

Strengthening of Monitoring Indicators

1 Purpose

To ensure the protection of the World Cultural Heritage property area of Fujisan and to maintain and improve the good state of conservation in the buffer zone of the property, monitoring is to be carried out with appropriate indicators. When negative impacts are identified or foreseeable, measures are to be developed and implemented without delay to remove their causes or mitigate the impacts.

In the course of the implementation of such monitoring, comprehensive preservation and management of individual component parts as parts of the whole property will be made by evaluating and reviewing the policies and/or measures for the solution to, or improvement of, the issues identified in individual strategies etc.

2 Existing State

To carry out the monitoring appropriately, periodic and systematic monitoring is in operation based on the specified factors that affect the component parts negatively and the corresponding monitoring indicators that have been identified from three perspectives: “the conservation of the component parts and the buffer zone”, “protection of individual component parts and constituent elements”, and “interpretation of Outstanding Universal Value”.

3 Issues

From the perspectives of maintaining and enhancing aspects of Fujisan both as a “sacred place” (spiritual quality) and a “source of artistic inspiration” (aesthetic quality, it is necessary to strengthen and add monitoring indicators to take into account the spiritual and aesthetic qualities of scenic landscapes.

Also, to monitor the progress of individual strategies and approaches on a continuous basis, and to evaluate and review them, it is necessary to conduct a regular and systematic monitoring.

4 Policies

(1) Strengthening and Adding Indicators Incorporating Spiritual and Aesthetic Qualities

(i) Additional monitoring points for views of Fujisan

In addition to the two representative viewpoints included in the property as a component part or a constituent element (Nakanokura Pass on the northwestern shore of Lake Motosuko and the Mihonomatsubara pine tree grove), new viewpoints are to be set up within the property area and the buffer zone so as to monitor the condition of visual landscapes from fixed observation points.

(ii) Inventory of religious events related to the worship of Fujisan

Religious events related to the worship of Fujisan, together with measures to pass them on to future generations, are to be inventoried.

(iii) Survey on the awareness of visitors

The understanding of visitors about the Outstanding Universal Value of Fujisan and about relationships between the component parts is to be surveyed.

(iv) Determination of indicators concerning carrying capacities for the upper access routes

Research and study on the carrying capacities of the upper access routes of Fujisan are to be carried out and indicators from multidimensional perspectives are to be determined.

(2) Monitoring of the progress of individual strategies and approaches

To monitor the progress of measures for solving to and/or improving on issues that are set out in individual strategies and approaches on a continuous basis, to evaluate and review them, as appropriate, regular and systematic monitoring is to be conducted.

5 Measures

(1) Strengthening and Adding Indicators Incorporating the Spiritual and Aesthetic Qualities

(i) Additional monitoring points for views of Fujisan

To keep track of the status of maintenance and improvement of the spiritual and aesthetic qualities of Fujisan in its entirety (the area including the mountain body and all the

component parts at the foot of the mountain) and to evaluate and revise the measures to maintain good visual landscapes, appropriate points to monitor the spiritual and aesthetic qualities are to be selected and fixed-point monitoring is to be conducted for visual landscape changes, based on visual observation and photography.

Specifically, based on research and study for the protection of the places that have long been viewpoints, new monitoring viewpoints were selected in 2015 from the following three perspectives in addition to the two representative viewpoints of the Fujisan mountain area, Nakanokura Pass on the northwestern shore of Lake Motosuko and the Mihonomatsubara pine tree grove, which are directly related to drawings and photos of outstanding universal significance that are described in the nomination dossier etc.

a. Viewpoints toward Fujisan from all directions

To select several places out of those located in the surrounding foot of the mountain that contribute to the explanation of the Outstanding Universal Value of Fujisan or have become viewpoints recently in the Early Modern period, to carry out fixed-point monitoring of views of Fujisan.

b. Viewpoints within the mountain body of Fujisan toward individual component parts and the buffer zone

To select several places within the Fujisan Mountain Area (Component Part 1) from which most of the property and the buffer zone are visible as viewpoints to carry out fixed-point monitoring of the views of the component parts and the buffer zone.

c. Viewpoints located within each of the individual component parts toward themselves and the surrounding areas

To select several places within each of the individual component parts or their surrounding areas that have specific issues as viewpoints to carry out fixed-point monitoring of the views of the component parts or the surrounding environment.

(ii) Inventory of religious events related to the worship of Fujisan

To confirm that religious events related to the worship of Fujisan are transmitted from generation to generation as intangible elements associated with the Outstanding Universal Value of Fujisan, appropriate religious events related to the worship of Fujisan are to be selected and the numbers of participants are to be surveyed on a continuous basis.

Specifically, those that are performed *inter alia* for the purpose of Fujisan worship were selected in 2015 from the events in the individual component parts and constituent elements that were described in the nomination dossier.

(iii) Survey on the awareness of visitors

To evaluate the measures for information provision to visitors and revise them appropriately when there are problems, questionnaire surveys have been conducted since 2014 to ascertain the degree of visitors' understanding about the Outstanding Universal Value of Fujisan and links between the component parts.

(iv) Determination of indicators concerning carrying capacities for the upper access routes

For three years from 2015 to 2017, research and study is conducted on the carrying capacities for the upper access routes of Fujisan and indicators and desired levels, by indicators, are to be set out, including but not limited to the target number of climbers per ascending route, from the perspectives of (i) transmission of cultural traditions of Fujisan ascents to future generations, (ii) maintenance of scenic landscapes, and (iii) safety and comfort of Fujisan ascents (reference information 8 of the visitor management plan< page 50).

(2) Monitoring of the progress of individual strategies and approaches

To monitor the progress of measures set out in the individual strategies and approaches on a continuous basis, monitoring is to be conducted based on indicators for the natural environment, natural disasters, and interpretation of the OUV, which are set out in the Comprehensive Preservation and Management Plan for Fujisan, as well as added and strengthened indicators such as fixed monitoring viewpoints. In coordination with the relevant municipal governments etc., regular and systematic monitoring is to be conducted, together with periodic evaluations and reviews of measures.