State of Conservation

Report

Um er-Rasas

(Kastrom Mefa’a)

In Response to World Heritage Committee Decision 44 COM 7B.129

December 2022
Executive Summary

The State of Conservation report responds to Decision 44 COM 7B.129 of the World Heritage Committee and its requests. The report includes information on the following:

- The Department of Antiquities’ efforts in reviewing the 2017 Management Plan of Um er-Rasas and the priorities described in it, in order to update it to include all necessary information in one document, including a conservation plan, a detailed action plan, public use plan and an archaeological research policy. This will enable managing and conserving the site in a comprehensive way.

- Cooperation with UNESCO Amman Office, to develop of preliminary design for the structural consolidation of the Stylite Tower.

- The documentation of the Castrum Fortification.

- Ministry of Tourism’s efforts regarding land acquisition of parcels inside the current buffer zone of the site to strengthen the protection of Um er-Rasas values and attributes

- Description of Phase II of Um er- Rasas Restoration and Maintenance Project, which focused on restoration and maintenance of mosaics and archaeological features, interpretation of the site, and public safety.

- Description of Mefa’a Project, which aimed at mitigating the effects of illicit excavations in Um r-Rasas