IUCN and Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage

Call for application

TABE’A Programme Training Series: Tentative Lists and Nomination preparation for Natural World Heritage sites.

World Heritage Nominations: application of the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value (SoOUV)

7-10 November 2016 | Manama, Bahrain

BACKGROUND

Tabe’a: Regional Strategy for Arab Natural World Heritage

Tabe’a is partnership regional programme for natural World Heritage in the Arab States between IUCN and Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage. It is designed to meet the specific needs of states, stakeholders and sites within the region, and to ensure that the World Heritage Convention contributes to nature conservation programme and to benefit nature and people.

Strategic goal

To facilitate the establishment and sustain a network of Arab Region Natural World Heritage sites.

Programme tools for this program mid-term strategy:

1. Building the capacity of authorities dealing with Natural Heritage, in addition to building a network of expert.
2. Advocacy of the World Heritage program and its principles, and encourage states parties to mainstream conservation in their national priorities and agendas.

TABE’A programme priorities

• Capacity building to encourage the effective use of the World Heritage Convention across the Arab Region.
• Support the identification and nomination of potential World Heritage Sites within the Arab States, and correcting the underrepresentation of Natural World Heritage in the region.
• Ensuring the conservation and effective management of existing World Heritage sites.
• Ensuring World Heritage delivers equitable benefits to communities, through the development of sustainable tourism, supporting traditional practices and ensuring community engagement and empowerment through World Heritage listing.

**Workshop aims**

1. To introduce advance concepts and procedures associated with the preparation of SoOUV and nomination dossiers for natural properties.
2. To compile all relevant scientific data and information on the values and the conditions of integrity of these sites.
3. To prepare case study as follow up with one of potential WH sites either.

**Case study**

Each participant is required to submit a one page (maximum) Case Study describing a natural heritage site with which they have experience on.

Please note:
- These Case Studies will be distributed to all participants, as well as being incorporated into the Workshop literature; please ensure this document does not exceed the maximum page limit.
- Please submit this document in Word format to emails in the application.
- Please ensure all documents are saved and submitted to the email mentioned earlier.
- Some selected Case Studies may be used at the Workshop. In such cases, the participant who submitted the Case Study will act as a ‘data provider’ to the team.
- Case studies related to the focus of the workshop, potential Natural World Heritage sites, are especially welcome.

The Case Study must contain, at a minimum, the following sections, under the same headings (the percentages indicate relative importance of each section):

**Description of the site and corresponding data on the site (20%)**
- This should include the description/definition of the spatial area. The site should preferably be a site included on a national tentative list, or not listed at all but a site that the applicant believes to have an “Outstanding Universal Value”.

**Description of the site’s values and corresponding data on the site (60%)**
- This should include the description of the site values, which justify having an “Outstanding Universal Value”. Its conservation status and integrity and potential similar sites at regional and global level.

**Description of the current management and integrity issues (20%)**
- This should contain a description of the existing management system (international, national, local, indigenous, etc.). Please analyze whether or not the
existing system and overall trends protect and promote the values of the site and avoid (potential) threats to the site’s values.

Suggestion for project

- The Case Study should suggest one or more discussion topics or projects in order to justify the values of the site. Only if the Case Study is selected the topics or project proposals will be discussed and elaborated in plenary or by working teams; therefore the Case Study does not require to contain a full project document and maps or data are not needed to be presented at this stage.

Applying procedures

- To apply for the Workshop, please visit: (http://arcwh.org/tabe’-programme-training-series)
- The deadline for application is: **Thursday, 28th July, 2016**

**COURSE APPLICATION FORM**

Kindly fill this form in full and send this application by e-mail to the address indicated at following:

Haifaa Abdulhalim: [Haifaa.abdulhalim@iucn.org](mailto:Haifaa.abdulhalim@iucn.org) and Maram Maher: [m.maher@arcwh.org](mailto:m.maher@arcwh.org)

*Your application should reach us by the deadline mentioned in the course announcement; no application will be processed after the deadline.*

1. **Personal information**

   Name
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2. **Educational Background**
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B. Other relevant qualifications/ courses

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3. Language ability

Please rate your language proficiency from 1 (poor) to 3 (acceptable) to 5 (very good)

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4. Professional information

Current position: ________________________________

Institution: ________________________________

Are you part of any of IUCN technical commissions? If yes, list them please: ________________________________

Describe your current responsibilities, professional activities and connection to nature conservation mainly World Heritage Convention.

Email: Hailaa.abdulhalim@iucn.org and m.maher@arcwh.org
5. **Personal statement**

Please explain (in approximately 500 words) why you are interested to get this training and how you are going to apply it in the future to support natural heritage in your country and the region.

*Please use the page allocated at the following*

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6. **Applicant Statement**

I declare that the above information is true and correct.

*Signature*
Date

How did you know about the course?