



PROCEDURAL GUIDE:

“GLOBAL HERITAGE STONE RESOURCE”

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This document provides general information on the step-by step procedures and annual schedule required for approval of a Global Heritage Stone Resource.

1. A Scientific / Technical paper, otherwise called a Documentation Paper, dealing with the stone / province must be published, in advance, in a peer-reviewed technical journal such as *Episodes*, *Geoheritage*, *Geological Society of London Special Publication* and *Bulletin of Engineering Geology and the Environment*.

Authors are encouraged to use the Check List that are provided at the HSTG web site and to utilise the following Documentation Paper as an example:

Hughes, T., Lott, G.K., Poultney, M.J. 2013. Portland Stone: A nomination for “Global Heritage Stone Resource” from the United Kingdom. *Episodes* 36: 221-226.

2. The HSTG Secretary General will make an annual call to all HSTG Correspondents in September of each year, via email and the Heritage Stone Task Group Circular requesting GHSR / GHSP nominations to be considered in the coming calendar year. (Annual Call Period September – December)
3. The HSTG Secretary General with Board consultation will finalise the annual list of GHSR/GHSP nominations for consideration during the calendar year. (Suggest January)
4. HSTG Secretary General will prepare the “Nomination Review Form”, following that used for Portland Stone, for each nomination on the annual list and consult the Board or its delegates for reviewers. Care needed in choice to avoid any conflict-of-interest. (Suggest February-April)

5. Six months will be allowed for GHSR assessment and review during which time additional expert opinion may be obtained.
(Suggest May-August).
6. The completed Nomination Review Forms will be placed before the HSTG Board for a Yes/No decision with 2/3 majority needed for approval.
(Suggest September-November).

“No” decisions should be accompanied by explanation and recommendation for future work.

For a Recommended GHSR Approval it is assumed that Questions 1-7 of the Review Form are mostly “Yes”.

For a Recommended GHSR Approval it is suggested that strongest emphasis is placed on:

- i. Period of historic use,
- ii. International utilisation,
- iii. Recognition of cultural importance,
- iv. Potential benefits of designation

7. GHSR Approvals shall be publically announced in an IUGS forum as well as in HSTG Circulars and Newsletters
(Suggest December)

**NOMINATIONS FOR A “GLOBAL HERITAGE STONE PROVINCE” (GHSP)
SHALL BROADLY FOLLOW THE SAME PEROCCESS**