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Working Paper submitted by Ukraine and the United Kingdom

1. Wordie House on Winter Island (in the Argentine Islands) is the site of the ‘Base F’, which was built by the UK in 1947. Wordie House was recognised for its historical importance and adopted by means of Measure 4 (1995) as Historic Site and Monument No. 62 under the Antarctic Treaty. Visits to the site are managed by the United Kingdom and on site by the Station Leader at nearby Vernadsky Station (Ukraine).
2. The CEP Visitor Site Guidelines (VSG) for Wordie House were adopted by the Resolution 4 (2009) after joint proposal by Ukraine and the United Kingdom (ATCM XXXII WP019).
3. The VSG for Wordie House have not been revised since first adoption.
4. The number of editorial improvements and clarifications have been made in the course of the review. In particular, clearly defined visitor zone with recommended path to the top of the island’s ice cap were added, as well as the site map for the VSG was updated and improved.

Recommendation

Revised Visitor Site Guidelines for Site No. 22 Wordie House, Winter Island, are attached for consideration by the Committee for Environmental Protection for recommendation for adoption by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting.