

Property Name	Country	Identification No.
Historic City of Shibam	Republic of Yemen	C 192

STATE PARTY REPORT ON THE STATE OF CONSERVATION OF HISTORIC CITY OF SHIBAM, YEMEN –
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(Karakow ,2017) CONCERNING THE HISTORIC CITY OF SHIBAM

1- Summary of the report:

Old Walled City of Shibam, Hadhramaut, as it is a world heritage site still exposed to many challenges and threats in light of the security conditions the country is going through due to the armed conflict, and due to the absence of international organizations support and the deteriorating economic conditions of the country, GOPHCY could not take any conservation measures except at the minimum levels; the city buildings affected by the floods and affected by the terrorist bombing still need urgent intervention to save the city and maintain cultural property in it.

Despite financial constraints and difficulties, the state party concerned continues its intensive efforts to continue the process of preserving cultural property in old Shibam, according to the available capabilities. Some buildings and landmarks, such as the Siwan Palace, have been restored, and the government building has been completed according to the same plans and previous specifications, and the use of local labor and traditional building materials,

The State party, its representative, represented by GOPHCY-Shibam, expressed dismayed by the failure of the Shibam oases project, as the implementation period was short and the project did not achieve its specific objectives of dual irrigation, protecting Shebam from flooding and developing agricultural diversity.

The State party, confirms the continuous communication with UNESCO Doha through its representative in Yemen to implement the cash-for-work project, as the contract was signed to implement the first phase on 1-1-2020.

The State party, It affirms its continuation in consultation with the World Heritage Center and all international parties concerned with heritage in order to preserve the heritage and preserve cultural property, and urges the international parties to continue to provide financial and technical support to avoid the effects of war.

The State party appreciates the support of UNESCO to heritage in Yemen and reiterates its call to UNESCO and international organizations to continue to put pressure on the international community to stop the war in Yemen,

The State party concerned has submitted a detailed report on the conservation status in Shibam, which is an integrated strategy for managing the site registered in the international list.