8A. TENTATIVE LISTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES AS OF 15 APRIL 2016, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

Decision: 40 COM 8A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/8A,

2. Stressing the importance of the process of revision and updating of Tentative Lists, as a tool for regional harmonisation of the World Heritage List and of long-term planning of its development;

3. Encourages States Parties to seek as early as possible upstream advice from the Advisory Bodies during the development or revision of their Tentative Lists as appropriate;

4. Takes note of the Tentative Lists presented in Annexes 2 and 3 of this document.

8B. NOMINATIONS TO THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

II. EXAMINATION OF NOMINATIONS OF NATURAL, MIXED AND CULTURAL PROPERTIES TO THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

A. NATURAL SITES

Decision: 40 COM 8B.11

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B2.Add,

2. Recalling Decision 39 COM 8B.5 adopted at its 39th session (Bonn, 2015),

3. Takes note of the progress made by the State Party in conducting consultations with concerned stakeholders in order to achieve the widest possible support for the nomination of the property;

4. Refers the nomination of the Kaeng Krachan Forest Complex, Thailand, back to the State Party, taking note of the strong potential for this property to meet criterion (x), in order to allow it to more fully address the concerns that have been raised by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights concerning Karen communities within the Kaeng Krachan National Park, including the implementation of a participatory process to resolve rights and livelihood concerns and to achieve a consensus of support for the nomination of the property that is fully consistent with the principle of free, prior and informed consent;

5. Encourages the State Party to consider nominating the property also under criterion (ix);
6. Also encourages the State Party to continue the commendable initiatives on future biological connectivity opportunities, including those between the nominated property and Thungyai - Huai Kha Khaeng Wildlife Sanctuaries in Thailand and, working in partnership with the State Party of Myanmar, between the nominated property and neighbouring transnational protected areas within the Taninthaya Forest Corridor in Myanmar;

7. Recommends that the State Party continue dialogue with the State Party of Myanmar to address concerns regarding the settlement of demarcation of the proposed nominated area;

8. Commends the State Party and partner NGOs for their increased efforts to address improved conservation management within the nominated property, including improved anti-poaching patrol systems, community engagement in Kui Buri National Park dealing with human/elephant conflict, and enhanced ecological research and monitoring, and further encourages the State Party to continue with these efforts.

III. EXAMINATION OF MINOR BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS OF NATURAL, MIXED AND CULTURAL PROPERTIES ALREADY INSCRIBED ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

A. NATURAL PROPERTIES

Decision: 40 COM 8B.35

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B2.Add,
2. Recalling Decision 38 COM 7B.80 adopted at its 38th session (Doha, 2014),
3. Approves the proposed minor boundary modification of Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast, United Kingdom.

B. MIXED PROPERTIES

Decision: 40 COM 8B.36

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8B.Add, WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B1.Add and WHC/16/40.COM/INF.8B2.Add,
2. Recalling Decision 38 COM 8B.14 adopted at its 38th session (Doha, 2014),
3. Approves the proposed minor boundary modification of Trang An Landscape Complex, Viet Nam;
4. Requests the State Party to ensure that any developments in the property, its buffer zone, or in any adjacent areas that might threaten the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, are subject to early notice to the World Heritage Centre, as per the requirements of the Operational Guidelines, and in line with the newly adopted Policy Document for the Integration of a Sustainable Development Perspective into the Processes of the World Heritage Convention;
5. Recommends that the State Party finalise the Management Plan and strengthen the management system;