### Ensuring lasting protection against destruction and deteriotion for the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of humanity »

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# Our heritage through 5 continents



Great barrier reef- Australia



African Intangible Cultural Heritage



#### I) What is heritage? (1/2)

#### 5 main Conventions (UNESCO)

- 1) Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954), The Hague
- 2) Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970), Paris
- 3) Convention concerning the Protection of World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), Paris
- 4) Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage (2001), Paris
- 5) Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003), Paris

#### I) What is heritage? (2/2)

#### Heritage is:

- An <u>evolutive</u> notion
- Not only the prerogative of UNESCO (ICCROM, ICOMOS, UICN, ICOM, IFLA, Blue Shield,...)
- Difficult to comprehend: definitions complement and enrich each other
- Identity, legacy, traditions, history

Finally, safeguarding our Heritage means protecting mankind

#### II) 9 Challenges - 9 priorities

- MASS TOURISM
- ARMED CONFLICTS AND TERRORISM
- LOOTING AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING
- POPULATION GROWTH AND URBANISATION
- LACK OF AWARENESS
- RESTORATION
- GLOBALISATION
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- LACK OF OR INSUFFICIENT REGISTRATION BY SOME COUNTRIES

### II) MASS TOURISM (1/5)





Queue in Angkor Vat

http://www.veroeddy.be/asie/cambodge/angkor

#### II) MASS TOURISM (2/5)

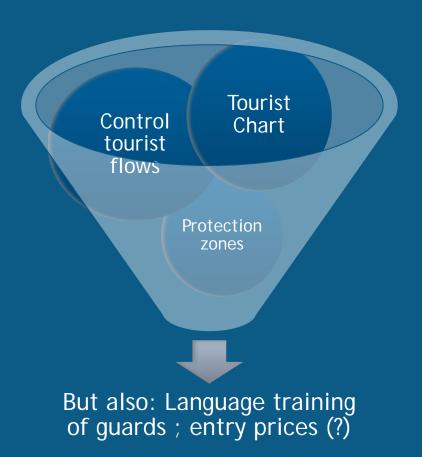
- Challenge
- Tourism becomes destructive
- Visit conditions (noise, crowding, selfies,...)
- Tourist services multiply



Angkor

#### II) MASS TOURISM (3/5)

#### Recommendations



### II) MASS TOURISM (4/5)



Graffiti - Luxor (Egypt)



MoMA Museum (United States)



Tower of Pisa (Italy)



The Louvre Museum (France)



Angkor (Cambodia)

#### II) ARMED CONFLICTS AND TERRORISM(1/4)

Armed conflicts and terrorism



Palmyra

#### II) ARMED CONFLICTS AND TERRORISM(2/4)

- Challenge
- Collateral damage/incident
- Looting
- Cultural cleansing: deliberate destruction (IS)



The Mausoleum of Al-Chaab Al Dahmani - Libya

#### II) ARMED CONFLICTS AND TERRORISM(3/4)

#### Recommendations



### II) ARMED CONFLICTS AND TERRORISM(4/4)



Timbuktoo manuscripts - Mali



Yemeni heritage destroyed- Yemen



Buddhas of Bamiyan, Afghanistan

#### II) LOOTING AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING(1/4)

Looting and illicit trafficking



Museum of Baghdad

#### II) LOOTING AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING(2/4)

- Challenge
- Political instability
- Source of income
- Laundering of items

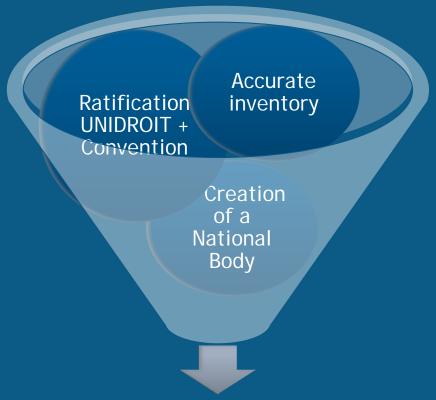


Tanzania, Poaching for ivory

 $http://www.lemonde.fr/afrique/article/2014/05/09/les-elephants-pourraient-disparaitre-de-tanzanie-dans-sept-ans\_4414382\_3212.html.\\$ 

#### II) LOOTING AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING(3/4)

#### Recommendations



But also: Regular studies based on the inventory; police and custom forces; monitoring of suspicious Internet sales; effective monitoring of sites

## II) LOOTING AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING (4/4)



Looting of Cairo Museum (Egypt)



Poaching rhinoceros



## II) POPULATION GROWTH AND URBANISATION (1/4)

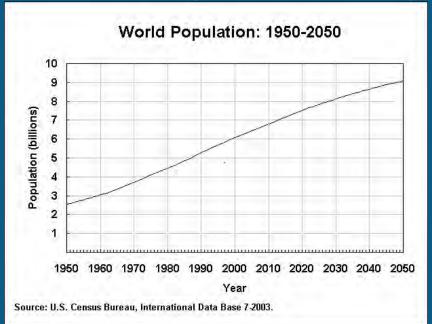




Expansion of Cairo: in yellow, boundaries of the city in 1968; in red, boundaries in 2008

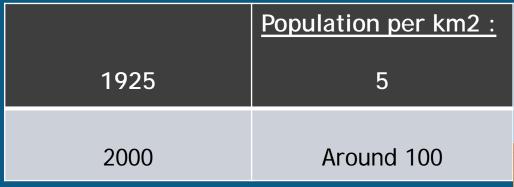
## II) POPULATION GROWTH AND URBANISATION (2/4)

- Challenge
- Rapid urbanisation of tourist areas
- Promotion of new tertiary activities over previous ones
- Significant impact on the intangible cultural heritage



## II) POPULATION GROWTH AND URBANISATION (3/4)

<u>Example 1 : Population density of Virunga national Park - Democratic Republic Congo</u>





## II) POPULATION GROWTH AND URBANISATION (4/4)

Recommendations



#### II) LACK OF AWARENESS (1/1)

### Recommendations Education Military training programs Lack of awareness Cultural events But also: promotion of citizen participation

#### II) LACK OF AWARENESS (1/1)















Inca wall - Peru

## II) RESTORATION (1/4)





Restored Ecce Homo in Spain

#### II) RESTORATION (2/4)

- <u>Challenges</u>
- Restoration techniques
- Symbolic value materiality

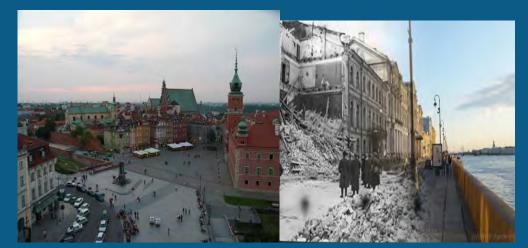
- « Second life » - reconciliation



Inle Lake stupas -Myanmar

Before and after restoration

## II) RESTORATION (3/4)





Intangible cultural heritage - Africa

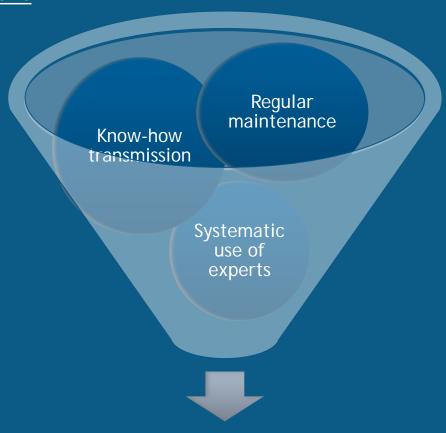
Old town in Warsaw



Bagan - Myanmar

### II) RESTORATION (4/4)

#### Recommendations



#### II) GLOBALISATION (1/1)



#### **Challenge:**

- -Heritage as a consumption tool
- -Heritage museumisation
- -Culture as folklore
- « Homogeneisation » of Old towns

#### **Recommendations:**

(?) to be discussed

#### II) GLOBALISATION (1/1)





McDonald's (Ireland 1° and China 2°)

## II) CLIMATE CHANGE (1/4)

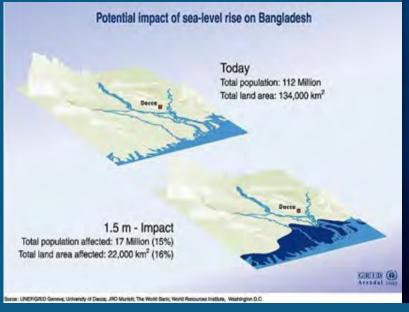


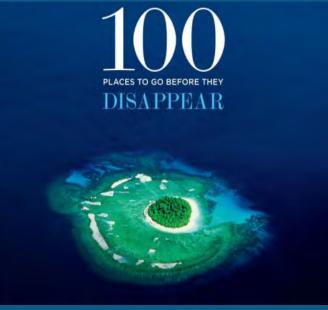


St Mark's Square - flooding in 2008 - Venice

#### II) CLIMATE CHANGE (2/4)

- Challenge
- Potential threats on heritage
- Snowball effect with mass tourism
- Descriptive approach -> need for concrete actions





### II) CLIMATE CHANGE (3/4)



Rice fields - Madagascar



Flooding - Cambodia



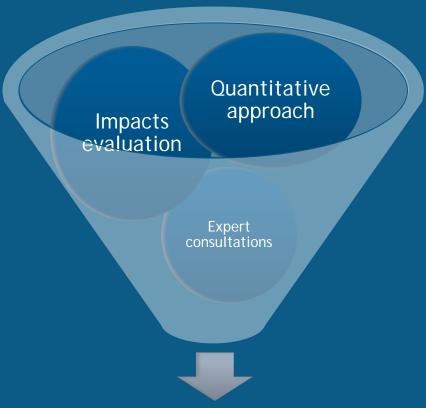
Dryness



Pompeii

#### II) CLIMATE CHANGE (4/4)

#### Recommendations



But also: comprehensive approach of Heritage in its global environment

## II) LACK OF OR INSUFFICIENT REGISTRATION BY SOME COUNTRIES (1/2)



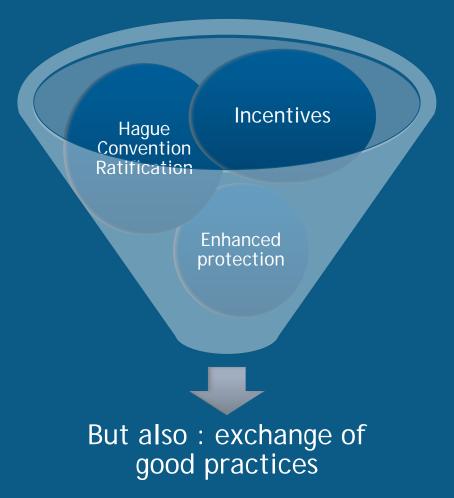
#### **Challenge:**

- Absence of incentives
- Balance between geographical areas
- Logistical and financial support
- Protection needed beyond the scope of the List
- Selective recognition

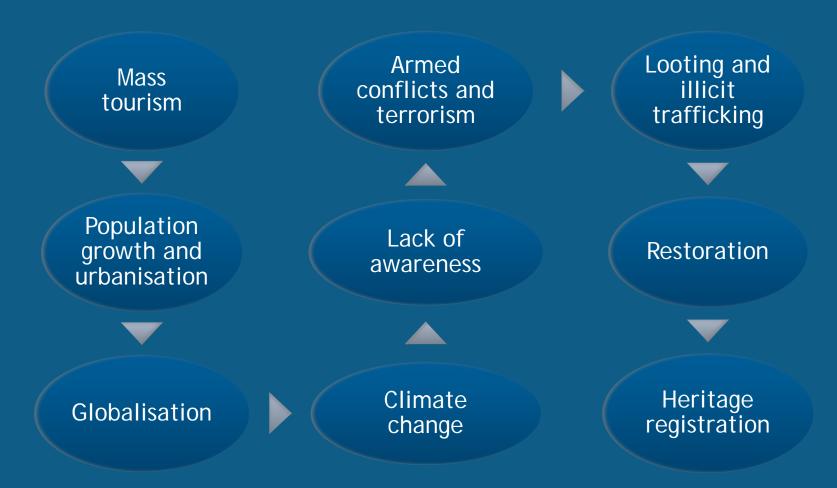
Exemples: Angola, Burundi, Equatorial Guinea

## II) LACK OF OR INSUFFICIENT REGISTRATION BY SOME COUNTRIES (2/2)

#### Recommendations



## 9 challenges, one goal: ensuring lasting protection for our Heritage





#### More details?

The full report is available in the room!



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