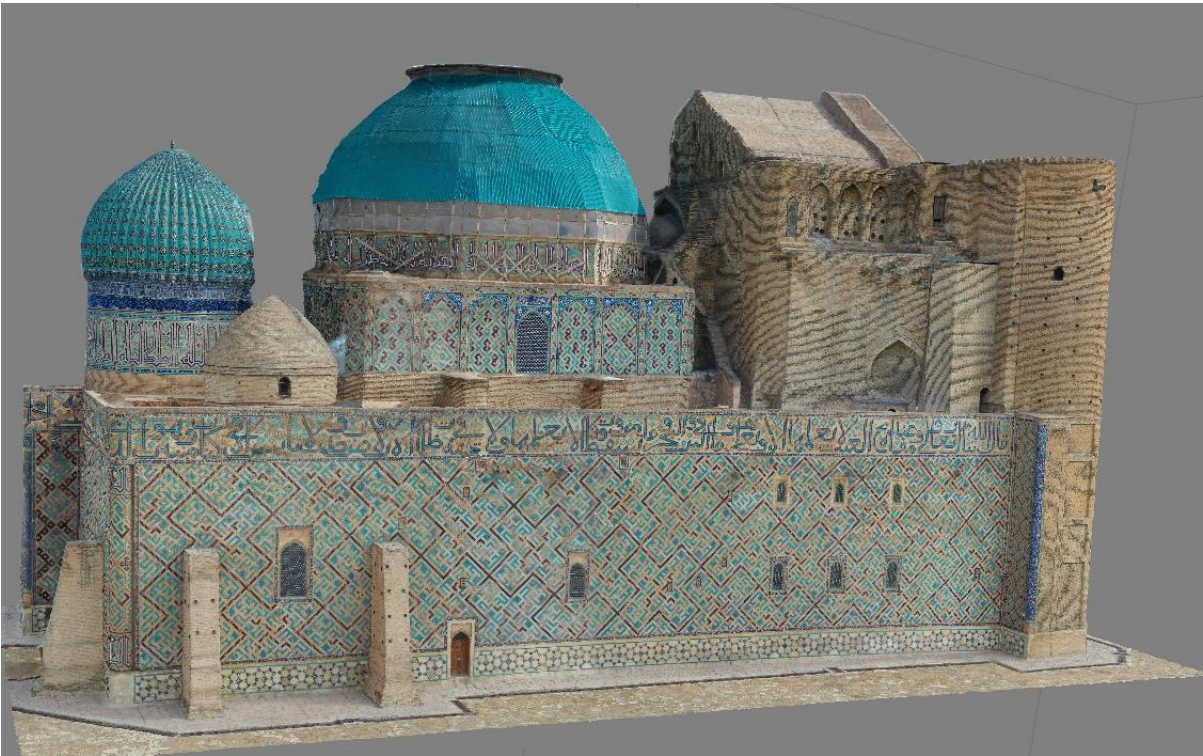


State of Conservation Report 2019 | Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi, World Heritage Property | REPORT



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1. Executive Summary of the Report

This report responds to the request of the World Heritage Centre (ref. No. CLT/HER/WHC/APA/18/196 from 15 November 2018, CLT/WHC/APA/FJ/NH/19/028 from 15 February 2019 and CLT/WHC/APA/FJ/NH/19/077 from 4 April 2019) to submit the State of Conservation, the Heritage Impact Assessment reports and a revised buffer zone map. The State of Conservation Report includes nine appendices responding to the previous points.

Appendix 1. The condition of the Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi in Turkestan, Kazakhstan (C1103) is in good condition. The most serious issue related to movement caused by differential settlement is under control following a major effort to install a new foundation in the late 1990s. This has been verified by recent periodic monitoring of numerous tell-tails and crack monitors. The second most serious issue regarding moisture penetration through the main dome is currently being addressed. This issue was caused by the improper main dome tile cladding and mortar failure that was also installed in the 1990s. The report describes the cladding's dangerous state, the introduction of salts, and the cladding removal and replacement. Moisture penetration from below due to capillary action is relatively minor, but still an issue and is currently being monitored. One major issue identified in 2015 was the improper installation of electrical systems and the associated fire risk within the main dome. This issue was addressed with the installation of new wiring, conduit, junction boxes, and fluorescent light bulbs with the placement of fire extinguishers. The KazRestoration and Museum staff are dedicated to the long-term conservation of the mausoleum. They are actively engaged in monitoring the condition of the monument, investigating threats, sources of deterioration, and actively carrying out conservation and should be supported in their efforts.

Appendix 2, 3 and 4 provide detailed information on the development project within the buffer zone and in the wider setting. Heritage Impact Assessments have been performed to conservation activities to the Historic Structures within the Buffer Zone, the Eski Turkestan Archaeological Park project within the Buffer Zone and the Spiritual and Cultural Centre project in the Wider Setting. All reports concluded that the implementation of the projects in the buffer zone, as well in the wider setting, will not have direct or indirect impact to the



Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi, but a beneficial impact to the residents of New Turkestan and the visitors.

Nonetheless, it has been planned to have permanent archaeological supervision and applications of appropriate methods and constant monitoring of the Mausoleum during the construction works. Monitoring cracks and environmental loggers will be also constantly checked (see Appendix 5 of SOC 2019). Any change to the Mausoleum will be immediately notified to the developer and Museum-Reserve direction.