



## Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

### World Heritage Sites

Rock Art in the Hail Region of Saudi Arabia  
The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
(Reference Number 1472)

State of Conservation Report

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## List of Abbreviations

ARC-WH	Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage
GIS	Geographic Information System
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
OUV	Outstanding Universal Value
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SoC	State of Conservation
SOUV	Statement of Outstanding Universal Value
TOR	Terms of Reference
WHC	World Heritage Committee



## 1. Executive Summary

The present State of Conservation report on *Rock Art in the Hail Region of Saudi Arabia* has been prepared upon the request of the World Heritage Committee to the Heritage Commission of Saudi Arabia, to provide an update on the state of conservation of the property and bring forward all relevant requested information for an examination by the WHC at its 46th session in 2023.

### **Masking works and development of visitor infrastructure and monitoring systems**

Masking works of the dams are being tendered again by the Municipality, and the process will be closely monitored by the Heritage Commission (refer to Decisions 41 COM 7B.85 and 43 COM 7B.53).

The Heritage Commission has developed forms for the rapid condition assessment and future monitoring of the *Rock Art in the Hail region of Saudi Arabia*. The forms have been used to record the conditions of more than 110 rock art groups in Jabal Umm Sinman and Jabal al-Manjor and Raat. The survey will be completed in the coming months and will be followed by an annual monitoring programme.

### **Expansion of the buffer zone**

The buffer zone boundaries have been increased to the southwest of the Jabal Umm Sinman as requested by the World Heritage Committee (refer to Decisions 41 COM 7B.85, 43 COM 7B.53 and 44 COM 7B.137).

### **Plans, projects and strategies to be undertaken within the property**

A reforestation project by the King Salman Royal Reserve partially affects the western limit of the buffer zone of Jabal Umm Sinman. Expert assessment of the scope of work of the project established that it does not impact the OUV of the property.

The Heritage Commission will soon issue contracts for the revision of the site management plan for the *Rock Art in the Hail Region of Saudi Arabia*. Moreover it will develop conservation plans, risk preparedness plans, building codes, visitor management and interpretation plans for these properties.

### **Other conservation issues identified that may have an impact on the Property OUV**

There are no other conservation issues identified that may impact the Property OUV.