



ICCROM: Regional Breakdown of ICCROM Mission Experts

It should be noted that ICCROM does not carry out evaluation mission for World Heritage nominations. In addition, its involvement in Reactive Monitoring missions is limited to when the World Heritage Committee requests the presence of an ICCROM expert on the mission. This is often the case when the mission will have a significant focus on an area of conservation expertise to which ICCROM can make a strong contribution. Furthermore, ICCROM is also asked to take part in missions where they have a specific knowledge of the property and its conservation issues over time.

From 2017 to 2021, ICCROM undertook a total of 16 Reactive Monitoring Missions and Advisory Missions. Of these 16 missions, 7 were carried out by ICCROM staff. While ICCROM staff are not characterized by their nationalities since they are considered International Civil Servants, it can be pointed out that ICCROM has staff from all regions of the world who take part in World Heritage activities.

The regional breakdown of mission experts used by ICCROM from 2017 to 2021 are as follows:

- 3 ICCROM Staff (for a total of 7 missions)
- 3 experts from Europe/North America
- 2 experts from Asia and the Pacific
- 3 experts from Africa
- 1 expert from Latin America

The number of properties in question broke down as follows:

- 2 properties in Europe/North America
- 3 properties in Asia and the Pacific
- 8 properties in Africa
- 2 properties in the Arab States
- 1 property in Latin America

In regard to Capacity Building, since the inception of the World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy in 2010, a number of workshops have been held to strengthen the network of Advisory Body experts around the world. 11 such workshops have taken place since 2010 for experts from all regions of the world, and over 100 professionals have been trained during this period. This broke down to 2 workshops for Africa, 5 for the Arab States, 1 for Asia and the Pacific, 1 for Latin American, 1 for Europe/NA, and 1 for a joint audience of Latin America and Europe/NA. The most recent series of workshops were carried out in 2018, 2019, and 2020 (on-line) by the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage in collaboration with ICOMOS.

Also of note are the World Heritage Site Managers Forums which have been taking place since 2017. The 4th Forum will take place on line as part of 44COM. A wide range of site managers from around the world take part in these forums to strengthen their knowledge of World Heritage processes and the management of their properties. Most importantly, it gives them an opportunity to network with each other and provide ongoing relationships with other site managers around the world.

Of course, capacity building within the framework of the World Heritage Convention is much broader than just the training of regional experts and there are many activities carried out by the World Heritage Centre, Advisory Bodies, Category 2 Centres, and other capacity building partners to build the capacity of a wide range of stakeholders on specific aspects of the better management and conservation of World Heritage properties. More information on these activities can be found annually in Document 6 of the World Heritage Committee's documentation.