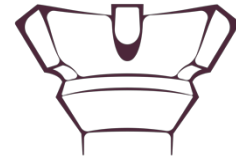


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State of Conservation Report Baptism Site “Bethany Beyond the Jordan” (Al-Maghtas)



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Executive Summary of the Report

The State of Conservation of the Baptism Site “Bethany Beyond the Jordan” (Al-Maghtas) is among the top priorities of the BSC, and it is carried out in close coordination and cooperation with the DoA, which has a team that inspect the archaeological sites and carry out consolidation and maintenance works wherever needed throughout the year. Therefore, the site is well preserved and the authenticity, integrity and OUV are well protected.

This State of Conservation report responds to Decision: 41 COM 7B.79 of the World Heritage Committee and its requests, therefore, the following are included:

- A disaster response guidance in the management plan regarding earthquakes.
- Design and construction guidelines for the Churches which are to be constructed in the buffer zone.
- Long term overall master planning for the buffer zone and surrounding area
- All planned new churches are submitted within this report and in more details in the HIA report that was sent to the WHC on May 16th 2018.
- An official letter was sent to the WHC on August 21st 2016 regarding the protection of the western banks of the Jordan River to preserve important vistas and sightlines of the property, with no response received yet.