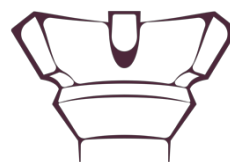


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In response to Committee Decision 44 COM 7B.128

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“HERITAGE BELONGS TO
HUMANITY” TAKE GOOD
CARE OF IT
HELP US PRESERVE IT

HIS MAJESTY
KING HUSSAIN BIN TALAL



Executive Summary of the State of Conservation Report

This report comes in response to Decision **44 COM 7B.128**. 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 work planned in the archaeological sites and carried out consolidation, monitoring, and maintenance works in Tell Al-Kharrar (Elijah 's Hill) and the churches built in memory of the baptism of Jesus Christ and other remains, therefore, this coordination and cooperation comes to achieve the preservation of the authenticity, integrity and the Outstanding Universal Value of the site.

BSC is currently in the process of revising the Master Plan for the buffer zone with the Institution for Development of Lands Adjacent to the Baptism Site/ IDLA and Ministry of Environment to address all the land on the consistent map was submitted by BSC in 2015.

Furthermore, the report explains the BSC efforts in renovating the Visitor Center, improvement the visitor experiences, and cooperating with the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH) to revise the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for the new proposed churches in the Buffer Zone.

Finally, BSC has been preparing a draft of the Baptism Site management plan based on the World Heritage Committee decision (44 COM 7B.128.8) to reflect on the adopted Outstanding Universal Value and other matters and actions that have changed and the achievements and developments on the site since 2015 till now.