



State of Conservation Report

Baptism Site “Bethany Beyond the Jordan” (Al-Maghtas)



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Executive Summary of the State of Conservation Report

This report comes in response to the Decision Adopted 43 COM 7B.46/2019 (Baku 2019). The State Party represented by the joint work of Baptism Site Commission (BSC) and the Department of Antiquities of Jordan (DoA) followed up with all the points raised in the archaeological sites and carry out consolidation, monitoring and maintenance works in Tell Al-Kharrar (Elijah's Hill) and St. John the Baptist complex, therefore, this coordination and cooperation comes to achieve the preservation the authenticity, integrity and the Outstanding Universal Value of the site.

The Baptism site Commission is in the process of revising the Master plan for the buffer zone for its final approval by the Board of Trustees that should address all the land on the consistent map that was submitted by BSC in 2015 and taking into consideration the operational guidelines of Convention.

The B. S. C has revised and updated the design of construction guidelines for the existing and new churches in line with World Heritage Committee Decision 43 COM. In addition, commitments were signed by all Christian denominations concerning of the new construction guidelines for new churches.