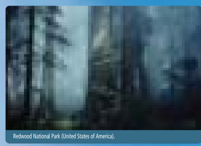
Hatra (Iraq).

WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION


Redwood National Park (United States of America).

Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, **adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, at its General Conference, Paris, 16 November 1972**

EXTRACTS

... deterioration or disappearance of... the cultural or natural heritage constitutes a harmful impoverishment of the heritage of all the nations of the world.

... protection of this heritage at the national level often remains incomplete because of the scale of the resources which it requires.

... parts of the cultural or natural heritage are of outstanding interest and therefore need to be preserved as part of the world heritage of humankind as a whole.

... [with] the magnitude and gravity of the new dangers threatening... [the world's heritage], it is incumbent on the international community as a whole to participate in the protection of the cultural and natural heritage of outstanding universal value...

Each State Party to this Convention recognizes that the duty of ensuring the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and transmission to future generations of the cultural and natural heritage... belongs primarily to that State.

An Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the Cultural and Natural Heritage of Outstanding Universal Value, called "the World Heritage Committee", is... established within UNESCO.

... the Committee shall establish... under the title of "World Heritage List", a list of properties forming part of the cultural heritage and natural heritage... which it considers as having outstanding universal value...

The Committee shall establish... under the title of "List of World Heritage in Danger", a list of the property appearing in the World Heritage List for the conservation of which major operations are necessary...

Any State Party to this Convention may request international assistance for property forming part of the cultural or natural heritage of outstanding universal value situated within its territory.

The approximate locations of the 754 properties - 582 cultural, 149 natural and 23 mixed - inscribed on the World Heritage List in 129 States Parties are shown on this map.

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THE AMERICAS

Mosi-oa-Tunya / Victoria Falls (Zambia/Zimbabwe).

EUROPE

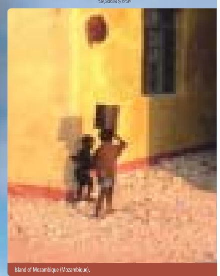
AFRICA / ARAB STATES

uKhahlamba / Drakensberg Park (South Africa).

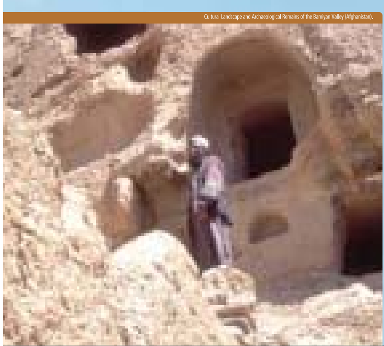
Historic Centre of Oporto (Portugal).

Galápagos Islands (Ecuador).

Natural and Culturo-Historical Region of Kotor (Serbia and Montenegro).


Island of Mozambique (Mozambique).

ASIA / PACIFIC


Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley (Afghanistan).

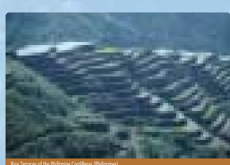
... in Beijing.
- Mount Wuyi.
- Dazu Rock Carvings.
- Mount Qingcheng and the Dujiangyan Irrigation System.
- Ancient Villages in Southern Anhui-Xidi and Hongcun.
- Longmen Grottoes.
- Imperial Tombs of the Ming and Qing Dynasties.
- Yungang Grottoes.
- Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas.

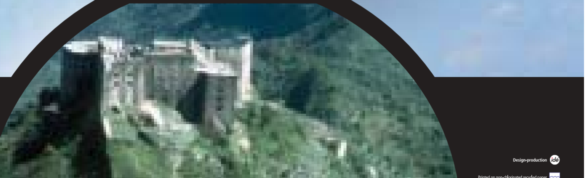
KIRIBATI 2000

KYRGYZSTAN 1995

LAO PEOPLE'S DEM. REP. 1987
1. Town of Luang Prabang.
2. Vat Phou and Associated Ancient Settlements within the Champasak Cultural Landscape.

MALAYSIA 1988
1. Kinabalu Park.
2. Gunung Mulu National Park.


Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras (Philippines).


National History Park - Citadel, Sans Souci, Ramiers (Haiti).

Key

1972 Year in which each of the 176 States Parties (as of July 2003) adhered to the World Heritage Convention

- Cultural property
- Natural property
- Mixed property (cultural and natural)

A variety of dangers due to natural causes or human intervention are constantly threatening World Heritage: armed conflict and war, earthquakes and other natural disasters, pollution, poaching, unplanned construction… As a result of this, thirty-five properties (marked in green on this map) are currently inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger and are thus entitled to particular attention and emergency conservation action.

The reduced scale of the map and the cartographic projections adapted according to the geographical zones, have resulted in approximate locations of some properties. Some of the property names have been shortened for reasons of formatting. The complete names of the properties are to be found in the World Heritage List.

The map of World Heritage properties is produced each year by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

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