



UNESCO recognizes improvement in Machu Picchu Historic Sanctuary management

The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) recognized the progress showed by the Peruvian State in the integral management of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu in Cusco thanks to a multisectoral work.

During the 39th Session of the World Heritage Committee held in Bonn, Germany, UNESCO noted the work carried out by the National Service of Natural Protected Areas (Sernanp) in coordination with Ministries of Culture, Environment, Foreign Trade and Tourism, as well as the Regional Government of Cusco (GRC) and the Machu Picchu District Municipality.

Peruvian government officials showed the progress made in the preparation of the Public Use Plan, the Site Plan for the West Access of the Natural Area, and the Regulations on Sustainable Use and Tourist Visitation for the Conservation of the Llaqta of Machu Picchu.

The updating of the Inca Trail Regulations –which govern the tourism management in the Historic Sanctuary and the development of the carrying capacity study for the Llaqta of Machu Picchu– the Inca Trail Network and the Hiram Bingham road, were other aspects involved in the decision-making process of not including this archaeological monument in the “List of World Heritage in Danger.”

The country was given 18 months to fully implement the recommendations of the World Heritage Committee.

Peru’s representatives issued a commitment document inked by authorities involved in the management of the sanctuary, which underscores the conclusion and implementation of the Risk

Management Plan of Machu Picchu.

It also includes the decision to create specific prevention-oriented contingency plans that must be adopted to mitigate disaster effects such as fires and landslides –which put the safety of locals and visitors at risk– and the natural and cultural heritage in the natural protected area.

The approval of the Master Plan of the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu 2015-2019 was one of the most important management tools for the Committee, as it shows the coordinated work among state organizations directly involved in the task.