

2022 Watch

at a glance



Kinchela Aboriginal Boys Training Home

Kinchela, Australia

A survivor-led effort seeks to transform a former government institution for Aboriginal boys forcibly taken from their families into a place of truth-telling and healing.



Cultural Landscape of the Bunong People

Mondulkiri Province, Cambodia

Mapping and documentation of heritage places can support the Bunong people's struggle to protect ancestral land from agro-industrial development and encroachment.



Sumba Island

Indonesia

The sacred houses of the Sumbanese people will be lost without community-led training in the traditional knowledge necessary to maintain these structures and their layers of symbolic meaning.



Hitis (Water Fountains) of the Kathmandu Valley

Nepal

An extensive system of historic water distribution points and underground channels needs maintenance to ensure that local communities have reliable access to clean water.



Nuri

Sudan

Royal pyramids of the ancient kingdom of Kush threatened by environmental factors require renewed management strategies and conservation interventions to prevent further deterioration.



Mosque City of Bagerhat

Bagerhat, Bangladesh

The religious landscape of ancient Khalifatabad requires climate adaptation to ensure its survival and continued service to the Bagerhat community.



Fortified Manors of Yongtai

Fujian Province, China

Fortified family homes in remote southeast China present an opportunity for rural revitalization, community-led environmental management, and sustainable tourism.



Heritage Buildings of Beirut

Lebanon

The vibrant coastal city of Beirut, devastated by the blast of August 2020, needs further recovery support to protect and rehabilitate the historic buildings essential to its identity.



Tomb of Jahangir

Lahore, Pakistan

The only imperial Mughal tomb in Pakistan requires restoration to foster new visitation and provide invaluable greenspace for community recreation within an expanding urban setting.



Hurst Castle

Hampshire, United Kingdom

A fortress built by Henry VIII that suffered partial collapse in 2021 illustrates the urgent need to address the impact of climate change on coastal heritage through continued monitoring.



Lamanai

Indian Church Village, Belize
An international tourist destination encompassing an ancient Maya city requires a more inclusive heritage management plan to help reinforce the relationship between the site and local residents.



Abydos

Egypt
Tourism and encroachment at one of Ancient Egypt's most important sites require technical expertise and careful planning to support sustainable preservation.



Benghazi Historic City Center

Libya
Revival of an important public square in war-ravaged Benghazi can catalyze recovery efforts and serve as a symbol of community-driven urban resilience.



Yanacancha-Huaquis Cultural Landscape

Miraflores District, Peru
Ancient pre-Inca water management systems and sustainable tourism planning are crucial for an Andean community to adapt to climate change and provide local economic benefit.



Africatown

Mobile, Alabama, United States
A historic Alabama community established by formerly enslaved Africans is seeking support to leverage a recent archaeological discovery to protect their homes and call for environmental justice.



Monte Alegre State Park

Brazil
Prehistoric cave paintings in the Amazon are threatened by environmental degradation and call for improved stewardship that engages and benefits nearby communities.



Asante Traditional Buildings

Ghana
Sacred earthen shrines, among the last architectural vestiges of the Kingdom of Asante, face ongoing deterioration that calls for new approaches to management and maintenance.



Koagannu Mosques and Cemetery

Maldives
A historic waterfront cemetery with distinct coral-stone architecture is threatened by rapidly rising seas and highlights the urgency of the climate crisis and the need for adaptive preservation solutions.



Alcántara and Rocha do Conde de Óbidos Marine Stations (Almada Negreiros Murals)

Lisbon, Portugal
Mid-century murals by Afro-Portuguese artist José de Almada Negreiros need conservation to promote underrepresented narratives and serve as a catalyst for port revitalization.



Garcia Pasture

Brownsville, Texas, United States
The traditional territory of the Carrizo/Comecruado Tribe of Texas threatened by natural resource extraction and desecration of ancestral lands requires formal legal recognition to ensure its future.



La Maison du Peuple

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
An important landmark and unique example of African modernism in Burkina Faso requires rehabilitation to enhance public life and foster civic pride.



Tiretta Bazaar

Kolkata, India
India's earliest Chinatown is home to minority communities seeking recognition for their history and urban revitalization to support their way of life.



Teotihuacan

San Juan Teotihuacan, Mexico
More inclusive tourism planning and visitor management at an iconic archaeological park can help address economic challenges facing surrounding communities.



Fabric Synagogue and Jewish Heritage of Timișoara

Timișoara, Romania
Cultural mapping and restoration of a grand synagogue can bring renewed visibility to Jewish heritage in western Romania and promote local social cohesion.



Soqatra

Yemen
The Soqotri people seek to protect and promote their identity through cultural mapping and inventory of their rich heritage across the island of Soqatra.