



The state of Libya

State of conservation report

The archaeological site of Cyrene C 190

For the year 2023

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Executive Summary:

The State Party (Libya) would like to express its gratitude to the World Heritage Committee (WHC) and its advisory bodies for the efforts and endeavors they have undertaken to monitor the status of the archaeological site of Cyrene (the property).

This report has been prepared in accordance with Annex 13 of the Operational Guidelines, in response to the decisions of the World Heritage Committee in its 45th session in Riyadh, KSA in 2023.

The Department of Antiquities (DOA) will continue to keep the WHC informed about the evolving status of the property and any new measures taken to ensure its protection and preservation, and provide detailed information on the work accomplished.

The primary event that impacted the property in 2023 was the heavy rains and floods caused by Storm Daniel, which struck the northeastern part of Libya in September 2023.

The Department of Antiquities office in Cyrene took immediate steps to clear the property of floodwater and clean it of silt and debris. It also documented and protected the newly exposed archaeology in the area. The Department of Antiquities together with several Italian archaeological missions working in Cyrene, conducted an inspection visit to the property and the surrounding area to assess the damage (see attached report) and provide technical advice.

The Department of Antiquities office in Cyrene continued its efforts throughout the year 2023 in combating the overgrowth of vegetation, in addition to maintaining the property via restoration and cleaning efforts targeting specific areas and monuments e.g. the Mithraeum.

The Department of Antiquities (DOA) would like to reiterate its invitation to a joint WHC/ICOMOS mission to assess the status of the property on-site and to provide advice to the DOA.