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2018 Watch Facts & Figures

WORLD MONUMENTS WATCH

Launched in 1996 and issued every two years, the World Monuments Watch is the flagship advocacy program of World Monuments Fund. The Watch is a call to action for cultural heritage sites facing imminent threats and challenges, which creates opportunities for new awareness, improved protection, and positive change. Since its inception, the program has included 814 sites in 136 countries and territories (including the 2018 World Monuments Watch).

SELECTION PROCESS

The sites that are included on the 2018 Watch were selected from more than 170 nominations submitted in early 2017 by private organizations, governments, independent conservation professionals, site owners and caretakers, concerned individuals, and others committed to cultural heritage preservation. WMF was assisted in its review by more than 120 heritage professionals worldwide, drawn from the international membership of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS). The selection of 25 sites was made by a panel of six international experts convened by WMF.

NUMBER OF SITES ON THE 2018 WATCH: 25

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

The 2018 Watch contains 24 sites in 22 different countries, as well as sites that have been struck by recent natural disasters in Mexico, the United States, and throughout the Caribbean.

The total number of countries represented on the 2018 Watch is more than 30.

SITE TYPES

The 2018 Watch includes sites of diverse types: civic and religious buildings, historic urban areas, archaeological sites, cultural landscapes, industrial heritage, rock art, and others.

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

- North Africa and the Middle East (7 sites)
- The Americas (6 sites)
- Asia (5 sites)
- Europe (4 sites)
- Sub-Saharan Africa (2 sites)
- Oceania (1 site)

OLDEST SITES

- The **Matobo Hills** (Zimbabwe) have been occupied by humans for over 100,000 years
- The earliest archaeological finds at the site of **Lifta** (Israel) date from the Iron Age, approximately 3,000 years before present.

MOST RECENT SITES

- The **Post-Independence Architecture of Delhi** (India) includes buildings from every decade since Indian independence in 1947
- The **Sirius Building** in Sydney (Australia) was completed in 1980
- The **Kagawa Prefectural Gymnasium** in Takamatsu (Japan) was completed in 1964

ONE COUNTRY IS REPRESENTED ON THE WATCH FOR THE FIRST TIME

Antigua and Barbuda

ONE SITE HAS BEEN INCLUDED ON THE WATCH BEFORE

Al-Hadba' Minaret, Iraq (2010 Watch)

WORLD HERITAGE SITES

The 2018 Watch includes 6 sites on the World Heritage List:

- **Takiyyat Ibrahim al-Gulshani** is part of the **Historic Cairo** WHS (1979)
- **Potager du Roi** is part of the **Palace and Park of Versailles** WHS (1979)
- The **Jewish Quarter of Essaouira** is part of the **Medina of Essaouira** (formerly Mogador) WHS (2001)
- **Sukur Cultural Landscape** WHS (1999)
- The **Souk of Aleppo** is part of the **Ancient City of Aleppo** WHS (1986), inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2013
- **Matobo Hills Cultural Landscape** WHS (2003)

MODERNISM AT RISK

- **Sirius Building**, Australia
- **Post-Independence Architecture of Delhi**, India
- **Kagawa Prefectural Gymnasium**, Japan

PROGRESS AROUND THE WORLD

The international attention drawn to Watch sites provides a vital tool that local entities can use to leverage funding from a variety of sources, including national, regional, and municipal governments, foundations, corporate sponsors, international aid organizations, and private donors. WMF has contributed \$105 million toward projects at almost 300 Watch sites. By capitalizing on the Watch, local entities have raised public and private support for Watch sites totaling **\$300 million** since the creation of the program. For the 2016 Watch, WMF has allocated **\$1.725 million** for projects at 9 sites, and other sources have provided **\$52.9 million**. Increased awareness has also helped to bolster legislative efforts, foster inter-entity partnerships, improve monitoring, and valorize connections between communities and their heritage. Communities at over 100 Watch sites have come together to celebrate their shared heritage through Watch Day, an initiative created in 2012 and supported wholly or in part by WMF with the goal of deepening appreciation for Watch sites, at a local level.

For the complete list and information on each site, visit wmf.org/2018watch.

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