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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

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**Busan, Republic of Korea**
**19-29 July 2026**

**Item 8 of the Provisional Agenda: Establishment of the World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger**

# 8C. Update of the List of World Heritage in Danger

**Summary**

Following the examination of Items 7A and 7B (state of conservation reports) and 8B (nominations), the Committee is asked to confirm decisions to inscribe, maintain or remove properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger.

This document also contains statistical data concerning decisions taken on nominations and the State of Conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List.

**Draft Decisions: 48 COM 8C.1, 48 COM 8C.2, 48 COM 8C.3**

## I. UPDATE OF THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST AND OF THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER

1. The World Heritage Committee at its 48th session (Busan, Republic of Korea, 19-29 July 2026) inscribed **25** new properties on the World Heritage List, **5** natural, **1** mixed and **19** cultural, and approved the extension of **2** properties already inscribed on the List as well as the renomination under different criteria of **1** property. Among the successful nominations, there are no new cultural landscapes. Therefore, the number of properties officially recognized as cultural landscapes on the World Heritage List remains at **134**, representing now **10.53%** of the List.

**Breakdown by region of the new 25 properties inscribed, as well as 2 extensions and 1 renomination approved at the 48th session:**

- Africa: **4** properties
- Arab States: **5** properties
- Asia-Pacific: **9** properties
- Europe/North-America: **9** properties
- Latin America/Caribbean: **1** property

2. The new overall figures of the World Heritage List are now **1273** properties of which **991** are cultural, **240** natural and **42** mixed.

**Breakdown by region of the World Heritage List:**

- Africa: **115** properties
- Arab States: **102** properties
- Asia-Pacific: **313** properties
- Europe/North-America: **589** properties
- Latin America/Caribbean: **154** properties

The trans-regional properties are counted in only one region.

3. Out of the **33** nominations examined, **6** (that is **18,2**%) are situated on the territory of current World Heritage Committee members. Following the debates on Item 8B, **2** nominations were deferred, and **3** nominations were referred. At this session, in **5** cases the Committee changed the Advisory Body recommendation which was presented in the Draft Decision.

**- 3 Referrals became Inscriptions**

**- 1 Deferral became Inscription**

**- 1 Non-inscription became Referral**

4. As a result of the decisions relating to the Status of Conservations of properties inscribed on the List and the decisions on nominations of properties to the World Heritage List, at this session, the Committee decided to inscribe **6** properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:

- Lebanon, **Mount Amel Castles**
- Lebanon, **Tyre**
- South Sudan, **Boma–Badingilo Migratory Landscape**
- State of Palestine, **Sebastia**
- Suriname, **Historic Inner City of Paramaribo**
- Ukraine, **Ancient City of Tauric Chersonese and its Chora**

5. At the same time, **1** property was removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger:
   - Austria, **Historic Centre of Vienna**

6. According to these decisions, there are now **58** properties inscribed on the **List of World Heritage in Danger**.

7. At this session, the World Heritage Committee did not confirm the recommendation presented in the Draft Decision regarding the **inscription of 2 properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger**, nor did it confirm the recommendation presented in the Draft Decision regarding the **retention of 1 property on the List of World Heritage in Danger**.

***Draft Decision*: 48 COM 8C.1**

*The World Heritage Committee,*

1. *Having examined the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List (WHC/26/48.COM/7B, WHC/26/48.COM/7B.Add, WHC/26/48.COM/7B.Add.2, WHC/26/48.COM/7B.Add.3.Rev and WHC/26/48.COM/7B.Add.4) and the proposals for inscription of properties on the World Heritage List (WHC/26/48.COM/8B, WHC/26/48.COM/8B.Add and WHC/26/48.COM/8B.Add.2),*
2. *Decides to* ***inscribe*** *the following properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:*
    - *Lebanon, Mount Amel Castles (Decision* ***48 COM 8B.52****)*
    - *Lebanon, Tyre (Decision* ***48 COM 7B.94****)*
    - *South Sudan, Boma–Badingilo Migratory Landscape (Decision* ***48 COM 8B.2****)*
    - *State of Palestine, Sebastia (Decision* ***48 COM 8B.3****)*
    - *Suriname, Historic Inner City of Paramaribo (Decision* ***48 COM 7B.54****)*
    - *Ukraine, Ancient City of Tauric Chersonese and its Chora (Decision* ***48 COM 7B.46****)*

***Draft Decision*: 48 COM 8C.2**

*The World Heritage Committee,*

1. *Having examined the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger (WHC/26/48.COM/7A, WHC/26/48.COM/7A.Add, WHC/26/48.COM/7A.Add.2 and WHC/26/48.COM/7A.Add.3.Rev),*
2. *Decides to* ***retain*** *the following 52 properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:*
    - *Afghanistan, Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley*
    - *Afghanistan, Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam*
    - *Bolivia (Plurinational State of), City of Potosí*
    - *Central African Republic, Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park*
    - *Côte d'Ivoire / Guinea, Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve*
    - *Democratic Republic of the Congo, Garamba National Park*
    - *Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kahuzi-Biega National Park*
    - *Democratic Republic of the Congo, Okapi Wildlife Reserve*
    - *Democratic Republic of the Congo, Virunga National Park*
    - *Honduras, Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve*
    - *Indonesia, Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra*
    - *Iraq, Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat)*
    - *Iraq, Hatra*

- *Iraq, Samarra Archaeological City*
- *Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls (site proposed by Jordan)*
- *Kenya, Lake Turkana National Parks*
- *Lebanon, Rachid Karami International Fair-Tripoli*
- *Libya, Archaeological Site of Cyrene*
- *Libya, Archaeological Site of Leptis Magna*
- *Libya, Archaeological Site of Sabratha*
- *Libya, Rock-Art Sites of Tadrart Acacus*
- *Mali, Old Towns of Djenné*
- *Mali, Timbuktu*
- *Mali, Tomb of Askia*
- *Mexico, Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California*
- *Micronesia (Federated States of), Nan Madol: Ceremonial Centre of Eastern Micronesia*
- *Niger, Aïr and Ténéré Natural Reserves*
- *Panama, Fortifications on the Caribbean Side of Panama: Portobelo-San Lorenzo*
- *Peru, Chan Chan Archaelogical Zone*
- *Romania, Roșia Montană Mining Landscape*
- *Serbia, Medieval Monuments in Kosovo*
- *Solomon Islands, East Rennell*
- *State of Palestine, Hebron/Al-Khalil Old Town*
- *State of Palestine, Palestine: Land of Olives and Vines – Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir*
- *State of Palestine, Saint Hilarion Monastery/ Tell Umm Amer*
- *Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient City of Aleppo*
- *Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient City of Bosra*
- *Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient City of Damascus*
- *Syrian Arab Republic, Ancient Villages of Northern Syria*
- *Syrian Arab Republic, Crac des Chevaliers and Qal'at Salah El-Din*
- *Syrian Arab Republic, Site of Palmyra*
- *Ukraine, Kyiv: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra*
- *Ukraine, L'viv – the Ensemble of the Historic Centre*
- *Ukraine, The Historic Centre of Odesa*
- *United Republic of Tanzania, Selous Game Reserve*
- *United States of America, Everglades National Park*
- *Uzbekistan, Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz*
- *Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Coro and its Port*
- *Yemen, Historic Town of Zabid*

- *Yemen, Landmarks of the Ancient Kingdom of Saba, Marib*
- *Yemen, Old City of Sana'a*
- *Yemen, Old Walled City of Shibam*

***Draft Decision: 48 COM 8C.3***

*The World Heritage Committee,*

1. *Having examined the state of conservation reports of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger (WHC/26/48.COM/7A, WHC/26/48.COM/7A.Add, WHC/26/48.COM/7A.Add.2 and WHC/26/48.COM/7A.Add.3.Rev),*
2. *Decides to* ***remove*** *the following property from the List of World Heritage in Danger:*
   - *Austria, Historic Centre of Vienna (Decision* ***48 COM 7A.27)***