



Erbil Citadel (Iraq) (C 1437)

State of Conservation Report

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1-Executive summary for the state conservation report of Erbil citadel (Iraq) (C1437) / 2022

- In response to the most recent Decision (44 COM 7B.15) of the world Heritage Committee, the High Commission for Erbil Citadel Revitalization (HCECR), acting as the dedicated institution in charge of site management that implements and coordinates ongoing and planned activities, is hereby reporting on the state of conservation of the property and on its continuing efforts in the implementation of activities and measures in various fields, particularly those undertaken to prevent threats to the property's OUV, as outlined below:
 - The HCECR with UNESCO are working on the proposal project of **Development and Urban Enhancement of the Citadel Central Pathway** and they are planning to implement it through Kar Group donation and within the EU funded project "Support to Livelihoods through Cultural Heritage Development"
 - With the Covid 19 pandemic in past two years, and discontinuity funds from the Kurdish Regional Government, the HCECR still continuing with his efforts to **Elaborating opportunities for implementing the conservation and rehabilitation programs in cooperation with local and international partners.**
 - The HCECR is continuing with **Conservation works for preserving the built heritage**, through implementing the conservation, restoration, and rehabilitation works for many buildings, such as Pubic Bath (Hammam), Grand Mosque Minaret of Erbil Citadel, Dogaramge Mosque and heritage complex. In addition, a Maintenance work for other houses.
 - The HCECR is continuing with **Archaeological research**, in collaboration with the (MAIKI), University of Rome, through undertaking studies of the items found during the archaeological excavations at the Citadel.
 - Within the framework of **Interpretation and Visitation development**, the HCECR continued in developing interpretation and presentation facilities for the property through opening Cihan University Cultural House, new gemstone museum, and the Interpretation Children Centre.
 - With the Covid 19 pandemic and suspension all activity in 2020 and resuming the activity in end of 2021, the HCECR continued its efforts in **Generating various cultural activities and public events for encouraging the involvement of the local community** by providing opportunities to hold many entertainments, events and activities at the property through coordinating with civil society in many fields such as arts, cultural, humanity, Climate Change...etc.
- There are no current major restorations, alterations and/or new construction(s) intended within the property and the buffer zone, where such developments may affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property. With regards to the issue of the proposed project for the Kurdistan Museum that has been halted, HCECR was verbally informed by the Erbil Governorate that there is not yet a final decision on implementation plans.