

World Heritage in the Arab region

التراث العالمي في المنطقة العربية

1154 World Heritage Sites in the World

897 Cultural sites – 218 Natural Sites – 39 Mixed sites



Number of World Heritage Properties by region

Europe and North America

545

Asia and the
Pacific

277

Africa

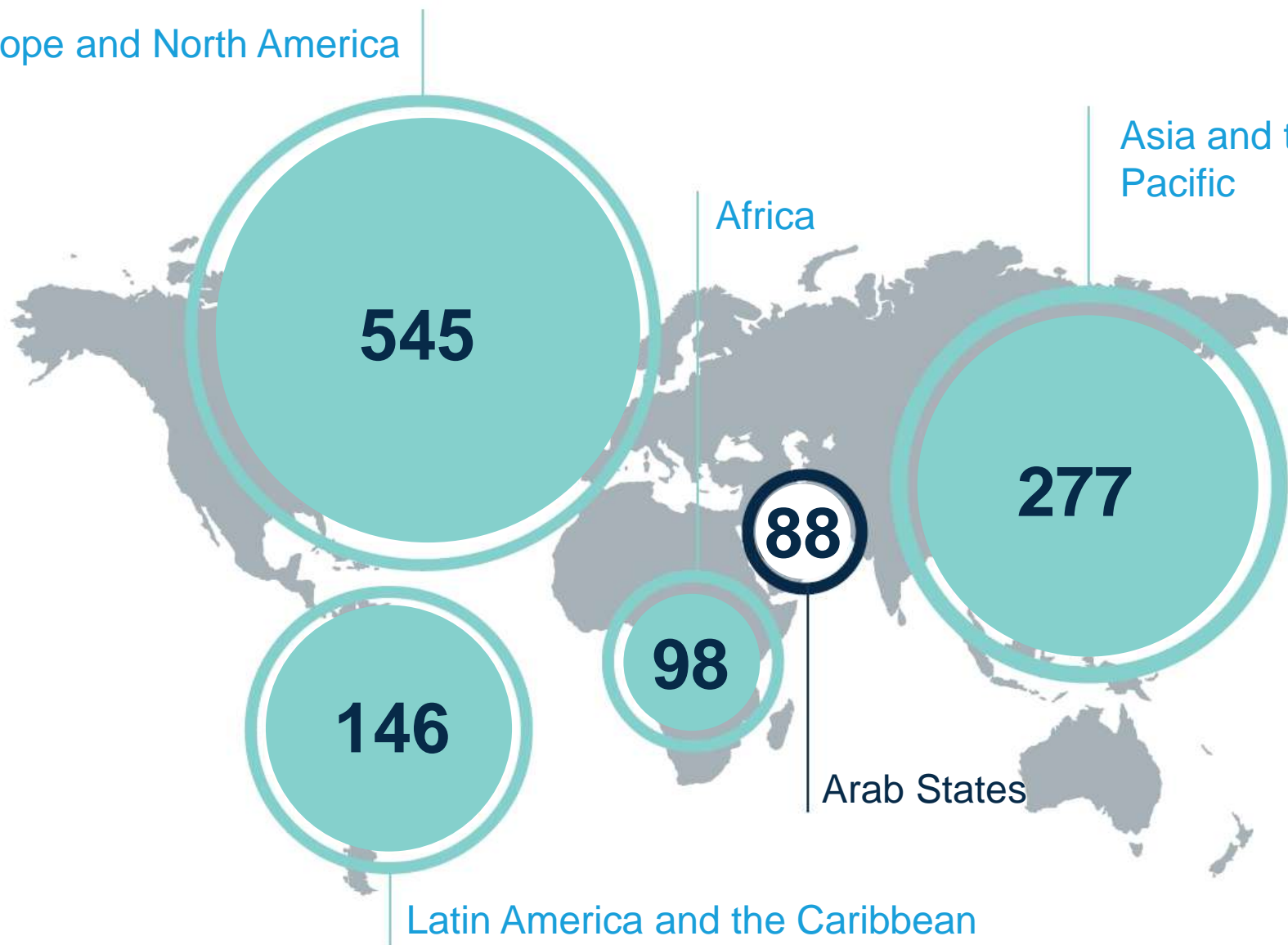
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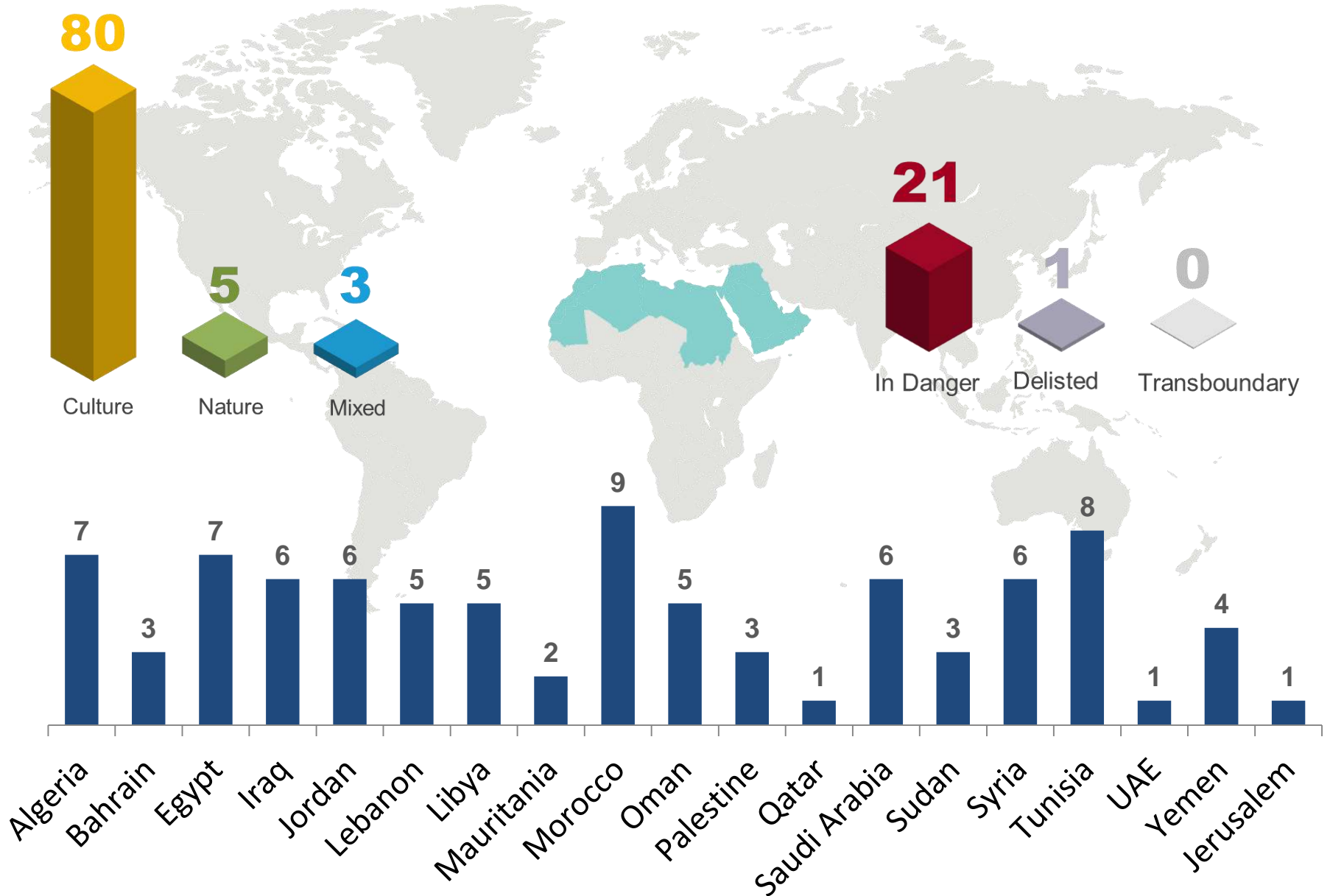
Arab States

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Latin America and the Caribbean



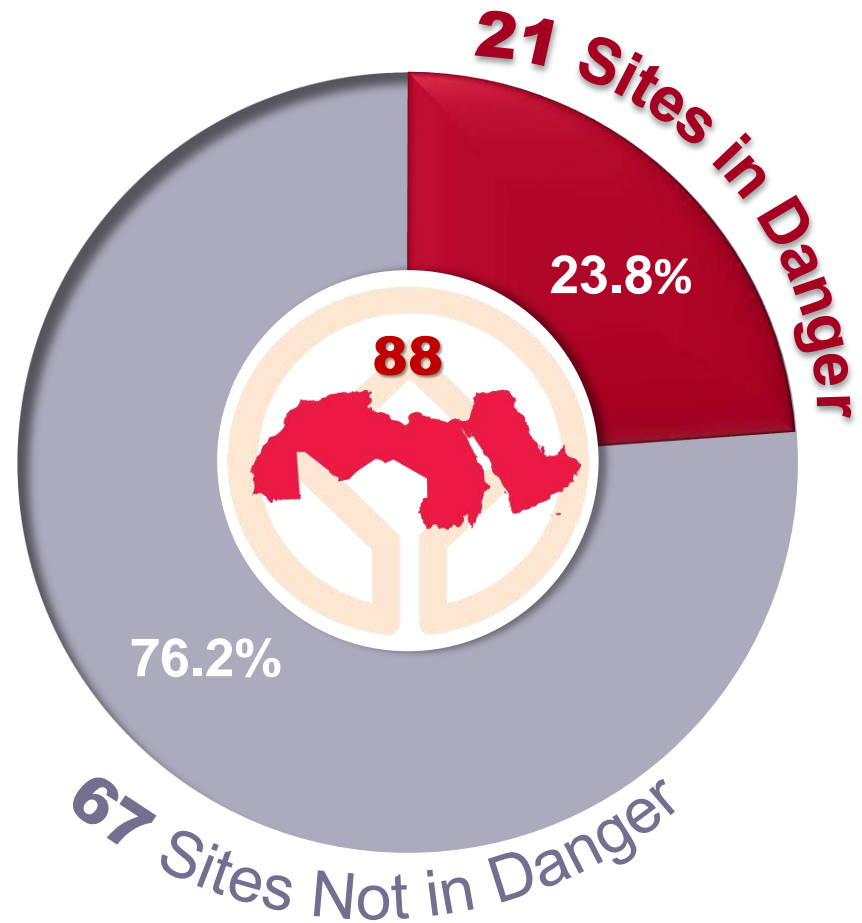
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World Heritage in Danger



52 World Heritage sites
in Danger Worldwide



21 World Heritage sites in Danger
In the Arab Region
(40% of 53 in the World)

World Heritage in Danger in the Arab Region (21 sites)

Egypt

- Abu Mena (2001)

Iraq

- Hatra (2015)
- Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat) (2003)
- Samarra Archaeological City (2007)

Jerusalem (Site proposed by Jordan)

- Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls (1982)

Palestine

- Palestine: Land of Olives and Vines – Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir (2014)
- Hebron/Al-Khalil Old Town (2017)

Libya

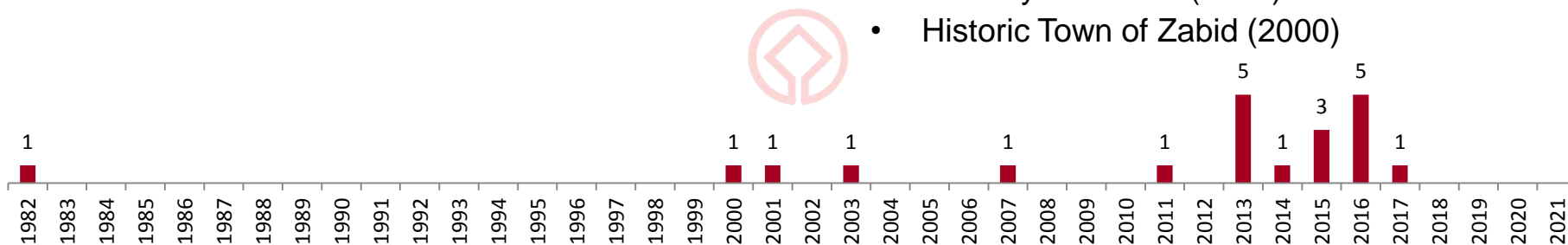
- Archaeological Site of Cyrene (2016)
- Archaeological Site of Leptis Magna (2016)
- Archaeological Site of Sabratha (2016)
- Rock-Art Sites of Tadrart Acacus (2016)
- Old Town of Ghadamès (2016)

Syrian Arab Republic

- Ancient City of Damascus (2013)
- Ancient City of Bosra (2013)
- Site of Palmyra (2013)
- Ancient City of Aleppo (2013)
- Crac des Chevaliers and Qal'at Salah El-Din (2013)
- Ancient Villages of Northern Syria (2013)

Yemen

- Old Walled City of Shibam (2015)
- Old City of Sana'a (2015)
- Historic Town of Zabid (2000)





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Activities of ARC-WH in the Arab States region and its role in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention



About the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage

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ARC-WH is a Category 2 Center under the auspices of UNESCO and was established in the Kingdom of Bahrain by a Royal Decree issued in 2010.

It is an autonomous and independent legal entity at the service of the Arab States Parties to the World Heritage Convention.

ARC-WH Role in the Arab Region

- **Assist** the **Implementation** of the World Heritage Convention in the Arab States
- Help to **Improve** the Representation of the Arab States on the World Heritage List
- Provide a platform for **technical and financial support** for the effective implementation of the World Heritage Convention in the region
- Support the **Conservation, Promotion & Protection** of Cultural and Natural World Heritage in the Arab Region
- **Build** a Stronger **Network** of World Heritage Professionals in the Arab Region

Category 1 and 2 centers

- **Category 1 centers**

They form part of UNESCO, and are affiliated to the various sectors of the organization according to its specialization. Although its programs operate with great independence, they are an integral part of UNESCO's program and strategy implementation. Particularly concerned with building scientific capacities in Member States (UNESCO budget)



- **UNESCO Regional Offices**

Through its field offices, UNESCO develops strategies, programs and activities in consultation with national authorities and other partners. The regional offices work to implement the agreements in cooperation with the relevant sectors of the organization in Paris and the member states.

Category 1 and 2 centers

- **Category 2 centers**

They are institutes and centers operating under the auspices of UNESCO and are considered an important part of its network, representing an effective model of partnership in the implementation of UNESCO's programmes, thus making significant contribution to the priority areas of the Organization. They are linked to UNESCO by formal arrangements approved by the General Conference and are committed to supporting the objectives of the UNESCO Strategic Programmes. In the field of World Heritage 10 Category 2 Centres are located in various regions.



Encourage public participation in Heritage protection through

- Awareness campaigns.
- Conferences and communication with the public.
- Exhibitions.
- Public events.



Providing Technical and Financial Assistance to Member States



Workshop for preparing nomination files for Wadi Al-Salam - 2014



Mitigating the effects of cyclones on endemic and endangered plants in Socotra - 2018 to 2022



The mission of assessing the needs of Palestine - 2019

Providing assistance through training workshops, world heritage preservation projects or coordination meetings.

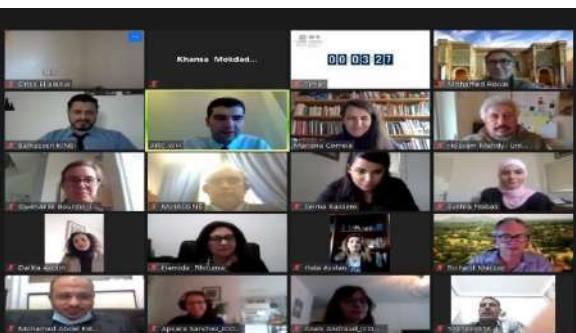
- ARC-WH provides technical and financial assistance to support States Parties in safeguarding their World Heritage Sites with regard to action plans, assessment of heritage and environmental impact, and enabling communities to benefit from the characteristics of World Heritage.
- ARC-WH organizes at least two activities per year in connection with the review and coordination of the preliminary lists and/or training workshops on the preparation of nominations.
- At least one coordination meeting between relevant stakeholders at the national and/or site level is organized each year.
- As one of the most important axes of the center's work is to enhance the capabilities of specialists in the region, between 2012 and 2021, ARC-WH organized 92 capacity-building activities.. More than 1,620 heritage specialists have been trained (until November 2021).

Providing Technical and Financial Assistance to Member States



Training workshops and technical support

The Arab Regional Center for World Heritage provides support to the Arab countries in terms of assisting them in implementing the decisions issued by the World Heritage Committee. It also organizes site-level activities on how to prepare state of conservation reports, and follows up closely with States Parties, the UNESCO World Heritage Center and advisory bodies on safeguarding and protection measures to be taken at the request of the World Heritage Committee (particularly with regard to natural hazards, conflict and development impacts) .



Online workshop for Strengthening Capacities of World Heritage Professionals in the Arab Region for Cultural and Mixed sites -2020



3rd cycle of the Periodic reporting Sub-Regional Workshop for English-Speaking Site Managers: Cairo, Egypt - 2019.

Research - publications



Translation into Arabic

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التراث العالمي الثقافي والطبيعي



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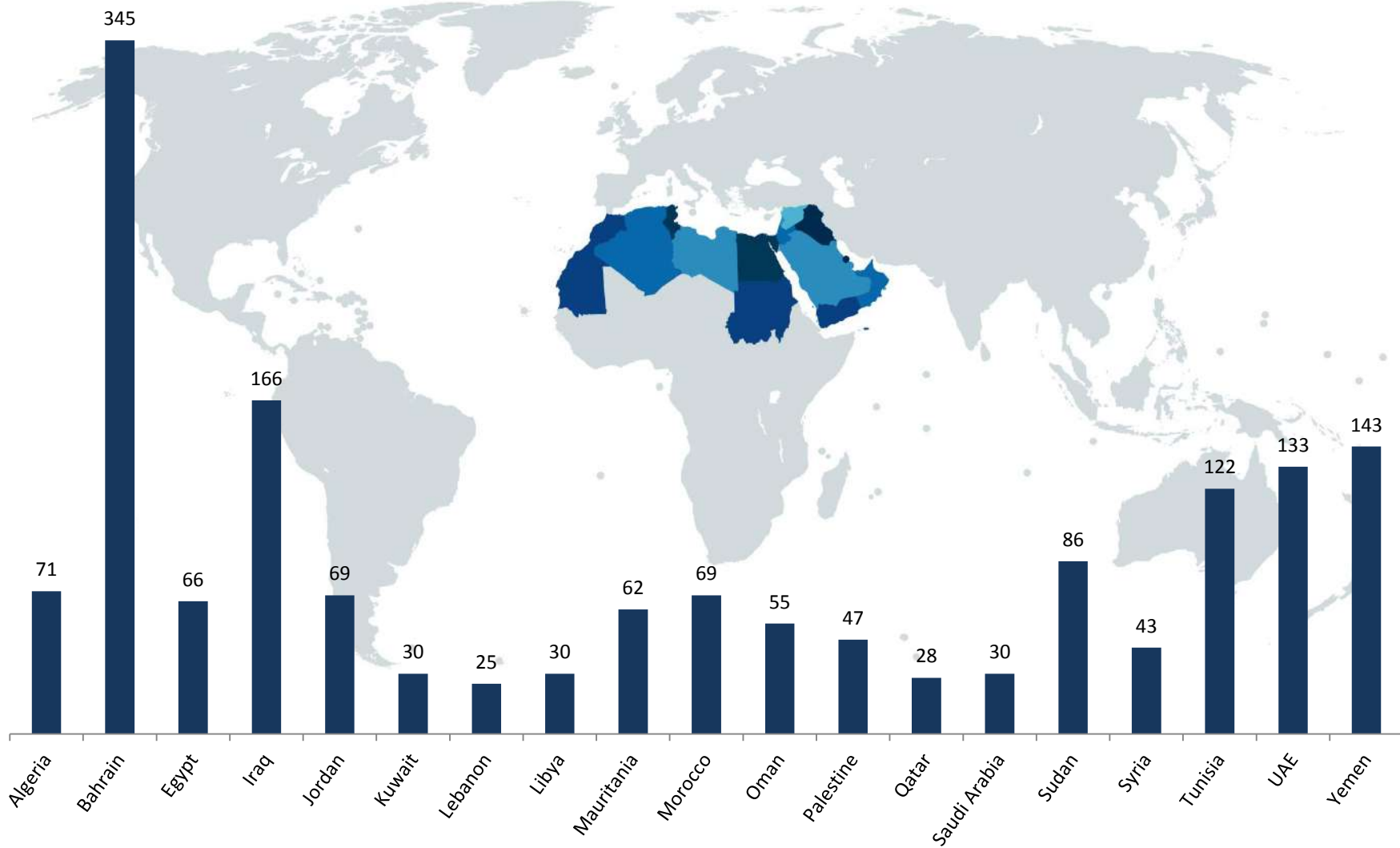
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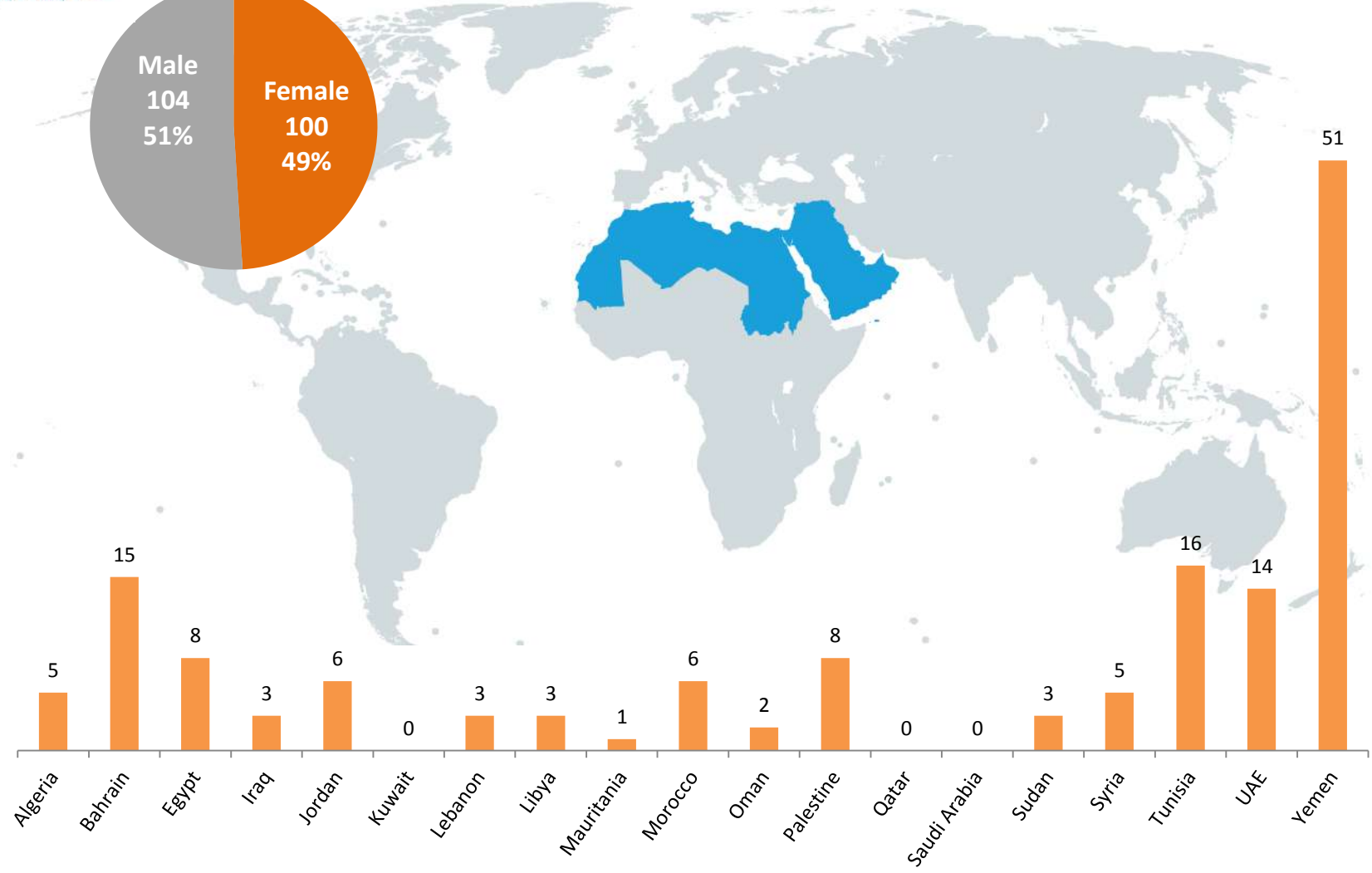
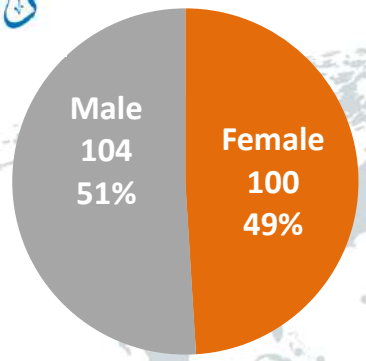
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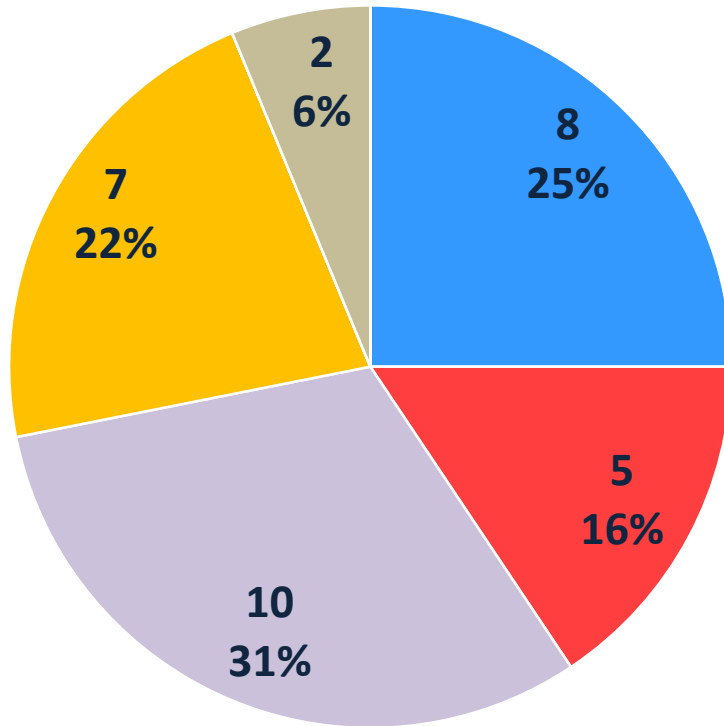
**Total Participants in ARC-WH Capacity Building Activities (1620 Participant)
2012 – 2021**



Participants in ARC-WH Capacity Building Activities 2021

Total Participants 204 from the Arab Region

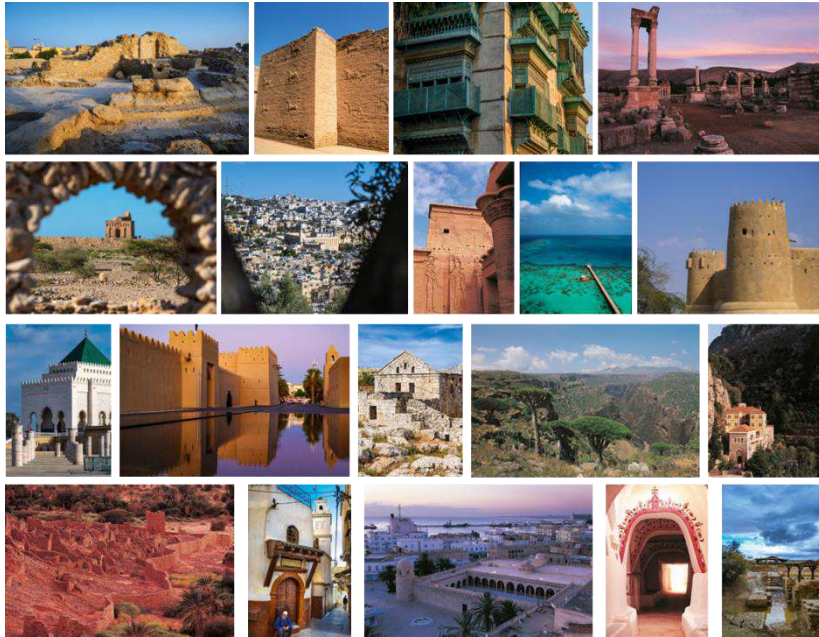
ARC-WH Activities 2021



- Workshops
- Public events & lectures
- Technical & financial assistance
- Publications & translations
- Conference & meeting attendance

Updating and Launching of the book *World Heritage of the Arab Countries*

The Arab Regional Center for World Heritage launched the second edition of the book "World Heritage Sites in the Arab Countries" on Friday, November 19, 2021; At the headquarters of UNESCO in Paris, France. The book contains photos and information on 86 sites in the region in three languages: Arabic, English and French.



World Heritage of the Arab Countries



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