

Indicators for Scotland's Historic Environment Audit (SHEA)

Theme A: Identification, designation and condition of the historic environment

SUBJECT	REF	INDICATOR	BASELINE VALUE (2008)	NOTES
A1 Overview of the historic environment	A1.1	Number of RCAHMS records of known sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maritime records • archaeology records • architectural records 	17,125 144,000 130,000	RCAHMS archive and online databases give us a good national overview of the individual landscape elements that make up the HE. Most of this information relates to undesignated sites. As at June 2008, there are 291,125 records, of known sites, within RCAHMS databases (compared to 274,000 in 2007). www.rcahms.gov.uk
	A1.2	Percentage of Scotland covered by Historic Land-use Assessment (HLA)	68%	RCAHMS and HS have mapped around 68% of Scotland using HLA. http://jura.rcahms.gov.uk/HLA/start.jsp
	A1.3	Number of SMR/HER records	215,000 (2007 estimate)	Local authority Sites and Monuments Records (SMRs)/Historic Environment Records (HERs) contain information on both nationally designated and locally important sites. This estimate was gathered as part of the research project <i>The State of Scotland's Ancient Monuments, CFA Archaeology, 2007</i> . Further work is needed to analyse the nature and content of SMRs/HERs. We are considering the best way to update this data.
	A1.4	Number of pre-1919 dwellings	438,000 (19%) (2007 estimate)	The Continuous Scottish House Condition Survey (CSHCS) latest figures (at 2007) estimate that around 19% of all Scottish dwellings were built pre-1919. www.shcs.gov.uk . Change since 2003/4 is not statistically significant.
A2 Designated assets	A2.1	Number of cultural World Heritage Sites (designated by UNESCO)	5	Scotland has four cultural world heritage sites – Edinburgh Old and New Town, New Lanark, Orkney and the Antonine Wall; and one mixed cultural and natural WHS at St Kilda. The Antonine Wall, the Roman frontier in Scotland, was granted world heritage status in July 2008. www.historic-scotland.gov.uk
	A2.2	Number of Properties in Care (PIC)	345	There are 345 properties in the care of Historic Scotland. A PIC may comprise a group of structures or elements. For example, Edinburgh Castle with around 70 structures is a single PIC. www.historic-scotland.gov.uk
	A2.3	Number of scheduled monuments Number of parishes considered under strategic scheduling programme (which began in 2005)	8,021 95 out of 894	At April 2008, there are 8,021 scheduled monuments (SMs) in Scotland. HS schedules these under the terms of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. The number of SMs changes over time, reflecting the strategic scheduling programme. Of this, since 2005 the area programme has considered 95 out of 894 parishes in Scotland and completed proposals arising out of 53 parishes. The

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		During 2007/8 number of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New sites scheduled Sites re-scheduled Sites de-scheduled Schedules amended 	145 16 7 (gathered from 2008/9 onwards)	aim is to review the scheduling of ancient monuments in Scotland within 30 years. HS have been very active during 2007/8, visiting and assessing sites in 44 parishes, completing proposals arising from fieldwork the previous year in 22 parishes, preparing for fieldwork the next year, as well as handling thematic and miscellaneous urgent individual scheduling cases. www.historic-scotland.gov.uk
	A2.4	Number of listing entries <i>Category A</i> <i>Category B</i> <i>Category C</i>	47,165 <i>3,643 (8%)</i> <i>23,913 (51%)</i> <i>19,609 (41%)</i>	HS lists buildings of 'special architectural or historic interest' and maintains a dataset. At March 2008, there were 47,165 entries on the list. The list is constantly being updated and the number of records relates to listing entries, not individual buildings or ownerships. A number of individually owned properties, such as a terrace of houses, may be covered by a single listing entry. www.historic-scotland.gov.uk
	A2.5	Number of sites on the Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes	385	HS is responsible for compiling and maintaining an Inventory of GDLs in Scotland. At March 2008, there are 385 sites on the Inventory. www.historic-scotland.gov.uk
	A2.6	Number of Designated Wreck Sites Number of scheduled wrecks (below Mean Low Water)	8 7	There are currently eight wreck sites, designated by Scottish Ministers (through HS), under the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973. Seven wrecks are scheduled under the terms of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. www.historic-scotland.gov.uk
	A2.7	Number of Conservation Areas Extent of Conservation Areas (Hectares) Percentage of Scotland covered by Conservation Areas Percentage of households in Conservation Areas	636 23,974 Ha 0.3% 9.2%	Conservation Areas (CAs) are designated by local planning authorities as 'areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character of which is desirable to preserve or enhance'. At 2008, there are 636 CAs in Scotland. About one-third of these (194) have conservation area appraisals in place. Based on the postcode index (2008), 228,350 (9.2%) of households live in these CAs. Based on the 2001 census 412,180 (8.1%) people live in these CAs. 0.3% of Scotland's land area is covered by these 636 CAs.
	A2.8	Number of National Parks Extent of National Parks (Hectares) Percentage of Scotland covered by NPs	2 567,994 Ha 7%	There are two national parks in Scotland – Loch Lomond & the Trossachs and Cairngorms. They cover around 7% of Scotland's land area. www.lochlomond-trossachs.org www.cairngorms.co.uk
	A2.9	Number of National Scenic Areas	40	There are 40 NSAs in Scotland, covering 13% of the land area of Scotland. www.snh.org.uk

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		Extent of National Scenic Areas (Hectares)	1,378,358 Ha	
		Percentage of Scotland covered by NSAs	13%	
A3 Other assets and landscapes	A3.1	Number of historic battlefields	Unavailable	No data are yet available. Scottish Ministers are currently undertaking a public consultation on whether there should be a Scottish battlefields inventory and should this go forward, this indicator will identify the number of sites on a national inventory. www.historic-scotland.gov.uk
A4 Historic environment at risk	A4.1	Number of buildings on Buildings At Risk Register (BARR)	Data available in mid 2009	HS is working with SCT to improve the coverage and quality of BARR data. A4.1, A4.2, A4.3 will be updated in mid 2009. In the meantime, the buildings at risk register is available online and can be consulted at www.buildingsatrisk.org.uk
	A4.2	Percentage of A-listed buildings on Buildings at Risk Register (BARR)	Data available in mid 2009	
	A4.3	Percentage of listed buildings removed from BARR through positive action	Data available in mid 2009	A4.2 is the measure for the historic environment in the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework, Scotland Performs. This can be consulted at http://www.scotland.gov.uk/About/scotPerforms
	A4.4	Number of listed buildings (and unlisted buildings in conservation areas) demolished	No indicator identified	We are exploring the best way to gather this data.
	A4.5	Number of reported fires in A-listed buildings	68	The national fire database, which is funded by HS and RCAHMS, recorded 68 fires in A-listed buildings in 2007/8. http://www.sheilpantry.com/frsug/reports/Scottish_Historic_Buildings_National_Fire_Database_Annual_Report_2007-08.pdf
	A4.6	Scheduled monuments and other historic environment assets at risk	No single indicator identified	HS Monument Warden Records (MWRs) provide a record of the current condition and risk of future deterioration of scheduled monuments through time. Work is ongoing to improve the quality of this dataset. There are no available, robust and nationally consistent approaches to assessing the condition/risk of other HE assets. Over time, HS will explore the feasibility of developing indicators for the condition of and risk to other HE assets – and suitable approaches to data gathering.

Notes on table: The table sets out baseline data (at 2008, unless otherwise stated) with limited commentary. Explanations of the individual assets and datasets is available from 'A review of existing information for Scotland's Historic Environment Audit' at http://www.heritageaudit.org.uk/shear_report.pdf. We will gather these straightforward data counts every three years. Trend analysis of these data will be published in 2011. We will periodically review these indicators to ensure their continued relevance. The more complex questions about the historic environment will be prioritised through Historic Scotland's corporate research programme.

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