



THE GOVERNING
BODY OF
SUOMENLINNA

SUOMENLINNA MANAGEMENT PLAN

Get involved!



WHY DO WE NEED A MANAGEMENT PLAN?



Suomenlinna is one of around a thousand UNESCO World Heritage Sites. UNESCO requires that World Heritage Sites prepare a plan outlining how the site is managed and developed.

Suomenlinna sea fortress is an example of the military architecture of its time and a national treasure. A special characteristic of the fortress comes from its importance in the defence of three countries — Sweden, Russia and Finland.

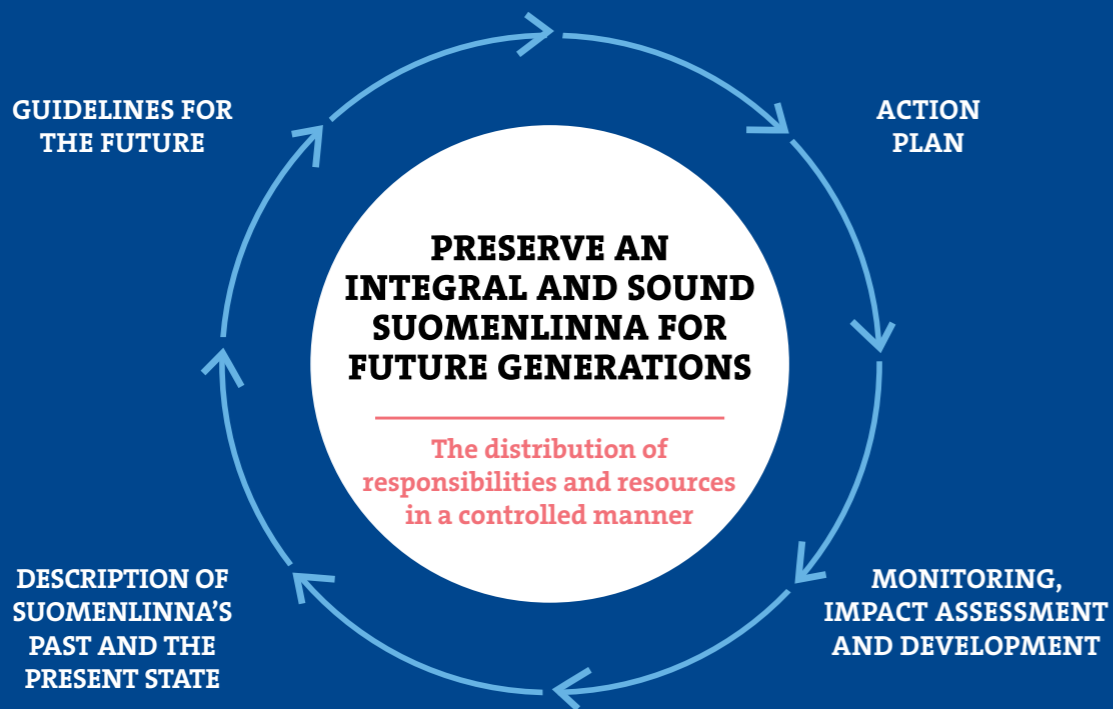
As well as a tourist attraction, the fortress is a living neighbourhood and city district where people live, work and spend time.

The aim of the management plan is to ensure that the fortress is maintained in good order for future generations.

A key goal of the plan is to manage the distribution of responsibilities and resources for Suomenlinna among responsible parties.

All interested participants have an important role in the management plan. The plan and Suomenlinna are developed as a joint effort.

Take part in conserving a shared World Heritage!



WHAT DOES THE MANAGEMENT PLAN COVER?

The world is constantly changing, and the Suomenlinna management plan must change with it. The content of the plan is revisited regularly to meet the needs of a changing society and ensure that the plan is kept up-to-date.

Suomenlinna sea fortress is both timeless and living, and the same is true for its management plan.

In addition to the allocation of resources, the plan is guided by sustainable development and Suomenlinna's values. Of the UN themes for

sustainable development, Suomenlinna has elected to focus particularly on climate actions, collaboration and partnerships, and sustainable tourism.

All work on the fortress is founded on the Suomenlinna values of a strong local spirit, multilayeredness and continuity, vividness and versatility, and harmony and diversity. Suomenlinna sea fortress is a versatile, modern and historic whole that is realised through its multilayered values.

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THE FOUR STEPS OF THE PLAN

GUIDELINES FOR THE FUTURE

A key part of the plan outlines the guidelines for Suomenlinna for the next decades. These guidelines direct the focus of work on the World Heritage Site.

As the process progresses, the guidelines will be revisited to check that their course has stayed correct in the changing world. If necessary, earlier policies and their details will be adjusted accordingly.

DESCRIPTION OF SUOMENLINNA'S PAST AND CURRENT SITUATION

The survey of the fortress's history and current situation serves as the basis for the management plan. It allows us to understand the journey to the present day. As the current situation is a complex living whole, it will be reassessed whenever necessary. The detailed survey is available on our website.

ACTION PLAN

In order to benefit the fortress, the plan must lead to actions. In the action plan, the guidelines for the future are taken to a practical level and as part of the daily work of all stakeholders involved in Suomenlinna. The action plan ensures that work is done at the right time and in the right direction.

MONITORING, IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Equally important to the success of the management plan are its monitoring and development. They are used to evaluate whether or not the plan is working as intended.

The purpose of monitoring is to influence and react to environmental and social changes to help the big guidelines remain clear. Through evaluation, the discussion on the current situation, guidelines and actions can again move forward.

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THE MANAGEMENT PLAN IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

Suomenlinna is managed by a number of parties, from the central government and other authorities to companies and associations. Everyone living in or visiting the fortress has a crucial role in maintaining Suomenlinna. Individual actions are important, and involvement is possible by means such as park maintenance volunteer work organised by the city of Helsinki.

The fortress is administered by the Governing Body of Suomenlinna, a government agency under the Ministry of Education and Culture. The City of Helsinki holds an important role in managing the fortress and providing connections and services. The Finnish Heritage Agency is responsible for the conservation of Suomenlinna and its supervision as a cultural heritage site.

All involved parties participate in drafting the management plan. The project team consists of personnel from the Governing Body of Suomenlinna and the Finnish Heritage Agency. The plan and its actions are prepared in workshops and planning meetings and based on received comments. All interested parties are welcome to attend the workshops.

The website www.suomenlinnanhoitokunta.fi has more information on the workshops and instructions on how to get involved. The plan can also be commented by submitting the online form. Received comments are used in the various steps of the process.



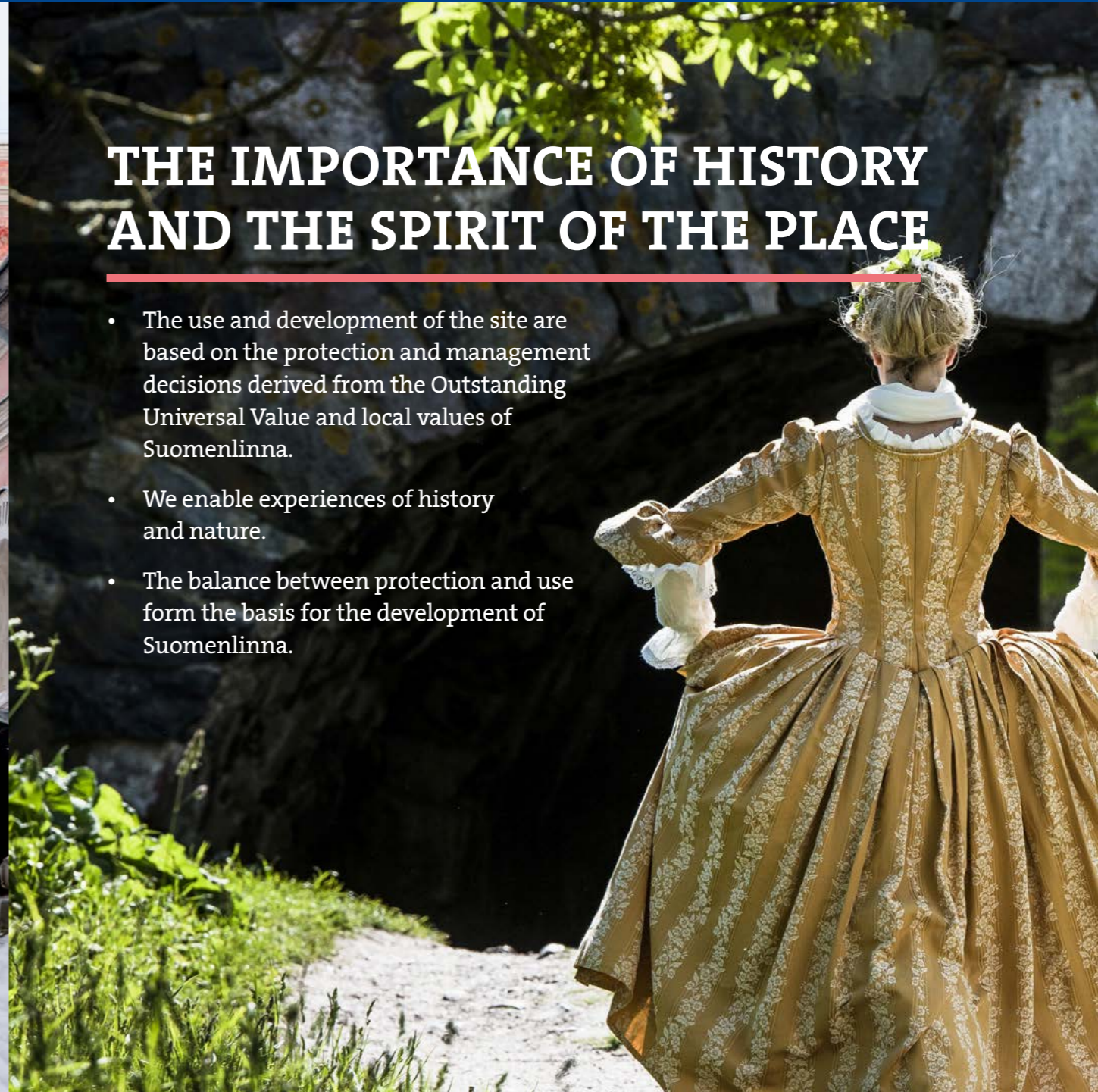
SUOMENLINNA FOR ALL

- We develop Suomenlinna as an open and accessible resource.
- We preserve Suomenlinna for future generations to experience, and therefore, we are committed to sustainable tourism.
- In Suomenlinna, decision-making is based on open interaction. The state, the city, the private sector and civil society all participate, each playing a specific role.



THE IMPORTANCE OF HISTORY AND THE SPIRIT OF THE PLACE

- The use and development of the site are based on the protection and management decisions derived from the Outstanding Universal Value and local values of Suomenlinna.
- We enable experiences of history and nature.
- The balance between protection and use form the basis for the development of Suomenlinna.



SUOMENLINNA AS A DISTRICT OF HELSINKI

- People live, work and visit World Heritage Site Suomenlinna.
- Suomenlinna is accessible by water.
- The financial and human resources allocated to Suomenlinna are regularly agreed between the city and the state.



SERVICES IN SUOMENLINNA

- Services in Suomenlinna support the vitality of the local community and are there for everyone.
- Services are based on an understanding of the World Heritage Site as a whole.
- The success of services in Suomenlinna is based on their quality and year-round availability.



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