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THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION  
OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

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10 - 25 September 2023

**Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda: Establishment of the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger**

**8C. Update of the List of World Heritage in Danger**

**Summary**

Following the examination of Items 7A and 7B (state of conservation reports) and 8B (nominations), the Committee is asked to confirm decisions to inscribe, maintain or remove properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger.

This document also contains statistical data concerning decisions taken on nominations and the State of Conservation of properties inscribed on the List.

**Draft Decisions: 45 COM 8C.1, 45 COM 8C.2, 45 COM 8C.3**

## I. UPDATE OF THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST AND OF THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER

1. The World Heritage Committee at its extended 45th session (Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 10-25 September 2023) inscribed **42** new properties on the World Heritage List, **9** natural and **33** cultural, and approved the extension of **5** properties already inscribed on the List. Among the successful nominations, there are **5** new cultural landscapes and with these additions we have now **126** properties officially recognized as such on the World Heritage List which represents **10.5%** of the List.

### **Breakdown by region of the new 42 properties inscribed and the 5 extensions approved at the extended 45th session:**

- Africa: **7** properties
- Arab States: **3** properties
- Asia-Pacific: **13** properties
- Europe/North-America: **21** properties
- Latin America/Caribbean: **3** properties

2. The new overall figures of the World Heritage List are now **1199** properties of which **933** are cultural, **227** natural and **39** mixed.

### **Breakdown by region of the World Heritage List:**

- Africa: **103** properties
- Arab States: **93** properties
- Asia-Pacific: **288** properties
- Europe/North-America: **566** properties
- Latin America/Caribbean: **149** properties

The trans-regional properties are counted in only one region.

3. Out of the **50** nominations examined, **14** (that is **28%**) are situated on the territory of current World Heritage Committee members. Following the debates on Item 8B, no nominations were referred and **3** were deferred. At this session, in **17** cases the Committee did not follow the Advisory Body recommendation which was presented in the Draft Decision.

**- 9 Referrals became Inscriptions**

**- 7 Deferrals became Inscriptions**

**- 1 Non-Inscription became Deferral**

4. As a result of the decisions relating to the Status of Conservations of properties inscribed on the List and the decisions on nominations of properties to the World Heritage List, at this session, the Committee decided to inscribe **2** properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:

- Ukraine, **Kyiv: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra**
  - Ukraine, **L'viv – the Ensemble of the Historic Centre**
5. At the same time, **1** property was removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger:
- Uganda, **Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi**
6. According to these decisions, there are now **56** properties inscribed on the **List of World Heritage in Danger**.
7. At this session, in **5** cases, the World Heritage Committee did not follow the recommendation presented in the Draft Decisions relating to the List of World Heritage in Danger.
- 5 properties recommended to be inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger were not inscribed on it.**

### **Draft Decision: 45 COM 8C.1**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List (WHC/23/45.COM/7B, WHC/23/45.COM/7B.Add, WHC/23/45.COM/7B.Add.2, WHC/23/45.COM/7B.Add.3) and the proposals for inscription of properties on the World Heritage List (WHC/23/45.COM/8B and WHC/23/45.COM/8B.Add),
2. Decides to inscribe the following properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
  - Ukraine, Kyiv: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra (Decision **45 COM 7B.59**)
  - Ukraine, L'viv – the Ensemble of the Historic Centre (Decision **45 COM 7B.60**)

### **Draft Decision: 45 COM 8C.2**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger (WHC/23/45.COM/7A, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add.2, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add.3, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add.4),
2. Decides to retain the following properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
  - Afghanistan, Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley (Decision **45 COM 7A.51**)
  - Afghanistan, Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam (Decision **45 COM 7A.52**)
  - Austria, Historic Centre of Vienna (Decision **45 COM 7A.55**)
  - Bolivia (Plurinational State of), City of Potosí (Decision **45 COM 7A.18**)
  - Central African Republic, Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park (Decision **45 COM 7A.3**)
  - Côte d'Ivoire / Guinea, Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Decision **45 COM 7A.4**)
  - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Garamba National Park (Decision **45 COM 7A.5**)
  - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kahuzi-Biega National Park (Decision **45 COM 7A.6**)
  - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Okapi Wildlife Reserve (Decision **45 COM 7A.7**)
  - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Virunga National Park (Decision **45 COM 7A.8**)
  - Egypt, Abu Mena (Decision **45 COM 7A.26**)
  - Honduras, Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve (Decision **45 COM 7A.1**)
  - Indonesia, Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra (Decision **45 COM 7A.15**)
  - Iraq, Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat) (Decision **45 COM 7A.27**)

- *Iraq, Hatra (Decision **45 COM 7A.28**)*
- *Iraq, Samarra Archaeological City (Decision **45 COM 7A.29**)*
- *Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls (site proposed by Jordan) (Decision **45 COM 7A.31**)*
- *Kenya, Lake Turkana National Parks (Decision **45 COM 7A.10**)*
- *Libya, Archaeological Site of Cyrene (Decision **45 COM 7A.33**)*
- *Libya, Archaeological Site of Leptis Magna (Decision **45 COM 7A.34**)*
- *Libya, Archaeological Site of Sabratha (Decision **45 COM 7A.35**)*
- *Libya, Old Town of Ghadamès (Decision **45 COM 7A.36**)*
- *Libya, Rock-Art Sites of Tadrart Acacus (Decision **45 COM 7A.37**)*
- *Madagascar, Rainforests of the Atsinanana (Decision **45 COM 7A.11**)*
- *Mali, Old Towns of Djenné (Decision **45 COM 7A.22**)*
- *Mali, Timbuktu (Decision **45 COM 7A.23**)*
- *Mali, Tomb of Askia (Decision **45 COM 7A.24**)*
- *Mexico, Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California (Decision **45 COM 7A.2**)*
- *Micronesia (Federated States of), Nan Madol: Ceremonial Centre of Eastern Micronesia (Decision **45 COM 7A.53**)*
- *Niger, Aïr and Ténéré Natural Reserves (Decision **45 COM 7A.12**)*
- *Palestine, Palestine: Land of Olives and Vines – Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir (Decision **45 COM 7A.39**)*
- *Palestine, Hebron/Al-Khalil Old Town (Decision **45 COM 7A.38**)*
- *Panama, Fortifications on the Caribbean Side of Panama: Portobelo-San Lorenzo (Decision **45 COM 7A.19**)*
- *Peru, Chan Chan Archaeological Zone (Decision **45 COM 7A.20**)*
- *Romania, Roşia Montană Mining Landscape (Decision **45 COM 7A.56**)*
- *Senegal, Niokolo-Koba National Park (Decision **45 COM 7A.13**)*
- *Serbia, Medieval Monuments in Kosovo (Decision **45 COM 7A.57**)*
- *Solomon Islands, East Rennell (Decision **45 COM 7A.16**)*
- *Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient City of Aleppo (Decision **45 COM 7A.40**)*
- *Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient City of Bosra (Decision **45 COM 7A.41**)*
- *Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient City of Damascus (Decision **45 COM 7A.42**)*
- *Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient Villages of Northern Syria (Decision **45 COM 7A.43**)*
- *Syrian Arab Republic, Crac des Chevaliers and Qal'at Salah El-Din (Decision **45COM 7A.44**)*
- *Syrian Arab Republic, Site of Palmyra (Decision **45 COM 7A.45**)*
- *United Republic of Tanzania, Selous Game Reserve (Decision **45 COM 7A.14**)*
- *United States of America, Everglades National Park (Decision **45 COM 7A.17**)*

- *Uzbekistan, Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz (Decision 45 COM 7A.54)*
  - *Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Coro and its Port (Decision 45 COM 7A.21)*
  - *Yemen, Historic Town of Zabid (Decision 45 COM 7A.47)*
  - *Yemen, Old City of Sana'a (Decision 45 COM 7A.49)*
  - *Yemen, Old Walled City of Shibam (Decision 45 COM 7A.50)*
3. *Recalls that the following properties were inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger at its 18th extraordinary session (UNESCO, 2023):*
- *Lebanon, Rachid Karami International Fair-Tripoli (Decision 18 EXT.COM 5.1)*
  - *Ukraine, The Historic Centre of Odesa (Decision 18 EXT.COM 5.2)*
  - *Yemen, Landmarks of the Ancient Kingdom of Saba, Marib (Decision 18 EXT.COM 5.3)*

**Draft Decision: 45 COM 8C.3**

*The World Heritage Committee,*

1. *Having examined the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger (WHC/23/45.COM/7A, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add.2, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add.3, WHC/23/45.COM/7A.Add.4),*
2. *Decides to remove the following property from the List of World Heritage in Danger:*
  - *Uganda, Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi (Decision 45 COM 7A.25)*