

# State of Conservation Report Um er-Rasas (Kastrom Mefa'a)

In Response to World Heritage  
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## 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