



INTERNATIONAL  
**IMPORTANCE**  
OF BUILT  
**HERITAGE**



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[...] since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men, that the defences of peace must be constructed

UNESCO Constitution, 1945

Coventry



Hiroshima



Warsaw



Dresden



# Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict

14<sup>th</sup> May 1954



# Temples of Abu Simbel and Philae

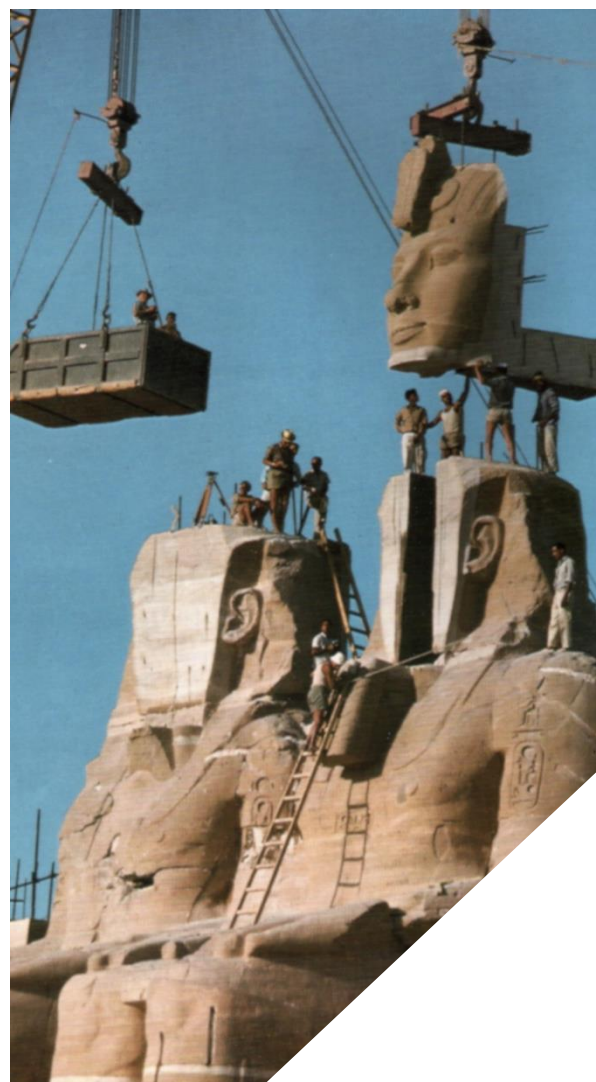
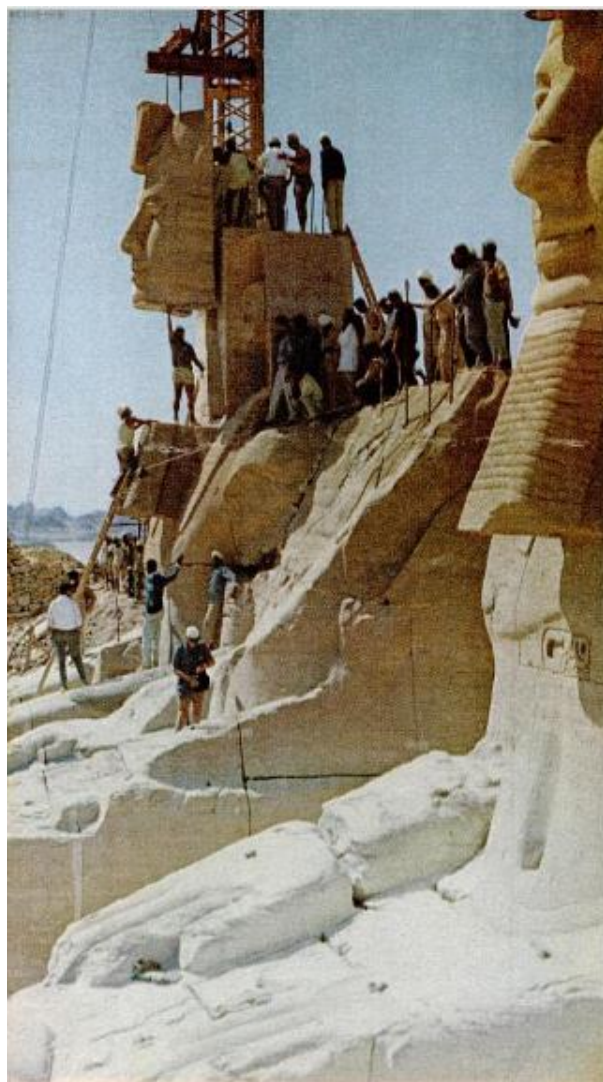
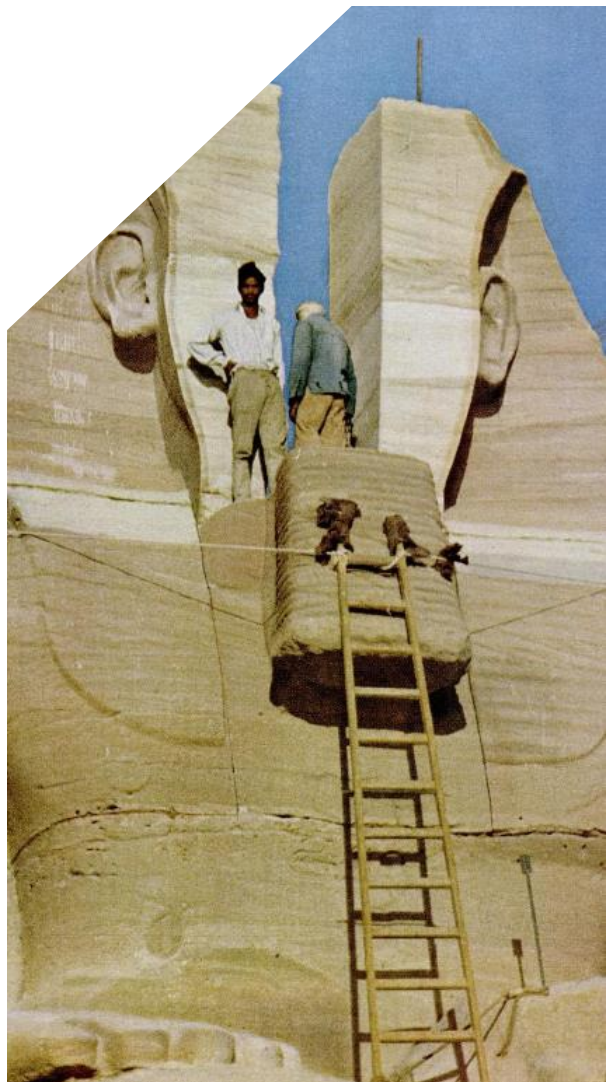
International Rescue  
Mission

1963-1968



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# Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage

16<sup>th</sup> November 1972



cultural

monuments

groups of buildings

sites

"mixed"

natural

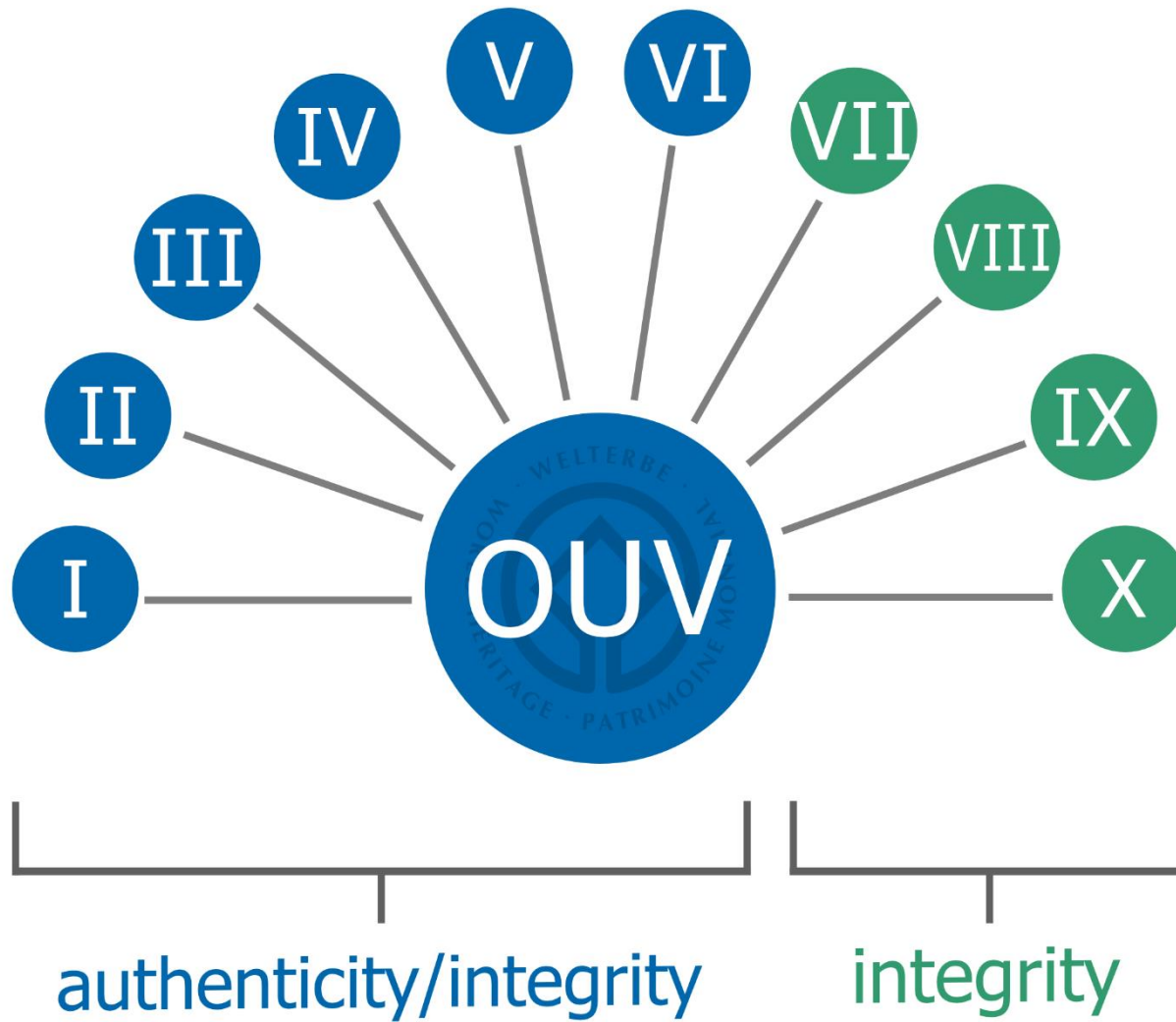


cultural landscapes



# OUV: Outstanding Universal Value

[...] cultural and/or natural significance which is so exceptional as to **transcend national boundaries** and to be of common importance for present and future generations **of all humanity**.



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Aachener Dom (D)



Simien NP (ETH)



Krakau (POL)



Nahanni NP (CAN)



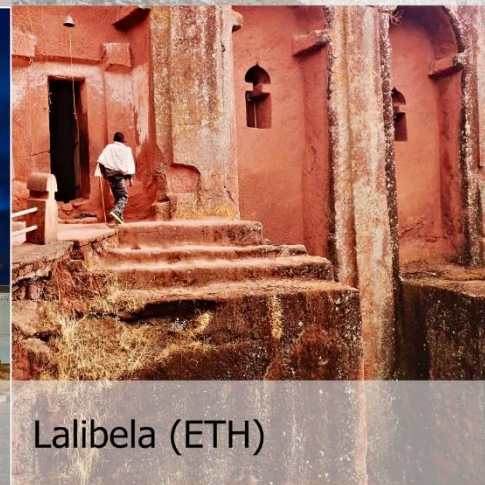
Wieliczka (POL)



Mesa Verde (USA)



Quito (ECU)



Lalibela (ETH)



Yellowstone (USA)



L'Anse aux Meadows (CAN)



Gorée (SEN)



Galapagos (ECU)



209

natural



845

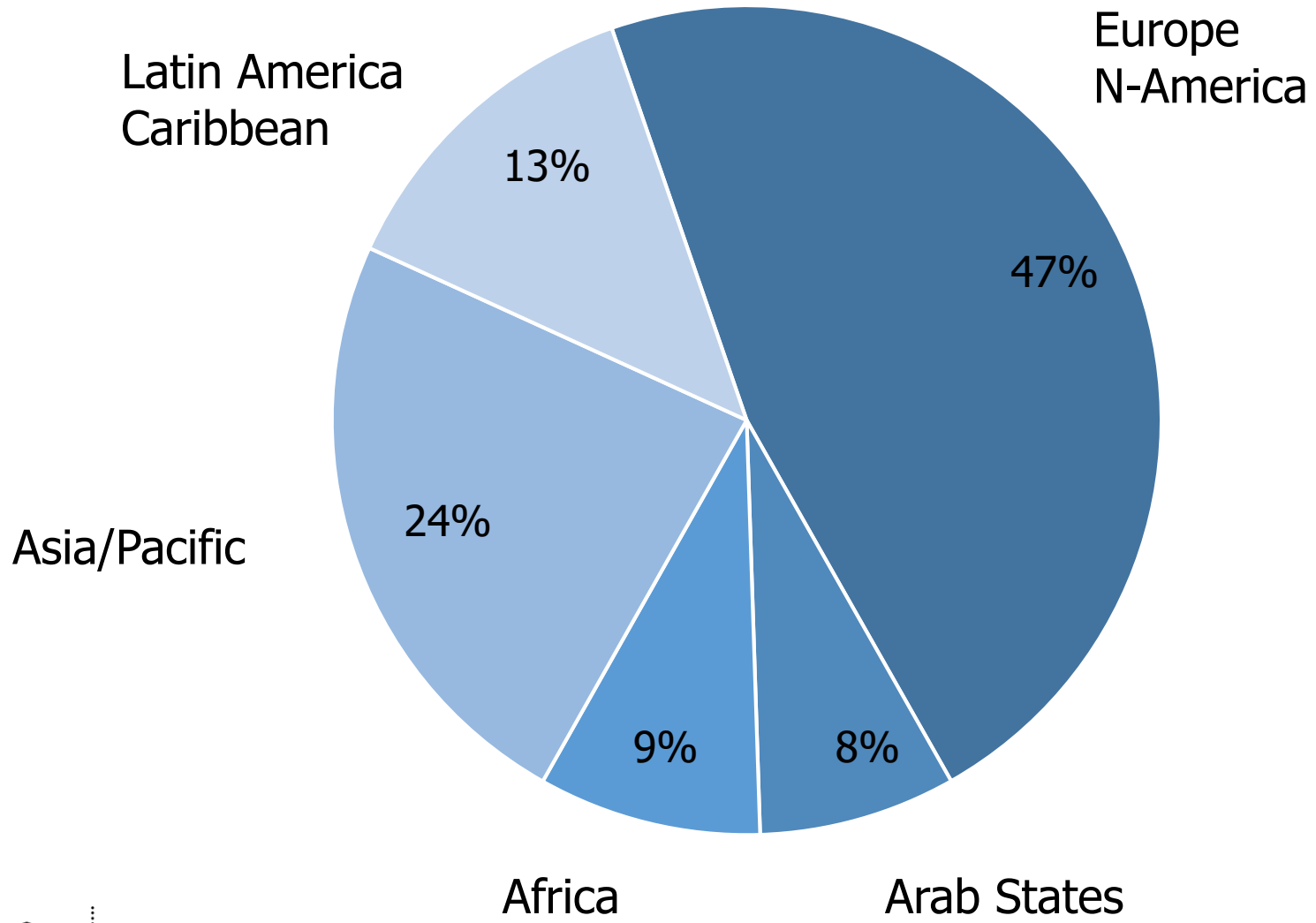
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38

**1092** world heritage sites  
in **167** countries



STATE

nominates



International Community

Monuments  
Protection Act  
Conservation  
Building  
Regulations  
Cityscape  
Protection etc.

PROTECTION



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**STATE**

Monuments  
Protection  
Conservation  
Building  
Regulations  
Cityscape  
Protection etc.

reporting

monitoring



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# WORLD HERITAGE LIST



# „RED LIST“

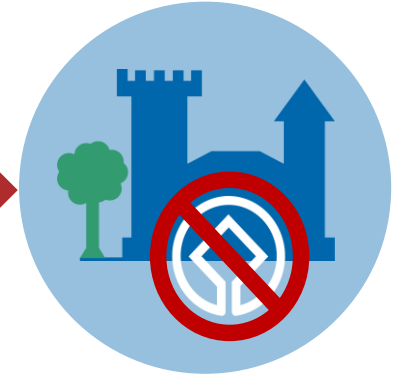
i.e.

Everglades NP

Sites in Syria

Vienna

Liverpool



# DELISTING

Arabian Orxy Sanctuary  
(Oman, 2007)

Dresden Elbe Valley  
(Germany, 2009)



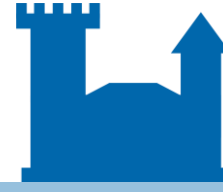
# Built Heritage and Urban Context



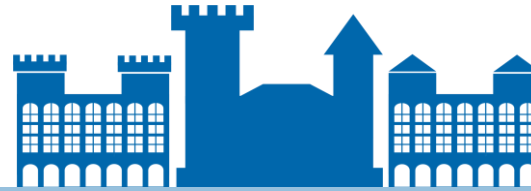
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single monument



ensemble



# UNESCO-Recommendations

1954

Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict

1962

Recommendation concerning the Safeguarding of Beauty and Character of Landscapes and Sites

1972

Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage

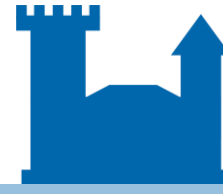
1976

Recommendation concerning the Safeguarding and Contemporary Role of Historic Areas

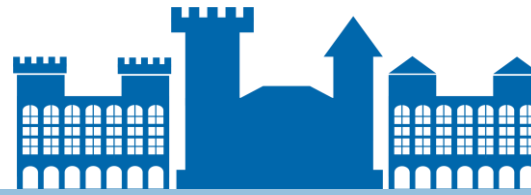
2011

Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape (HUL)

single monument



ensemble



urban landscape



# Historic Urban Landscape (HUL)

landscape approach to „[...] maintain urban identity“

historic layering of cultural and natural attributes

holistic approach

tangible/intangible, economy, topography, morphology etc.



# Historic Urban Landscape

built heritage



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topography

economic processes

cultural practices

visual relations

social values

arts



# Historic Urban Landscape

geomorphology

infrastructure

built heritage

urban structure

diversity



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# Historic Urban Landscape (HUL)

„The different approaches – heritage, economic, environmental and sociocultural – do not conflict; they are **complementary** and their long-term success is dependent on them being linked together“

(New life for historic cities, UNESCO 2013, p.9)

# A Future for Built Heritage

new narratives:

development with heritage, not despite heritage

multi-dimensional landscape approach

towards identity, integrity and sustainability

built heritage as resource

for urban development



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