks to make a significant contribution to its revitalization and consequently to the World Heritage Site.

In concordance with the information provided in the previous SOC and the review in the context of the Advisory Mission 2022, following the contract expiry that same year and considering the ongoing commitments with various entities, it was agreed to address the project in two phases: the first phase, associated with the archaeological component, to be carried out through a public tender initiated in 2023, and a second phase which corresponds to the construction of the Park, with a public tender to be held in 2024.

Following this structure, in November 2023, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning signed the contract "Excavaciones y Plan de Gestión Arqueológica" (*"Excavations and Archaeological Management Plan"*), awarded to a private company to the sum of CLP \$1.205.000.000 (USD 1,235,898) (Annex 27). The objective of the contract is to create the necessary guidelines to execute all the excavation and scarping works of the Parque Barón Project, both for structural foundations and for electrical and/or sanitary piping works, and to implement the corresponding archaeological work in accordance with the national regulations in force.

The activities carried out during 2023 and 2024 under the "Excavations and Archaeological Management Plan" contract are in accordance with permits granted by the National Monuments Council, associated with the current archaeological management plan (2021) and its subsequent extensions, to complement the archaeological characterisation of the site in order to properly plan and execute the final project for the Park. This includes excavations of archaeological units in sectors that had not been previously evaluated, given the change of project (from shopping centre to park) and controlled scarping under supervision with permanent archaeological monitoring and rescue through surface collection of archaeological materials, as well as the closure of open excavations in which 19th century structures had been detected in the former Mall Barón project in 2012-2013, and in which the current project will no longer be intervened, therefore they will be preserved in their original location, restoring the extracted sediments. All of the above is being carried out in accordance with the instructions provided by the National Monuments Council, with the work still in progress (Annexes 28 and 29).

Similarly, with the aim of completing the construction of the park, a tender was published in July 2024 to contract the continuation of works that were halted in 2022 due to the expiry of the previous contract. The submitted bids are currently under evaluation (Annexes 30 and 31). For the execution of the Parque Barón project (Annex 32), an investment amount of approximately CLP \$24.630.000.000 (USD 25,261,539) is planned,

with a duration of 434 consecutive days from the handover of the site. The works are expected to be completed by late 2026 or early 2027.

Annexes:

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| Anexo 27 | Public Tender, "Excavaciones y Plan de Gestión Arqueológica, polígono Parque Barón, comuna de Valparaíso" (<i>"Excavations and Archaeological Management Plan, Parque Barón polygon, Valparaíso commune"</i>).
https://www.mercadopublico.cl/Procurement/Modules/RFB/DetailsAcquisition.aspx?q=IL9NZFeAcHHe/FnTm9oEu4Q == |
| Anexo 28 | Archaeological Management Plan and Annex - Archaeological Rescue Plan,
Construction Project: Parque Barón, Valparaíso commune - Region of Valparaíso |
| Anexo 29 | Project minutes, "Excavaciones y Plan de Gestión Arqueológica, polígono Parque Barón, comuna de Valparaíso (EPGA)" (<i>"Excavations and Archaeological Management Plan, Parque Barón polygon, Valparaíso commune (EPGA, by its Spanish acronym)"</i>) LP 20-2023 |
| Annex 30 | PPT Presentation, Barón Plot Projects |
| Annex 31 | Planimetry, Parque Barón Project |
| Annex 32 | Competitive Tender, "Construcción Parque Barón, comuna de Valparaíso" (<i>"Construction of Parque Barón, Valparaíso commune"</i>)
https://www.mercadopublico.cl/Procurement/Modules/RFB/DetailsAcquisition.aspx?q=ILeyZepxZthRDvYT9MuMfw == |

Paragraph 9: *Notes the ongoing implementation of a programme of restoration and conservation of nine elevators and a number of historic buildings and also urges the State Party to accelerate, as a matter of urgent priority, the implementation of restoration and conservation activities, and to extend them to all the buildings of the property in need of urgent rehabilitation, also as a means to reverse the recognized depopulation trends in the site, in line with the recommendations of the World Heritage Centre Advisory mission of November 2022;*

- **Ongoing Restoration and conservation programme for Valparaíso's funicular elevators**

The restoration and conservation program for nine funicular elevators in Valparaíso, led by the Ministry of Public Works (MOP, by its Spanish acronym), continues its implementation according to the information provided during the 2022 Advisory Mission and various reports related to the state of conservation of the property and specifically the funicular elevators (Annex 33).

Here, it needs to be remembered that, regarding the location and site of the nine funicular elevators included in the restoration program led by the Ministry of Public Works, two of them are situated within the World Heritage Site (WHS) and are both operational: these are the Ascensor Cordillera and the Ascensor Concepción. In addition, two of the nine funicular elevators included in the restoration program are located entirely or partially within the buffer zone of the property, these are: the Ascensor Villaseca and the Ascensor Artillería, which are currently out of service and with measures scheduled to restore their operation in the medium term, according to the estimated timeline (Annex 34).

In order to guarantee a safe and sustainable transport service for users, as well as to promote its enhancement, the Architecture Office of the Ministry of Public Works has proposed to develop a 2024-2028 Strategic Plan built from a governance perspective and including different actors such as: the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Regional Government of Valparaíso, the Municipality of Valparaíso, civil society groups, universities, the Social Development and Family Ministry, the National Monuments Council and the National Service for Cultural Heritage.

This constitutes the continuity of the efforts implemented over the last ten years to enhance the value of the nine funicular elevators in the city of Valparaíso. It is important to consider that the city's funicular elevator system comprises a larger group of these structures, which are distributed along the amphitheatre, fulfilling a daily connectivity function, between the flat sector of the city and its hills, administered mostly by the municipality, whether owned outright or operated under loan.

The ongoing actions seek the sustainability of the interventions and continuity of the funicular elevators' use and functionality, highlighting the need for an integrated management system, including funicular elevators scheduled tasks with a systemic vision, and considering their potential integration into the public transport network. Working groups are currently in place to review these aspects.

The role of the World Heritage Site Management Corporation is considered fundamental, in terms of its collaboration with actions aimed at connecting relevant stakeholders, with a view to implement improvements in the funicular elevator management system, which is of importance for the conservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the Historic Quarter of the seaport city of Valparaíso World Heritage Site, where funicular elevators are considered part of the traditional transport system and recognised as a significant Site attribute.

- **DS27 Subsidy for recovery of heritage housing at the World Heritage Site.**

The Site Management Plan, currently in development as described in item III.1 of this report, has a "Residential and Public Spaces" guideline that prioritises the Barrio Puerto area and its surrounds, spanning residential areas, amenity areas and public spaces with greater deterioration.

With a framework, and since 2023, the Corporation acts as a connection between public and private institutions, and the communities, in order to provide support to the

DS27 Subsidy from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning (Minvu, by its Spanish acronym) in its chapters I and II, focused on improving community amenities and on heritage dwellings, respectively. Its focus is on residential needs of the local population, neighbourhood life, and is on track to consolidate this instrument as a long-term tool.

In 2024, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning subsidy has adjusted its call, in order to give a specific solution to the request by the World Heritage Site and surrounding areas which present higher vulnerability given their hillside locations (Annex 35).

With regards to the subsidy, specifically oriented towards recovering heritage houses, the survey shows extensive deterioration of the structural systems of the properties, mainly caused by prolonged periods without maintenance, considerable incidence of factors related to moisture and a saline environment, obsolete electrical systems, hazardous state of conservation of the roofs and a heavy presence of xylophagous insects in timber elements.

In order to make solutions to this issue viable, work has taken place since 2023 to identify and survey the houses. That same year 80 visits were conducted, 30 of which sent in their application for the housing improvement subsidy, with 16 of them benefitting in 2024 (Annex 36).

In 2024, a pre-feasibility process took place for submission to the 2025 subsidy, visiting 260 homes, with informative meetings together with the interested stakeholders from each sector. In addition, the managing Corporation helped to create five housing committees for group submission, which are in the process of obtaining legal entity status.

Considering the process as described, to date, 112 properties have submitted documents, having met legal prerequisites for the 2025 application process, which is an investment amount of CLP \$2.356.000.000 (USD 2,416,411). In 2024, the available investment amount for these purposes reached CLP \$1.900.000.000 (USD 1,948,718).

- **Project Arcoiris**

From June 2024 to April 2025, the "Arcoiris Project" (Annex 37) is being implemented, an initiative promoted by the Municipal Corporation that manages the property with mixed financing, which will allow the recovery of the facades of 47 properties located along Esmeralda and Prat Streets within the World Heritage Site in 2024, covering a total length of 1,280 linear metres and an intervention area of approximately 4,800 square metres. Nowadays, a significant part of these buildings presents deterioration caused by vandalism-graffiti-type interventions on their façades.

The goal of the project is to preserve the architecture and public space attributes by cleaning the area and creating a system for maintenance, and public appreciation of historic façades and their materiality. The cleaning process is carried out with careful attention to the conservation status and materials of each property, including the removal and replacement of ornaments at risk of falling, as well as vegetation that has adhered to the façades. Lastly, paint is applied, maintaining the existing colours

(Annex 38).

The maintenance system includes an initial phase of educating property owners and managers on the materials used in their façades and the anti-graffiti products applicable to each housing, as well as training activities on care and cleaning in response to potential new graffiti. The initiative is complemented by a digital and public outreach campaign aimed at the residents of the World Heritage Site, with the goal of enhancing awareness, appreciation, and enjoyment of the renovated façades.

The project considers an approximate investment of CLP \$427.352.089 (USD 438,310) for the year 2024, which includes contributions from a World Heritage Sites Program subsidy from the National Service for Cultural Heritage for the purchase of scaffolding, a municipal grant and the donation of paint by the QRoma company (Annexes 39 and 40).

- **Recovery Project for the implementation of the Regional Archive in the iconic Subercaseaux Palace property.**

Progress in the design phase of the recovery project for the iconic Subercaseaux Palace property, is highlighted, which includes the implementation of the property for use by the Regional Archive, initiative managed by the Regional Directorate of the National Service for Cultural Heritage of Valparaíso.

The project proposes establishing the Regional Archive on the site of the former Subercaseaux Palace, a property that was damaged in the gas explosion that occurred in 2007 in the Barrio Puerto sector. The aim of this project is to enhance the value of the building by implementing the Regional Archive and offices of the Regional Directorate of the National Service for Cultural Heritage on the property. As reported in the previous State of Conservation Report, the initiative is situated within a strategic approach to revitalise the Barrio Puerto neighbourhood, which considers a series of future actions.

The public call for tender carried out in 2022 initiated the design consultancy. The execution period runs until September 2025, and the project is currently at the preliminary project draft stage 3.2 (Annex 41). The design phase of the initiative is associated with an investment amount totalling CLP \$381.000.000 (USD 390,770), for a total projected surface area of 7.037 square metres. It is estimated that the construction works will go to tender in 2026.

- **Conservation works on San José Castle**

Adding to the previous initiative, conservation works will ongoing in the San José Castle (also called Lord Cochrane Museum), listed as Historical Monument and located on the Cordillera hill, within the World Heritage Site.

The work to be undertaken during 2024-2025, with a maximum budget of CLP \$732.898.000 (USD 751,691), is oriented towards repairing the property's infrastructure. The initiative is driven by the Valparaíso Regional Directorate of the National Service for Cultural Heritage and is at the bid review stage. Commencement is estimated for late 2024 or early 2025, with a maximum completion period of 300

days (Annex 42).

Annexes:

- Annex 33 Document, "Informe Técnico para envío al Centro de Patrimonio Mundial UNESCO - estado situación Ascensores de Valparaíso, Chile" (*"Technical Report for delivery to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre - situation statement Funicular Elevators in Valparaíso, Chile"*), Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site (2024)
- Annex 34 Schedule of actions on funicular elevators, Architecture Office - Ministry of Public Works.
- Annex 35 Official Letter Valparaíso Regional Ministerial Secretariat of Housing, requesting regional call with special conditions for Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.
- Annex 36 Press release, Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site website: "DS27 Un Hito para los 16 Beneficiarios del subsidio de mejoramiento de vivienda" (*"Supreme Decree 27 A Milestone for the 16 Beneficiaries of the housing improvement subsidy"*).
<https://www.corporacionspmvalparaiso.cl/2024/10/09/ds27-un-hito-para-los-16-beneficiarios-del-subsidio-de-mejoramiento-de-vivienda/>
- Annex 37 Document, PPT presentation Arcoíris Project.
- Annex 38 Document, Technical Guidelines - Technical Specifications "Proyecto Arcoíris – mantención y reparación de fachadas calle Esmeralda - Prat" (*"Arcoíris Project - maintenance and repair of Esmeralda - Prat street façade"*).
- Annex 39 Document, World Heritage Sites Programme, cooperation agreement and resource transfer between the National Service for Cultural Heritage and the Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site
- Annex 40 Document, Subsidy Agreement between Municipality of Valparaíso and Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.
- Annex 41 Updated schedule, Project for restoring the emblematic Subercaseaux Palace property for implementing the Regional Archive.
- Annex 42 Public Tender, "Conservación Castillo San José, Valparaíso" (*"Conservation San José Castle, Valparaíso"*)

Paragraph 10: *Also notes the abandonment of the previous Terminal 2 extension project and furthermore requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies for review, as soon as available, the complete information on the alternative project to be defined in 2023;*

As reported in previous Socs, the environmental impact assessment process of the "Terminal Cerros de Valparaíso" (Terminal 2) project, began in 2014, obtaining a favourable Environmental Qualification Resolution (RCA, by its Spanish acronym) in 2018. The aforementioned Resolution was appealed through administrative and legal instances, such as the Committee of Ministers, the Environmental Court and the Supreme Court.

The Environmental Court ruling on 25 May 2022, partially overturned the Environmental Qualification Resolution and ordered the Environmental Evaluation Service (SEA, for its Spanish acronym) to revert the assessment process to a new Consolidated Report of Clarifications, Rectifications and Extensions (ICSARA, by its Spanish acronym), that takes into account the possible impacts of relocating and/or altering life systems and customs in the former Sudamericana fishermen's cove as well as the landscape component, defining adequate measures, if considered necessary.

The new Report was issued by the environmental authority on 1 June 2023 (Annex 43), as well as setting deadlines so that the project owner could submit a new Addendum in response to the observations, whose submission was made on 19 June 2024 (Annex 44).

New project proposal for expansion of Terminal 2

The Terminal 2 project is located in front of the World Heritage Site. The original project consisted of a 785-metre-long pier and an esplanade of 11.3 hectares (ha) reclaimed from the sea. The Addendum presents a new proposal and image of the project, which reduces its magnitude (430 m long and 40 m wide pier, with an esplanade of 3.7 hectares reclaimed from the sea), as a result of applying a new project mitigation measure for the landscape component and is named "Medida de Mitigación Sitio Costanera" (*"Mitigation Measure Costanera Site"*), which is described below (Annex 45).

The purpose of Sitio Costanera Mitigation Measure is to mitigate the impacts related to the landscape component, given its visual intrusion and sight caused by the project in its current state, mainly due to the presence of cranes and accumulation of containers. Thus, the mitigation measure consists in reducing the surface area of the terminal sector, to approximately half of the original project.

According to the information of responsible party, the measure seeks to directly deal with 14 impacts recognised in the project, 11 of which correspond to significant or larger scale impacts. This way, the mitigation measure takes responsibility for 50% of significant impacts, of the 22 in total, thus reducing the impact on the landscape.

With regard to the analysis of the heritage component, the assessment proposed by the project's owner, the Valparaíso Port Company, considers the cultural heritage impact assessment as part of the landscape component, therefore an assessment is not made

specifically based on heritage values and attributes of the protected sector, but rather on potential changes based on analysis of views and its potential impact.

Lastly, the responsible party indicated in the proposal that the Sitio Costanera is consistent with the Valparaíso Dialoga 2021 process, an opportunity for dialogue between stakeholders connected to the port and the city, where this initiative was reviewed as a viable alternative of the port expansion. More details of Valparaíso Dialoga 2021 are addressed in response to the following paragraph of this report.

In addition, the new proposal of the port terminal puts forward the following compensation measures:

Design, construction and maintenance of Paseo Costero, Malecón, consists in extending the Paseo Wheelwright, spanning the Parque Barón sector, up to the Bellavista station. Contemplates a cycle lane, street furniture, lighting and landscaping in the public space. The responsible party declares that the measure seeks to create a new public space, opening up new views and direct access to the sea. The name "Malecón" comes from a former space that the locals had in this sector in the 19th century, when the port activities coexisted with public access to the coastline.

Compensation Measure: Design, construction and maintenance of a Plaza del Mar. This measure consists in creating a public space with a plaza and a viewpoint, incorporating a pedestrian underpass through the Bellavista passenger train station, connecting the plaza with Errázuriz Avenue. The space includes a children's playground, slipways, landscaping, benches, cycle lane, trees, lighting, rubbish bins and shaded areas. The responsible party declares that the measure seeks to create a new public meeting place with direct sea access and views as a new tourist attraction.

Compensation Measure: Design, construction and maintenance of Paseo-Mirador Puerto. The measure consists in creating a space for public use within the port precinct, thus creating a connection between the Plaza del Mar with the east side of the Sitio Costanera esplanade reclaimed from the sea. The owner of the project declares that the place incorporates green areas, stairs, lighting, rubbish bins and signage, providing a new space to view the seaport city from the seaside, as is the case in the Muelle Barón sector.

Compensation Measure: Design and construction of the Arrayán Elevator. The measure consists in building an elevator that will vertically connect pedestrian access between Bustamante Street, located in the Barrio Puerto, and Almirante Riveros Street located in the Arrayán hill, thus enabling panoramic views towards the Quebrada Márquez residential development and the Iglesia La Matriz. Moreover, part of the construction of this elevator the use of lower part of the plot will be utilized for the construction of a new leisure or recreation centre, which seeks to promote tourism reactivation of the Barrio Puerto. The responsible party declares that the elevator will be accompanied by the remodelling of the Subida Julio Acuña, thus creating a mobility system around the elevator and providing new sights and a viewpoint.

The proposed measure consists of a vertical elevator which, from an initial analysis, could create a visual impact on the surrounds. As mentioned, the analysis made by the responsible party focuses on the potential impact on the landscape component, therefore the measure is a response to mitigating and compensating the specific impact on the

aforementioned component. For a number of these measures, the level of technical information needed for an adequate assessment was not presented, consequently the assessment bodies requested additional information, as indicated below.

National Monuments Council (CMN, Spanish acronym) Assessment

In view of the aforementioned, the Environmental Impact Study (EIA, by its Spanish acronym) of the “Mejoramiento de Accesibilidad de Puerto Valparaíso” (*“Improving Accessibility to Valparaíso Port”*) Project, continues its assessment process creating a new submission of information or Addendum on the Environmental Impact Assessment System (SEIA, by its Spanish acronym).

It is important to mention that the Environmental Impact Evaluation System is a prevention-oriented national environmental management instrument, which allows the authority to determine, before the project is implemented, whether it complies with current environmental legislation and if the project adequately addresses the significant potential environmental impacts.

Furthermore, the Environmental Evaluation Service's (SEA, by its Spanish acronym) main function is to manage the Environmental Impact Evaluation System, which brings together a range of institutions with authority over environmental issues, among them the National Monuments Council (CMN, by its Spanish acronym) whose role is to carry out its assessment as a technical entity in the field of cultural heritage. The assessment prepared by the National Monuments Council is sectorial in nature and not decisive, as its analysis is part of the technical recommendations upon which the Environmental Assessment Service makes its own global assessment, the content of which takes into account the different sectorial assessments regarding the range of environmental variables associated with the project.

In August 2024, the National Monuments Council reviewed the new proposal presented by the responsible party for the Terminal Cerros de Valparaíso project (Annex 46), in order to provide its technical assessment (Annex 47), in response to the request from the Environmental Evaluation Service (SEA, by its Spanish acronym). Among the main aspects of the National Monuments Council's assessment, the following can be mentioned:

- Regarding the project owner's determination and justification of the area of influence of the project or activity for the cultural heritage component, the National Monuments Council requests the inclusion of a detailed assessment of the cultural heritage component, including the determination and justification of the project's Area of Influence in the baseline conditions. The methodology adopted by the responsible party, included in the assessment of the heritage component as part of landscape attributes, is inadequate. This methodology is based exclusively on views of the landscape and does not constitute a complete assessment of the heritage component. The assessment of the heritage component should be addressed in an independent and exhaustive manner in order to guarantee a global understanding of the potential impacts on the protected areas.
- Regarding the project owner's baseline conditions of the project or activity for the cultural heritage component, the National Monuments Council requests the inclusion of a detailed assessment of the cultural heritage component, with its

corresponding Baseline Conditions. The methodology adopted by the responsible party, included in the assessment of the heritage component as part of landscape attributes, is inadequate. This methodology is based exclusively on views of the landscape and does not constitute a complete assessment of the heritage component. The assessment of the heritage component should be addressed in an independent and exhaustive manner in order to guarantee a global understanding of the potential impacts on the protected areas.

- Regarding the project owner's prediction and assessment of the environmental impact of the project or activity on the cultural heritage component, the National Monuments Council recommends that the responsible party addresses the heritage impact assessment according to recommendation N°30 of the Report from the Advisory Mission to the Valparaíso World Heritage Site, from November 2022. This assessment should consider the specific impacts on the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site, in order to ensure its correct evaluation.

Environmental Evaluation Service (SEA, by its Spanish acronym) Assessment

In October 2024 and following reception of technical judgements from various bodies with environmental authority, the Environmental Evaluation Service (SEA, by its Spanish acronym), delivered the corresponding Consolidated Report of Clarifications, Rectifications and Extensions (ICSARA, by its Spanish acronym) (Annex 48).

The following are extracts of the main aspects of the assessment from the Report prepared by the Environmental Assessment Service according to the structure of the Environmental Impact Study:

- Regarding the determination and justification of the area of influence of the project for the cultural heritage component, a request is made to include a detailed assessment of the cultural heritage component with its respective determination and justification of the area of influence of the project.
- With regards to the baseline conditions, a request is made to include a detailed assessment of the cultural heritage component. The methodology applied by the project owner, included in the assessment of the heritage component as part of landscape attributes, is inadequate. This methodology is based exclusively on views of the landscape and does not constitute a complete assessment of the heritage component. The assessment of the heritage component should be addressed in an independent and exhaustive manner in order to guarantee a global understanding of the potential impacts on the protected areas.
- Regarding the prediction and assessment of the Environmental Impact caused by the project or activity, and specifically in relation to the assessment of the impact on the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the World Heritage Site (WHS) in the context of the project, it is recommended that the responsible party address the assessment of the heritage impact according to the recommendation 30 of the Report of the Advisory Mission to the Valparaíso WHS, from November 2022. This assessment should consider the specific impacts on the Outstanding Universal Value, in order to ensure its adequate assessment.

- The analysis presented provides results exclusively related to the landscape (views) and does not consider the possible impact on other aspects of cultural heritage, which makes the assessment inadequate from a heritage perspective. The project generates activities that could affect the environmental character of the Typical and Picturesque Zone, Historical Conservation Zone, World Heritage Site and its buffer zone.

Therefore, a request is made to update the assessment of the Cultural Heritage component in relation to the new measures, assessing the possible impact of the Project, as well as the measures and commitments that consider construction works during the building and operation phase.

- Regarding the mitigation, repair and compensation plan. With regards to the final design of the "Sitio Costanera" mitigation measure and the design justification, considering the resulting shape following the reduction of the platform area by half, no technical background is provided, which gives rise to questions about the viability of reducing a project by half and the possible consequences of its implementation.
- Regarding the impacts classified by the responsible party as not significant, these would be significant because the project continues to be detectable, which can be verified in the photo montages prepared by the responsible party themselves.
- Regarding the measure Design and construction of Malecón (coastal walkway) whose objective is to create a new public space with views and direct access to the sea, to extend and provide continuity to the coastal esplanade (Wheelwright), as well as a crossing in the Bellavista Station sector, and in relation to the measure Design and implementation of Plaza del Mar, whose objective is to value the views of the bay and the sea in a tourist area, it is requested of the responsible party to clarify the suitability of the measures and how they will take responsibility for the significant impacts in the heritage areas. Specifically, how these measures "enhance" the heritage value.
- With regards to the measures Design and construction of the Paseo-Mirador Puerto, whose objective is to create a new public meeting space with access and direct views of the sea, creating a new tourist attraction, a promenade, the responsible party is advised that a comprehensive development is required in order to be adequately assessed. In addition, an enquiry is made regarding the feasibility of these measures according to the applicable territorial planning instrument, as well as the administration and maintenance of these spaces in order to properly guarantee its continuity. Preliminarily, the indication is that the proposals for the design of compensation measures should consider a harmonious dialogue with their environment, avoiding visual obstructions.
- All of the presented measures are general in nature; therefore, a comprehensive development is required in order to be adequately assessed. In addition, the feasibility of these measures is being enquired about, especially with regard to land use according to the current territorial planning instrument, the management and maintenance of these spaces to ensure their proper permanence. Preliminarily, the indication is that the proposals for the design of compensation measures should

consider a harmonious dialogue with their environment, avoiding visual obstructions.

- Regarding the measure Design and construction of the El Arrayán Elevator, which aims to improve the situation and enhance the views of the bay and the sea in the buffer zone of the World Heritage Site, both for residents and visitors, it is requested that the proposal be rejected and consider a new one, due to the impacts that the project itself represents, or, otherwise, it is requested to correct the observations made by the competent authority, justifying the suitability and adequacy of the measure. In this sense, it is essential that the measures presented are adequate and that they contribute to Valparaíso and the protected areas. In the case of the specific measures related to the impacts on the cultural heritage, it is recommended that these contribute to improving the existing elevator system, and that these initiatives also be consulted with the community.
- In addition, a request is made to clarify the reasons for the withdrawal of the compensation measure "Restauración del Ascensor Lecheros" (*"Restoration of the Lecheros Elevator"*) proposed in the Environmental Qualification Resolution presented in 2018.
- Regarding the situation of the World Heritage Site, it is important to note that this project is part of the ongoing reactive monitoring process, rolled out in 2012-2013 on two projects: the former Centro Comercial Mall Barón and the project for the port expansion of Terminal 2 (T2). For the latter, the World Heritage Committee has requested an adequate assessment of the project's impacts on the World Heritage Site, in order to ensure that the development is compatible with the conservation of the Outstanding Universal Value. The State carried out the heritage assessment of the original project, and this assessment needs to be updated considering the current proposal for the Project and its dimensions.

Upcoming developments in the process

The response from the project owner Valparaíso Port Company to the Consolidated Assessment Report, issued by the environmental authority, should be presented through a document called Addendum to the Environmental Impact Study "Terminal Cerros de Valparaíso TCVAL", which should be submitted by 3 December 2024. Should the responsible party require a longer period than what was granted in order to respond, they can request an extension of the deadline.

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| Annex 43 | Document, Consolidated Report of Clarifications, Rectifications and/or Extensions Supplementary to the Environmental Impact Study of the "Terminal Cerros de Valparaíso TCVAL" Project, Environmental Evaluation Service, Valparaíso Region. June 2023. |
| Annex 44 | Document, Executive Summary of Environmental Impact Study Terminal Cerros de Valparaíso TCVAL addendum. June 2024. |

Annex 45	Document, Environmental Impact Study Terminal Cerros de Valparaíso TCVAl Addendum. June 2024. Update of the Mitigation, Repair and/or Compensation Plan.
Annex 46	Document, PPT presentation reviewed in National Monuments Council Meeting, assessment of Environmental Impact Study Terminal Cerros de Valparaíso TCVAl Addendum. August 2024.
Annex 47	Document, Assessment from the National Monuments Council, assessment of Environmental Impact Study Terminal Cerros de Valparaíso TCVAl Addendum. September 2024.
Annex 48	Document, Consolidated Report of Clarifications, Rectifications and/or Extensions Supplementary to the Environmental Impact Study "Terminal Cerros de Valparaíso TCVAl". Environmental Evaluation Service, Valparaíso Region. October 2024.

Paragraph 11: *Also commends the State Party for the establishment of the agreement between the Municipality of Valparaíso and Valparaíso Port Company to ensure participation and synergy among the main stakeholders concerned by port accessibility and port-city interaction issues;*

On the same line of dialogue between the different stakeholders related to the seaport city, in October 2023, the Valparaíso Port Company together with the Regional Government, the Municipality of Valparaíso and more than thirty social and community organisations, business associations, universities, parliamentarians and neighbours' associations, signed the document "Acuerdo por Valparaíso" Annex 49).

The document defines a roadmap that includes:

- Develop a port expansion sustainable with the city.
- Move forward with an integrated view of Valparaíso's 11 urban kilometres, through a Strategic Plan for the Coastal Zone (PEZC, by its Spanish acronym).
- Support efforts to have a representative of the municipal and regional government join the boards of directors of state port companies.
- Find formulas for port activity to provide direct resources to cities and port regions.

The text, delivered to the President of the Republic Gabriel Boric Font, emerges from the Valparaíso Dialoga process, an initiative of the Valparaíso Port Company in 2021 and which allowed defining agreements regarding the view of the city and its founding activity.

During 2024, progress has been made on various points related to the "Acuerdo por Valparaíso", including definitions at architectural project level for design development of the Port Center in Muelle Prat, aimed at communicating the relationship between the port and the city that hosts it, and the design for remodelling the space around Muelle Prat, which proposes a global sense of an urban heritage and tourist area with renovation of

the pedestrian walkway and commercial modules, among others; progress with defining the use of the Bodega Simón Bolívar, located in the future Parque Barón; work towards to build an Strategic Plan for the Coastal Zone of the city's 11 urban kilometres and the new submission in the Environmental proceedings for Terminal 2 (TCVAL), with the urban integration measures already mentioned (Annex 50).

Regarding the fourth point of the "Acuerdo por Valparaíso", the document states that the Corporation managing the Site will oversee compliance with numeral (ii):

"The Port Expansion Project should meet the heritage standards that the State of Chile has signed subscribed to the Unesco". Giving continuity to the aforementioned, the managing Corporation has carried out the following work:

- In September 2023, the Corporation managing the Site participated in a training session for the Valparaíso Port Company, conducted by the National Centre for World Heritage Sites, addressing topics on Impact Assessments in World Heritage context. The training addressed the existing assessment procedures, integrated into the environmental framework for protected areas such as Typical Zone under the Law for National Monuments and the Convention on the protection of world cultural and natural heritage. In this way, the impact assessment was dealt with in-depth, understood as the identification of the future consequences of an action, which helps to determine current needs without compromising the available heritage resources in the future, in addition, content was provided on how this type of study is integrated into other instruments and evaluations (Annex 51).
- In October 2023, at the fourth board meeting of the Corporation that manages the Site, its president and Mayor of Valparaíso presented the "Acuerdo por Valparaíso", and the work between the Port Company and the municipality of Valparaíso, where common minimums for port development are established for the benefit of the residents.

On the occasion, it was highlighted that, within the set of guidelines of the Agreement, there are two of special relevance: on the one hand, that port development should contribute economically to the city, and on the other, that port design projects should be compatible with the conservation of the exceptional universal value of the World Heritage Site.

- Since 2023, the Corporation that manages the Site, in representation of the Municipality of Valparaíso, has led the Heritage Commission in the City Port Coordination Council. The first Session of this Commission was held in July 2023, and its objective is to raise relevant heritage issues in the environmental, social and cultural fields, considering the conservation and sustainability of values and attributes (Annex 52).

In 2023, the Commission focused its work on developing guidelines and recommendations in the heritage field, to be incorporated into the Terms of Reference for the preparation of the Coastal Zone Strategic Plan, including aspects related to the World Heritage Site based on an analysis of the recommendations issued by the UNESCO 2022 Advisory Mission and the 2016 Heritage Impact Study.

In line with the aforementioned, in February 2024, the Valparaíso Port Company began the tender process for developing the Coastal Zone Strategic Plan, which considers economic, educational, scientific, sports, recreational and other uses on the 11 kilometres from the Mirador Viento Sur, in Playa Ancha, to the Paseo Juan de Saavedra. The bid was awarded in May. The Plan's development considers four stages and continues until the end of 2025.

Annexes:

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| Annex 49 | Document, "Acuerdo por Valparaíso. Hacia una nueva relación ciudad puerto" (<i>"Agreement for Valparaíso. Towards a new Seaport City connection"</i>). |
| Annex 50 | Report prepared by the Empresa Portuaria de Valparaíso (<i>Valparaíso Port Company</i>) in the context of the current SOC. |
| Annex 51 | Link, news article "Empresa Portuaria de Valparaíso recibe capacitación sobre estudios de impacto patrimonial en Sitios de Patrimonio Mundial" (<i>"Valparaíso Port Company receives training on heritage impact studies in World Heritage Sites"</i>). September 2023.
https://www.corporacionspmvalparaiso.cl/2023/09/28/empresa-portuaria-de-valparaiso-recibe-capacitacion-sobre-estudios-de-impacto-patrimonial-en-sitios-de-patrimonio-mundial/ |
| Annex 52 | Minutes, Heritage Commission in the Seaport City Coordination Council, 2023 and 2024. |

Paragraph 12: Further commends the State Party for having invited an Advisory mission of the World Heritage Centre, to facilitate institutions and civil society consultations on all matters linked to the conservation of the site and the implementation of the decisions of the Committee and again requests the State Party to fully implement the mission's recommendations;

In line with the information in the previous SOC report, the recommendations from the UNESCO World Heritage Centre Advisory Mission in November 2022 have contributed to strengthening reflection and action by the competent Chilean institutions, in accordance with the technical assistance that the State Party requested from the World Heritage Centre.

The aforementioned, in hand with the work coordinated with the Site's management, has enabled monitoring of the ongoing actions for the management and conservation of the World Heritage Site, for most part addressed in this report. Thus, the aim is to monitor progress that has been achieved and related times as a response to the recommendations.

The detail of these actions has been systematised in sections, following the numbering scheme of the mission's recommendations, and can be reviewed in the document annexed to this report (Annex 53). A summary table of this progress follows. Measures already

implemented are in green, those that have some level of progress are in yellow orange, and in red are those without progress:

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS IN PROGRESS 31 RECOMMENDATIONS, ADVISORY MISSION 2022			
RECOMMENDATION	RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY	IMPLEMENTATION TERM	ACTIONS IN PROGRESS
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WORLD HERITAGE SITES, CHILE			
1	Incorporate and acknowledge the World Heritage Convention in legislation (national, regional, and municipal).	long term	(2023) Public consultation along with Indigenous and African descendant consultations for the new legislative proposal (2024) Submission of indications to the new Cultural Heritage Law
2	Team strengthening and budget increase, create a solid, decentralised and inter-institutionally collaborative structure	medium term	Strengthen the regional technical office (OTR, by its Spanish acronym) of the National Monuments Council (CMN, by its Spanish acronym)
3	Review, approve and implement "Law on Cultural Heritage"	long term	(2024) Submission of indications to the new Cultural Heritage Law, including references to World Heritage Sites.
STATE OF CONSERVATION OF THE SITE			
4	Provide more detailed information in future reports to Unesco on factors affecting the property	short term	Addressed in detail in the 2022 Periodic Report
5	Create and implement a methodological model for the "Desired State of Conservation"	short term	The "Desired State of Conservation" dimension has been incorporated into the management instrument that is under construction, thus the "Desired State of Conservation", together with the management objective, form the basis for planning
6	Urgently implement corrective measures and recovery actions on the attributes	long term	Actions in the area of housing: subsidies façades: Arcoiris project Nasro Maluk property: cleaning and removal of debris

7	Develop, approve and implement a "comprehensive and participatory Management Plan" for the World Heritage Site	short term	(2023 and 2024) Development of the management plan, currently in at draft stage. Final style revisions are expected to be completed, with an international review planned for 2025 to meet Unesco standards
8	The management plan should serve to integrate various applicable legal instruments	short term	The management plan under construction establishes management units aimed at coordinating intra-municipal, intersectoral, and interministerial collaboration with related institutions
9	Finalise the "risk management plan" for the World Heritage Site, which may be integrated into the "integrated and participatory Management Plan"	long term	The "integrated risk plan" is completed and integrated into the management plan under construction, specifically within the risk management program of the housing and public space guideline.
MANAGEMENT INSTRUMENTS AND THEIR POTENTIAL ORGANISATION			
10	Strengthen the current planning instruments applicable to the World Heritage Site through their organisation, harmonisation, and effective operation	long term	Ongoing work, addressing a proposal by the corporation to form part of the regulatory update process (communal regulatory plan), an addition to the technical assistance on carrying capacity for the World Heritage Site
11	Strengthen incentives applicable to the rehabilitation and recovery of houses and buildings	medium term	From April 2024, progress has been made in improving 16 housing in Cerro Cordillera (mostly located in the buffer zone), recipients of the heritage housing subsidy of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning.
12	Integrate the contents of the historic urban landscape recommendation (management approach) into existing planning instruments	long term	The historic urban landscape perspective is integrated into the Management Plan. The Corporation has sent to the municipality's urban advisory department the intervention standards of the Sector bancario calle Prat Typical or picturesque Zone to be incorporated into urban standard alongside those already in place for calle Serrano and the Echaurren surroundings

AREAS FOR IMPROVING PARTICIPATORY PROCESSES AND PLATFORM FOR INCREASING MANAGEMENT EFFICIENCY			
13	Explore an interinstitutionally coordinated model to accelerate intervention permit processes through a "single window" service	long term	A draft protocol for the "single window" service was developed but could not be implemented, the proposed new heritage legislation suggests a decentralisation of intervention approvals
14	Effectively decentralise resources for proper management of the World Heritage Site (with a solid regional structure that is interinstitutionally connected)	long term	Delegation of administrative functions to Regional Directorates of the National Service for Cultural Heritage, support for the Valparaíso Regional Technical Office of the National Monuments Council
15	Create an "Interministerial Committee for the Historic Area of the Seaport City of Valparaíso"	medium term	Creation of the interinstitutional roundtable for the World Heritage Site, Historic Area of the seaport city of Valparaíso, led by the Regional National Service for Cultural Heritage Office in coordination with the Site administration and the National Centre for World Heritage Sites
16	Define, design, authorise, and allocate resources for the implementation of a "pilot conservation project in the Barrio Puerto", prioritising actions and efforts towards this area	long term	Through existing programs, such as the revive barrios program and the corporation's connection with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, work is being done to repopulate and revitalise the Barrio Puerto.
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION FOR THE WORLD HERITAGE SITE OF VALPARAÍSO AS A GOVERNANCE COORDINATION CENTRE			
17	Legally approve and immediately implement the "Municipal Corporation for the administration of the World Heritage Site" as a management unit to link and coordinate the bodies with legal competence at national, regional or municipal level	short term	Corporation implemented. created in September 2022 and begins its operation in March 2023 with municipal funds and collaboration from the National Service for Cultural Heritage. Other matters under development.
18	Incorporate a "citizen advisory council" within the Corporation's operational structure, as well as the integration of permanent consultation mechanisms	medium term	As decided by the board of directors, the participation and territorial team is in charge of working on a proposal to be implemented from the second semester of 2024
19	Accelerate procedures for the approval, legal implementation, budget	long term	The Corporation already has two periods of municipal subsidy for its

	allocation, staff integration and operation of the corporation		operation and receives contributions from the national Social Programme for World Heritage Sites as technical assistance and subsidies, along with other resources, such as the sub-secretariat's budget allocation for the Corporation.
MONITORING THE IMPACT OF INDUSTRIAL OR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS			
20	To give continuity to the implementation of the "Parque Barón" project in the short and medium term	medium term	Continuation of the Parque Barón project, with construction expected to resume in late 2024 or early 2025
21	The port company should consider the Outstanding Universal Value while elaborating Muelle Prat project. additionally, the area included in the buffer zone should be considered as a conditioning factor in the reformulation process of the Terminal 2 expansion project, and corrective measures should be applied	medium term	The Corporation coordinates the Heritage Commission in the seaport city council. Monitors compliance of the "Agreement for Valparaíso" in order to the World Heritage Site related topics in coastal zone projects.
22	The port Company should maintain and strengthen dialogue with the municipality through the existing agreement to ensure the best terms for port expansion and city's environmental sustainability	medium term	The Corporation participates in the seaport city Council through the Heritage Commission, from there it oversees that the projects, plans and studies led by the port Company align with the commitments related to the World Heritage Convention
23	Complete the rehabilitation and operational implementation of the funicular elevators network in the short term, along with preparing a schedule for their activation	long term	The Ministry of Public Works maintains a portfolio of funicular elevator rehabilitation projects, including a timetable with actions programmed for medium and long term. The municipality continues to operate its own funicular elevators and those on concession.
24	Implement, in the short term, the portfolio of heritage projects for the property, considering authorisations, resource allocations and start of works	medium term	Two funds are being implemented to address other recommendations and fulfil the overall proposed objective of the Management Plan: REVIVE barrios, focused on heritage infrastructure, and recovery subsidies for housing (Ministry of Housing and

			Urban Planning)
25	After meetings held with various stakeholders of the World Heritage Site: implement aforementioned measures	long term	The proposal for Management Plan incorporates management units and two key approaches: historic urban landscape and risk mitigation; within the housing and public space guidelines, a risk management program is integrated. Through inter-municipal coordination, security measures are connected within the existing areas of authority.
COMMUNICATING THE HERITAGE VALUE OF THE WORLD HERITAGE SITE			
26	Install the plaque(s) featuring the Unesco World Heritage emblem and text explaining the Outstanding Universal Value	short term	Plaques are being considered for installation by sector, starting with the plaque to be installed at the Ascensor Cordillera, in the Sereno-Echaurren sector. There is a plaque design for the pavement of the La Matriz church atrium, integrated in a section of the La Matriz axis recovery project (REVIVE barrios); this will be the foundational panel.
27	Urgently implement an interpretive signage system explaining the cultural values and attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value	long term	No progress has been made, given that during the period the priority was given to the Corporation's implementation and functioning, progress on the Site Management Plan, development of the Risk Management Plan and implementation of initiatives to improve housing and public spaces.
28	Define a strategy to link the World Heritage Site with the recent nomination of 'Valparaíso, creative city of music'	medium term	Joint planning is being carried out between the focal point of the city of music: municipal cultural directorate and World Heritage Site administration, the Corporation.
29	Set up in the short term the the World Heritage Site interpretation centre, in order to complement all generated information	long term	Ongoing current project for building enhancement - no progress regarding the interpretation centre
IMPLEMENTATION OF HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIP) IN THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK			

30	Conduct Heritage Impact Assessment with a clear focus on Outstanding Universal Value integrate and harmonize the guidelines for Heritage Impact Assessment within the current regulatory framework establish clear mechanisms for recognition, legal protection, and institutional decision-making specifically focused on the World Heritage Site conduct Heritage Impact Assessment for projects that may have potential impacts on the property (based on the 2022 manual)	long term	Port company training in the Impact Assessment in World Heritage Context methodology, implementation of the recommendations of the WH Committee and the mission in the context of technical review of the port expansion project which has resumed its environmental assessment (EIA, by its Spanish acronym)
DISSEMINATING THE MISSION REPORT AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS			
31	Spread and circulate the results of the Technical Advisory Mission report among institutions and various stakeholders	short term	Report released and published on the website of cultural institution

Annexes:

Annex 53 PDF document, monitoring summary of 31 recommendations from the November 2022 UNESCO World Heritage Centre Advisory Mission report.

III. OTHER CURRENT CONSERVATION ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE(S) PARTY(IES) WHICH MAY HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE PROPERTY'S OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE

- **Progress towards a new Cultural Heritage Law**

In October 2024, the current government submitted amendments to the Heritage Law proposed by previous government (2019), to modify the current 1970 National Monuments Law. The new amendments considered a citizen participation process and an indigenous consultation process, to make progress with a new Cultural Heritage Law developed in a participatory manner (Annexes 54 and 55). It is currently undergoing its second constitutional review in the Senate.

The new legislative proposal aims to strike a balance between heritage protection, in accordance with international standards, and Chile's economic development, allowing a more harmonious relationship between conservation and investment projects at both national and regional levels. The proposal includes the implementation of tools, procedures, and clear deadlines to provide greater legal certainty for all parties involved. Additionally, the new legislation will preserve the protection of tangible

heritage, and, at the same time, it also extends to the protection and recognition of intangible heritage, as well as the heritage of indigenous peoples and the Afro-descendant Tribal People, integrating contributions from international conventions on heritage.

For World Heritage Sites, among other provisions, it proposes that the heritage Management Plan should be formulated considering the recommendations from the Operational Guidelines from the World Cultural and Natural Heritage Convention of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, ensuring the conservation of the Site's Outstanding Universal Value and its Buffer Zones.

One of the pillars of this project is the transformation of the National Monuments Council into a new Cultural Heritage Council. This change decentralizes functions -that were previously concentrated in a single central agency- to the regions, in order to expedite authorisation approval and strengthen the work in each territory, which will also benefit the World Heritage Sites.

The proposed amendments were developed jointly and in permanent dialogue with actors from the cultural, heritage, institutional, economic, and civil sectors, considering a citizen participation process carried out in 2023, where opinions of more than three thousand participants were gathered across the country, as well as a consultation with Chilean indigenous peoples and Afro-descendant Tribal People, conducted in 2023 and early 2024, involving more than 11 thousand participants.

- **Site Management Plan**

Since its first year of operations (2023), the Corporation managing the property has worked on the "Plan de Gestión para el Sitio Patrimonio Mundial UNESCO, Área Histórica de la Ciudad Puerto de Valparaíso" (*"Management Plan for the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso UNESCO World Heritage Site"*), jointly developed with the Heritage Management Department of the Municipality of Valparaíso, and with permanent technical monitoring from the National Centre for World Heritage Sites.

The Plan is an instrument that contributes to ensuring the conservation and sustainability of the Site. There is a set of programmes and projects in place for its implementation, with a focus on the Historical Urban Landscape and Reducing Disaster Risks, necessary for fulfilling its general objective:

"To preserve, repopulate, revitalise, rehabilitate the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site, conserving the attributes of its Outstanding Universal Value and the social and cultural scope regarding the wellbeing of the local community".

This objective seeks to prioritise corrective measures that should be implemented by the different stakeholders of the World Heritage Site, in response to the Site's Reactive Monitoring process and to the 31 recommendations from the UNESCO Technical Advisory Mission Report (2022).

The guidelines and its objectives were validated by the Corporation's Board of Directors in January 2024, which has enabled progress with the plan's development, as relevant projects are implemented. The four guidelines of the Management Plan for the Site, are:

- Guideline 1. RESIDENTIAL AND PUBLIC SPACE: Regenerate historic neighbourhoods with attributes of Outstanding Universal Value, encouraging mixed land use with a focus on repopulation.
- Guideline 2. REGULATIONS: Align applicable regulations for the Typical Zone (national category under which the property is protected), and have a bearing on the urban planning instruments, ensuring the conservation of the Outstanding Universal Value, which enables correct rehabilitation of properties and public spaces.
- Guideline 3. LOCAL MEMORY: Identify and promote the intangible heritage of the Site through education and outreach actions.
- Guideline 4. LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Identify and encourage actions that financially boost industries which enhance the conservation of the Site.

The programmes related to the guidelines of the Plan develop specific complementary areas of action in response to conservation of each attribute with the aim of preserving the Outstanding Universal Value of the Site.

For the Management Plan, an integral monitoring system is proposed, which seeks to measure the results related to the Site's conservation, as well as the general efficiency of the management system. The information generated by the indicators defined for this purpose, will facilitate decision making for designing adequate corrective measures with a focus on improving the Site management processes during its development.

The planning tool considers a 10-year horizon plan. At the end of the first quinquennium of this period, an evaluation is incorporated which enables adjusting variables that may be necessary for effectively implementing and fulfilling the objectives.

Nowadays, the document is at the draft stage and soon to start a last period of revisions, technical adjustments and standardisation, followed by edition and revision by an international expert (Annex 56).

- **"Interinstitutional Roundtable of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site"**

The "Interinstitutional Roundtable of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site" is based on the need to coordinate different public entities with different levels of decision making in the management of the area inscribed on the World Heritage List and, at the same time, takes on board one of the recommendations in the recent Report from the UNESCO Technical Advisory Mission to the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site. Namely, the recommendation N° 15, as follows:

15. The creation of an "Interministerial Committee for the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso" is recommended which enables concerted actions in favour of preservation of the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), stable budgetary allocations and the integration of the World Heritage Site in the National, Regional and Municipal Government Agenda.

The Interinstitutional Roundtable is approached as a Technical Workgroup that addresses with critical points, and as a space to coordinate the varied involvement of public entities within the Site, taking on board an express request from the World Heritage Site's inhabitants.

Additionally, the following are objectives established for this technical roundtable:

- Biannually review the portfolio of projects of the different bodies and Ministries based on the Site and its buffer zone.
- Provide technical assistance to public bodies around the Terms of Reference and intervention criteria for projects within the property.
- Establish a participatory initiative for planning and management instruments of the World Heritage Site: Management plan and the role in the implementation of a public portfolio of projects.

The Technical Roundtable is the responsibility of the National Service for Cultural Heritage through its Regional Directorate, in collaboration with the National Centre for World Heritage Sites, and in close coordination with the Site Manager, the Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site. In 2023 and 2024 two working sessions were held, taking place in July 2023 and January 2024 (Annex 57).

- **"World Heritage Sites" Social Programme**

The World Heritage Sites Social Programme, reported in the previous SOC's, has continued to operate normally. It is the only state fund that provides exclusive financing for World Heritage Sites through subsidy and technical assistance components to contribute to the conservation and to reducing the deterioration of the Sites as the main objective of the programme. The fund is implemented by the National Centre for World Heritage Sites, of the Sub-directorate of Cultural Heritage

Promotion and Management of the National Service for Cultural Heritage.

From 2018 until 2024, the Programme has allocated CLP \$3,081,521,000 (3,160,535) among the seven World Heritage Sites inscribed by Chile. Of note is that, for 2024, the budget included an unprecedented increase of 285% compared to 2023. For 2025, the Budget Law proposal considers a new increase, from CLP \$765,578,000 (USD 785,208) to CLP \$1.558.392.000 (USD 1,598,350), consolidating the government's progress on matters of project applications for the benefit of the state of conservation of the World Heritage Sites.

The funding awarded for the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site during the current State of Conservation reporting period is as follows:

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE		
PROJECT	DURATION	AMOUNT ASSIGNED
		2023 2024
2023: Technical Assistance for "Strengthening for management of the Site" through 2 products within the framework of the new Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the World Heritage Site, Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso. Specifically, the development of "stage III of the formulation of projects, prioritised for the World Heritage Site, that have a funding profile".	9 months	\$ 17.500.000 (USD 17,949)
2023: Technical Assistance for "Strengthening for management of the Site" through 2 products within the framework of the new Municipal Corporation for the Administration of the World Heritage Site, Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso. Specifically, to develop the "Integrated Disaster Risk Management Plan for the World Heritage Site Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso".	8,5 months	\$ 10.000.000 (USD 10,257)
2024: Technical Assistance in matters of the carrying capacity of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site.	3,5 months	\$ 14.500.000 (USD 14,872)

SUBSIDIES		
PROJECT	DURATION	AMOUNT ASSIGNED
		2023 2024
2023: "Museo de Sitio Muelle 1825 Valparaíso" (<i>"Valparaíso 1825 Pier Site Museum"</i>) Project (second instalment)	18 months	\$ 2.780.000 (USD 2,853)
2023-2024: "Fortalecimiento del equipo e instrumentos de gestión, administración y planificación del Sitio Patrimonio Mundial de Valparaíso – Plan de Gestión" (<i>"Strengthening the management, administration and planning team and instruments of the Valparaíso World Heritage Site - Management Plan"</i>) Project	23 months	\$ 70.976.000 (USD 72,796)
2024: "Gestión, conservación y mantención del Sitio Patrimonio Mundial Área histórica de la ciudad-puerto de Valparaíso – Compra de andamios" (<i>"Management, conservation and maintenance of the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site - Purchase of Scaffolding"</i>) Project	12 months	\$ 100.358.174 (USD 102,932)

- **REVIVE Barrios Programme in the Foundational Barrio Puerto**

As reported in the previous SOC, during 2021 the Technical Assistance of the World Heritage Sites Program was carried out for the "Project formulation in the Historic Quarter of the seaport city of Valparaíso World Heritage Site". This Technical Assistance enabled a survey of programmes and identification of financial funds that apply to programmes, projects and initiatives of the Site Management Plan as in development.

In 2023, this made it possible to successfully become part of the Neighbourhood and Emblematic Heritage Infrastructure Revitalisation Program (PRBIPE, by its Spanish acronym), now known as Revive Barrios, whose 10-year implementation and resource prioritisation provide a stable funding source for this period, which is aligned with the planning horizon of the property's Management Plan. The projects have a direct focus on the preservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site and its surroundings.

Thus, in Valparaíso, the "Revive Barrio" Programme is focused on the foundational Barrio Puerto, identified as one of the most deteriorated areas within the World Heritage Site, being prioritized for interinstitutional public investment, and addressed in UNESCO's recommendations, which suggest implementing a Pilot project for the sector. The intervention polygon of the "Revive Barrios" Programme includes the hillsides surrounding the Barrio Puerto Plan (core zone), allowing urban fabric and

residential mobility integration for urban regeneration of the Site.

The implementation of the Programme is framed in a collaborative agreement between the Corporation that manages the property and the Municipal Planning Secretariat (Annex 58). This enables establishing a specialised working team that integrates a shared vision for the World Heritage Site and the specific Programme's planning instrument, whose roadmap includes a portfolio of projects for this sector. At the same time, this contributes to the implementation of the planning proposed by the Site's Management Plan.

Within the framework of Revive Barrios Programme, the Neighbourhood Revitalisation Plan is currently being developed by the Neighbourhood Revitalisation and Emblematic Heritage Infrastructure Programme, a document that aims to establish a plan associated with the Programme's implementation. In the case of Valparaíso, it incorporates a series of projects, prioritised towards conservation and rehabilitation of properties and public spaces in Barrio Puerto.

- **Valparaíso Coastal Zone Strategic Plan - PEZC (by its Spanish acronym)**

As part of the Agreement for Valparaíso and the commitments established therein, the construction of a strategic plan for eleven kilometres of the city's coastal area is currently under development. To this end, in June 2024, the Port Company signed a contract with the private consulting firm responsible for developing the plan, commencing the service in order to fulfil this commitment.

The city's "Coastal Zone" has always been a space for numerous uses and activities, reason why it is necessary to make decisions regarding its future, considering actions that will reactivate the city, revitalise its neighbourhoods, improve its connectivity and public spaces, and create new and better services, all hand in hand with the necessary modernisation and port development with a view on a better relationship with the city. The aforementioned places special attention on the preservation of the vast heritage held by the city of Valparaíso.

The specific objectives of the Plan are oriented towards the following actions, seeking a harmonious integration of the seaport city, respecting the Outstanding Universal Value of its World Heritage Site:

- Elaborate a diagnostic report, from the review and analysis of existing background source, from multiple national and international reference documents, prior to the start of the proposal.
- Elaborate a preliminary target vision, determining the areas of study and influence of the proposal, and preliminary design for a specific sector of the eleven-kilometre coastal zone.
- Elaborate the Coastal Zone Strategic Plan for the seaport city of Valparaíso.
- Implement a Citizen Participation Plan that includes all stages of the consultancy.

A period of 300 calendar days is given to carry out the consultancy. Stage 1 has been

completed, and Stage 2 "Target Vision and Preliminary Seaside Draft" is currently under development. The end of the consultancy is scheduled for the second semester of 2025.

- **Study update for Valparaíso's Communal Regulatory Plan (PRC, by its Spanish acronym).**

The Municipality of Valparaíso is currently conducting the study to update the Communal Regulatory Plan, and in this context, in October 2023 has initiated the related Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process (Annex 59).

The SEA is a procedure conducted by the Ministry of the Environment of Chile, which aims to ensure that the formulation of policies and general regulatory plans, with an impact on the environment or sustainability, incorporates environmental considerations for sustainable development.

The Instrument of Territorial Planning, subject to SEA, corresponds to the "Update of the Valparaíso Communal Regulatory Plan (PRC, by its Spanish acronym)", a commune located in the Region of Valparaíso, whose Communal Regulatory Plan in force is dated to 1984. Over time, twenty-one substantial and four minor amendments have been approved to the current Communal Regulatory Plan.

The central aims and goals are set out through a general objective and specific objectives, which guide the process of Communal Regulatory Plan update. The general objective of this new plan is:

Provide regulatory viability to the development strategy of the Valparaíso commune, organized around the areas of territorial law with social and gender justice, protection and reduction of environmental heritage degradation, and local economic development, integrating its three urban areas: Valparaíso, Placilla and Laguna Verde.

In addition, nine new objectives are proposed:

1. Propose guidance and measures for climate change adaptation and mitigation, the reduction of environmental degradation and integrated risk management from a human security perspective to reduce vulnerabilities to social and natural disasters.
2. Support within the communal territory, the consolidation of areas destined for economic activity, promoting traditional and emerging productive vocations.
3. Work towards the recovery, regularisation and creation of new neighbourhoods, enabling a balanced territory population and equitable access to common goods and urban environmental services.
4. Identify the service network, recovering and integrating the environmental system into urban units, establishing areas of protection and development that promote the conservation of biodiversity in urban, rural and marine territories.

5. Support the consolidation of a system of subcentral locations distributed throughout the commune's urban area, ensuring an equitable distribution of goods and services, guaranteeing the right to the city.
6. Enable heritage management which enables boosting opportunities for heritage utilisation and revitalisation, enhancing local attribute value from the historic urban landscape perspective.
7. Make a viable solution to precarious settlement situations through regularisation or eradication, as appropriate, ensuring a benefit for the community in which they are inserted.
8. Identify and expand the historical network of mobility and connectivity infrastructure, extending it to the higher sectors of the city, while integrating groups that are in a condition of greater vulnerability.
9. Propose habitability conditions in the city that support the integration and participation of historically excluded groups in public spaces, with a gender perspective and enhancement of care practices.

The study for updating the Communal Regulatory Plan of Valparaíso started its SEA process in October 2023 and currently is at Stage 1 of design (Annexes 60 and 61). Following this, an approval stage is considered, which includes the definition of a draft project, the preparation of the related environmental report, and public consultation processes.

- **Intervention Guidelines for the Sector Bancario Calle Prat Typical and Picturesque Zone, Valparaíso**

Law N° 17.288 on National Monuments (1970) states that certain matters related to protected areas under the category of Typical or Picturesque Zones, such as the Historic Quarter of Valparaíso, are subject to the Regulations of the Law. For its part, the "Regulation on Typical or Picturesque Zones of Law N° 17.288" (2017) sets forth provisions that will guide the identification, designation, intervention, supervision and conservation of areas protected under this national category.

The Regulation also establishes that the National Monuments Council will ensure the existence of technical documents, such as intervention standards, whose guidelines will provide direction for the conservation of these zones, guaranteeing their protection and maintenance over time, by aligning actions to articulate and ensure coherence between the territorial planning instruments, such as the Communal Regulatory Plan, and the guidelines of the intervention standards, which will define the indications or recommendations and guidance for interventions in buildings, archaeological or palaeontological sites, public spaces, and the natural and cultural environment, taking into consideration the protected values and attributes in order to complement, make compatible and optimise the management of each Typical or Picturesque Zone, in accordance with the regulations in force.

In view of the above and with reference to the Typical or Picturesque Historic Quarter of Valparaíso, which includes the World Heritage Site, a study was conducted during 2023 to elaborate intervention standards, whose outcome provides the intervention guidelines for a World Heritage Site sector, corresponding to the Sector Bancario Calle Prat Typical or Picturesque Zone (Annex 62). The official document was approved by the National Monuments Council during its regular session in January 2024.

This technical document of guidelines for the Sector Bancario Calle Prat Typical or Picturesque Zone, complements the guidelines already available for the Sector Plaza Echaurren y calle Serrano Typical or Picturesque Zone, approved in 2018. Along these lines, the plan is to continue with the development of guidelines for the remaining sectors of the World Heritage Site and its buffer zone.

- **Heritage Emergency Fund Project (HEF)**

In Chile, the fires that took place in the Valparaíso region in late 2023 and early 2024 have heightened existing concerns about heritage vulnerability. In response, a pilot project was launched to reduce risks and strengthen response capacity to fires at cultural and natural heritage sites, with support from the UNESCO's Heritage Emergency Fund (HEF) (Annex 63).

The project activities will specifically focus on raising awareness among stakeholders involved in the site's management around the growing increasing impact of fire risks on Cultural Heritage, exacerbated by climate change, and the urgent need to protect the World Heritage properties.

The project aims to improve national, local and community-level capacities for reducing disaster risk at the Site, as well as to empower local communities and stakeholders to protect their territories, cultural landscapes and historical sites. Additionally, the project activities will serve as a pilot for implementing UNESCO's Fire Risk Management Guide for Cultural and Natural Heritage.

One of the initial activities of the project is the international Conference "Fire Resilience for Heritage in a Changing Climate", held in November 2024 (Annex 64). This event, organised by the UNESCO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, in collaboration with the Municipal Corporation of the World Heritage Site of Valparaíso and the National Centre for World Heritage Sites (National Service for Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Cultures, Arts and Heritage), featured presentations by over twenty specialists from five continents.

During the conference, topics such as the role of heritage in reducing fire risks, response and recovery from fire disasters, the use of local and indigenous knowledge for resilience, and building a future through policies, training, raising awareness and cross-sectoral cooperation were discussed.

The project is being simultaneously developed at Los Alerces National Park in Argentina, and in both locations the UNESCO Fire Risk Management Guide for Cultural and Natural Heritage will be adapted and implemented as a pilot.

Annexes:

Annex 54	Text, proposed indications to the new Cultural Heritage Law.
Annex 55	Link, article, inclusion of indications in the new Cultural Heritage Law.
Annex 56	Document, draft under development "Plan de Gestión, Sitio de Patrimonio Mundial Área Histórica de la ciudad puerto de Valparaíso" (<i>"Management Plan, Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site"</i>), November 2024 version.
Annex 57	Document, Ord. Regional Directorate, National Service for Cultural Heritage, Valparaíso Region, Invitation to take part in the "Interinstitutional Roundtable for the Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso World Heritage Site".
Annex 58	Document, Sub-execution Agreement within the scope of the REVIVE Barrios Programme. February 2023.
Annex 59	Link, Electronic Information System for Strategic Environmental Evaluation, Valparaíso Municipal Zoning Plan. https://eae.mma.gob.cl/file/488
Annex 60	Document, Municipality of Valparaíso, the new Strategic Environmental Assessment Municipal Zoning Plan of Valparaíso commences. October 2023.
Annex 61	Document, Diario Oficial de Chile (<i>Official Gazette of Chile</i>), informing that the Municipality of Valparaíso commences the process of strategic environmental evaluation related to the municipal zoning pan of Valparaíso. October 2023
Annex 62	Document, Typical or Picturesque Zone Norms for Intervention Sector Bancario Calle Prat, Valparaíso. February 2024.
Annex 63	Link, website article UNESCO Santiago Office, "UNESCO funds project to strengthen fire prevention at the World Heritage site of Valparaíso (Chile)". https://www.unesco.org/es/articles/la-unesco-financia-proyecto-para-fortalecer-la-prevencion-de-incendios-en-el-sitio-de-patrimonio
Annex 64	Link, website UNESCO Santiago, Office International Conference Event "Fire Resilience for Heritage in a Changing Climate". https://www.unesco.org/es/articles/conferencia-internacional-resiliencia-del-patrimonio-ante-incendios-en-tiempos-de-cambio-climatico

IV. IN CONFORMITY WITH PARAGRAPH 172 OF THE OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES, DESCRIBE ANY POTENTIAL MAJOR RESTORATIONS, ALTERATIONS AND/OR NEW CONSTRUCTION(S) INTENDED WITHIN THE PROPERTY, THE BUFFER ZONE(S) AND/OR CORRIDORS OR OTHER AREAS, WHERE SUCH DEVELOPMENTS MAY AFFECT THE OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE OF THE PROPERTY, INCLUDING AUTHENTICITY AND INTEGRITY.

There are no new projects to be reported in concordance with Paragraph 172 of the Practical Guidelines.

V. PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORT.

It is requested that the entire document be made publicly accessible

VI. SIGNATURE OF THE AUTHORITY

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