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**Submitted by: Argentina, Norway and United Kingdom**

**Background**

ATCM XLII (2019) agreed to the incorporation of new fields of information to the list of Historic Sites and Monuments (HSMs), as set out in [Decision 1 (2019)](https://www.ats.aq/devAS/Meetings/Measure/694), in order to ensure consistency, be more informative and align with recent developments in HSM policies and discussions amongst Parties. Further background information and analysis providing the background for this discussion is found in ATCM XLII WP 65 submitted by Argentina.

Decision 1 (2019) specifies that the following new fields of information shall be included in the list, in addition to the existing fields of “No.”, “Description”, “Location” and “Designation/Amendment”:

a. Name;  
b. Type;  
c. Conservation status;  
d. Description of the historical context;  
e. Applicable criteria in accordance with Resolution 3 (2009);  
f. Management tools;  
g. Photographs;  
h. Physical features of the environment and cultural and local context;

Decision 1 (2019) furthermore encouraged Parties to provide information for these new fields and requested the Secretariat to create an online forum on the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP) discussion forum where Parties undertaking management could share information relevant to an HSM. This was then to be used as basis to facilitate the drafting of a Working Paper for ATCM XLIII presenting a list of the HSMs incorporating the new fields of information.

**Process of reformatting the list**

Since 2019, the CEP Chair (Norway) and Vice-Chairs (Argentina and the United Kingdom), with substantial assistance from the Secretariat, have worked through the CEP forum and through direct contact with Members to reformat the HSM list according to Decision 1 (2019). Original proponents of each HSM have, in collaboration with interested Parties as appropriate, provided input on the HSMs. The full list has thereafter been reviewed and adjusted to ensure as much consistency and comparability between listings as possible and appropriate. All information has been open to all Members at all times, enabling Members to comment and suggest adjustments on any of the HSMs on the list.

**The information fields**

Some details about and observations made during the process of populating the new information fields (denoted in **underlined bold** below) are worth highlighting:

**Location**: To ensure compatibility and appropriate functionality within the developed database, and the ability to automatically generate location maps based on the information, this information field only contains one latitude and one longitude coordinate. In the instances where additional information exists, this information is found in the field entitled “Physical features of the environment and cultural and local context”

* 1. **Type**: Throughout the process, we thoroughly reviewed the information provided in this information field to ensure consistency, both for users and for database purposes. We have adjusted the list of available categories slightly and have used the following set of categories:
* Building: hut
* Building: station
* Building: other building remains
* Site
* Other remains: expedition cairn
* Other remains: tent
* Other remains: lighthouse
* Other remains: shipwreck
* Other remains: other
* Commemorative item: plaque
* Commemorative item: bust
* Commemorative item: cross
* Commemorative item: other

**Conservation status and Management tools**: The type of information provided by Parties in these two information fields varies substantially across the (currently) 89 HSMs. This is both a reflection of different national approaches to management of historic sites and the uniqueness of the individual HSMs. We have suggested avoiding time-specific information in these fields (for example the implementation of a specific conservation project next season), as this will require constant updating of the list/database, which for practical purposes should be avoided.

**Applicable criteria**: Criteria listed are in accordance with those adopted through [Resolution 3 (2009)](https://www.ats.aq/devAS/Meetings/Measure/444), i.e.:

* a particular event of importance in the history of science or exploration of Antarctica occurred at the place;
* a particular association with a person who played an important role in the history of science or exploration in Antarctica;
* a particular association with a notable feat of endurance or achievement;
* representative of, or forms part of, some wide-ranging activity that has been important in the development and knowledge of Antarctica;
* particular technical, historical, cultural or architectural value in its materials, design or method of construction;
* the potential, through study, to reveal information or has the potential to educate people about significant human activities in Antarctica;
* symbolic or commemorative value for people of many nations.

**Future updating of the list**

The new format of the HSM list makes the list more of a living document than it has been up to now. In particular, the fields relating to conservation status and management tools contain information that may require relatively frequent updating due to the nature of the information contained there.

Listings of HSMs is a formal mechanism established through the Environmental Protocol, and any changes to the list have historically required a separate Measure. To avoid the need to adopt a new Measure for minor changes (including for example updates to management tools)in the fields that provide information about the status and management of the site we suggest that:

* The information contained in the fields entitled “No.”, “Description”, “Location”, “Name”, “Type”, “Description of the historical context”, “Applicable criteria in accordance with Resolution 3 (2009)” and “Physical features of the environment and cultural and local context” continues to be a formal part of the HSM list and any changes to these fields require adoption through a Measure.
* Information contained in the fields “Conservation status”, “Management tools” “Designation/Amendment” and “Photographs” is considered required supplementary information to the HSM-list for which any changes should be agreed by the CEP and noted in its report to the ATCM.

**Availability of list**

When the HSM list has been adopted in its new format the Secretariat will move all information into an online database available from the ATS website. The Secretariat will ensure that the list is kept up do date and that all approved future changes or additions to the list are incorporated appropriately. The database will be available to the public at large, and as such have a greater outreach potential than a static list in a .pdf format. Figure 1 shows a screen shot of how information from the database will be portrayed on the website.

**Guide to the presentation of Working Papers containing proposals for Historic Sites and Monuments**

The *Guide to the presentation of Working Papers containing proposals for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas, Antarctic Specially Managed Areas or Historic Sites and Monuments,* adopted through Resolution 3 (2018) provides a template (Template B) for coversheets to follow working papers proposing new historic sites and monuments. Following Decision 1 (2019), Template B needs to be updated to reflect the agreed additional information required for listings. **Appendix D** includes the Guide containing a draft revised version of Template B. **Appendix E** contains a draft Resolution for the adoption of the updated *Guide to the presentation of Working Papers containing proposals for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas, Antarctic Specially Managed Areas or Historic Sites and Monuments.*

**Proposal**

* The Committee agrees to forward the reformatted HSM list contained in **Appendix A** to the ATCM for adoption through a Measure. A draft Measure to that effect is attached as **Appendix B**.
* The Committee agrees to recommend to the ATCM that:
  + The information contained in the fields entitled “No.”, “Description”, “Location”, “Name”, “Type”, “Description of the historical context”, “Applicable criteria in accordance with Resolution 3 (2009)” and “Physical features of the environment and cultural and local context” continue to be a formal part of the HSM list and any changes to these fields require adoption through a Measure.
  + Information contained in the fields “Conservation status”, “Management tools”, “Designation/Amendment” and “Photographs” can be considered required supplementary information to the HSM list, for which any changes should be agreed by the CEP and noted in its report to the ATCM.

A draft Decision to this effect is attached as **Appendix C**.

* The Committee suggests that the Secretariat is requested to populate the database with the information provided for the new format and make the information available through the ATS website, in accordance with Decision 1 (2019) as soon as possible.
* The Committee endorses the revised *Guide to the presentation of Working Papers containing proposals for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas, Antarctic Specially Managed Areas or Historic Sites and Monuments* (**Appendix D***)*, to reflect the information required for listings of new HSMs in accordance with Decision 1 (2019) and agrees to forward to the ATCM for adoption a draft Resolution (**Appendix E**) on updating the Guide*.*

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**FIGURE 1:** Illustration of how the information from the HSM database will be portrayed on the ATS website.

**Appendix A: THE LIST OF HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS**

**See Attachment: The list of Historic Sites and Monuments reformatted** **in line with Decision 1 (2019)**

**Appendix B: DRAFT MEASURE**

Measure XXX (2021)

Antarctic Protected Areas System: Reformatted List of Historic Sites and Monuments

The Representatives,

*Noting* the requirements of Article 8 of Annex V to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty to maintain a list of current Historic Sites and Monuments and that such sites shall not be damaged, removed or destroyed;

*Recalling* Recommendations I-IX, V-4, VI-14, VII-9, XII-7, XIII-16, XIV-8, XV-12, XVI-11, XVII-3 and Measures 4 (1995), 2 (1996), 4 (1997), 2 (1998), 1 (2001), 2 (2001), 3(2003), 11 and 12 (2011), 11 (2012), 18, 19, 20 and 21 (2013), 19 (2015) and 9 (2016);

*Also taking* note of Guidelines for the designation and protection of Historic Sites and Monuments  adopted through Resolution 3 (2009) and Guidelines for the assessment and management of Heritage in Antarctica adopted through Resolution 2 (2018);  
  
*Furthermore* recalling Decision 1 (2019) in which Parties agreed to incorporate the new fields of information, in addition to the existing fields, in the “List of Historic Sites and Monuments”;  
  
*Desiring* to update the descriptions of Historic Site and Monument according to the format prescribed by Decision 1 (2019);  
  
**Recommend** that their Governments, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 8 of Annex V to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty, approve that the "List of Historic Monuments Identified and Described by the Proposing Government or Governments" (annexed to Recommendation VII-9 and modified by the Recommendations and Measures recalled above) be replaced by the revised and updated "List of Historic Sites and Monuments" annexed to this Measure.

**Appendix C: DRAFT DECISION**

Decision XXX (2021)

Antarctic Protected Areas System: Reformatted List of Historic Sites and Monuments

The Representatives,

*Recalling* Decision 1 (2019) in which Parties agreed to incorporate the new fields of information, in addition to the existing fields, in the “List of Historic Sites and Monuments”;  
  
*Desiring* to update the descriptions of Historic Site and Monument according to the format prescribed by Decision 1 (2019), but at the same time conscious that there are likely to be regular updates of a minor and technical nature in certain new fields of information;

**Agree** that:

* The information contained in the fields entitled “No.”, “Description”, “Location”, “Name”, “Type”, “Description of the historical context”, “Applicable criteria in accordance with Resolution 3 (2009)” and “Physical features of the environment and cultural and local context” will continue to be a formal part of the HSM list and any changes to these fields will require adoption through a Measure.
* Information contained in the fields “Conservation status”, “Management tools”, “Designation/Amendment” and “Photographs” will be considered as supplementary information to the HSM list, for which any changes will be agreed by the CEP, and noted in its report to the ATCM and applied to the HSM database by the Secretariat.

**Appendix D: REVISED GUIDE**

**See Attachment: Revised *Guide to the presentation of Working Papers containing proposals for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas, Antarctic Specially Managed Areas or Historic Sites and Monuments***

**Appendix E: DRAFT RESOLUTION**

Resolution xxx (2021)

Revised Guide to the presentation of Working Papers containing proposals for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas, Antarctic Specially Managed Areas or Historic Sites and Monuments

The Representatives,  
  
Noting that Annex V to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty provides for the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (“ATCM”) to adopt proposals to designate an Historic Site and Monument (“HSM”), by a measure in accordance with Article IX(1) of the Antarctic Treaty;

Conscious of the need to ensure clarity concerning the current status of each HSM;

Recalling Resolution 1 (2008), which recommended that the Guide to the presentation of Working Papers containing proposals for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas, Antarctic Specially Managed Areas or Historic Sites and Monuments (“the Guide”), annexed to it, be used by those engaged in the preparation of such Working Papers;

Furthermore recalling Resolution 3 (2018), which updated the Guide to reflect guidance provided in the Guidelines for the assessment and management of Heritage in Antarctica adopted through Resolution 2 (2018);

Noting Decision 1 (2019) which provides further details as to information to be held for each listing in the list of Historic Sites and Monuments and desiring to update Template B of the Guide, to reflect this new format;

Recommend to their Governments that:

1. the revised *Guide to the presentation of Working Papers containing proposals for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas, Antarctic Specially Managed Areas or Historic Sites and Monuments* annexed to this Resolution replace the document attached to Resolution 2 (2018) and to be used by those engaged in the preparation of such Working Papers;
2. the Secretariat of the Antarctic Treaty post the text of Resolution 3 (2018) on its website in a way that makes clear that it is no longer current.