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The 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its Protocols: 1954 and 1999



DEFINITION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY

Movable or immovable property of great importance to the cultural heritage of every people, such as monuments of architecture, art or history, whether religious or secular; archaeological sites; groups of buildings which, as a whole, are of historical or artistic interest; works of art; manuscripts, books and other objects of artistic, historical or archaeological interest; as well as scientific collections and important collections of books or archives or of reproductions of the property defined above

EMBLEM OF THE CONVENTION:

The blue shield is used individually for general protection and can be used three times to indicate special protection

FOUNDING BODY:

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GOALS:

To raise awareness and knowledge about the need to protect cultural property in cases of natural disasters and in periods of armed conflict or in any situation threatening such property. In general, to carry out all related or subsidiary work.

MEMBERSHIP:

Persons wishing to enroll as members of the Committee may do so upon submitting an application form and payment of the required fees.

Eligibility: To be eligible for admission as a member:

- 1) Must enjoy civil rights and must not be condemned in a crime or misdemeanor.
- 2) Must be engaged and competent in aspects of cultural heritage or a former employee in internal security or military affairs.

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Lebanese Committee for the Blue Shield

The Lebanese Committee for the Blue Shield is a non-governmental, non-profit association.

This Committee emerged from the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its Protocols: 1954 and 1999, and adopted Blue Shield as the symbol used to identify cultural sites protected by this Convention.



INTERNATIONAL FOUNDING ORGANIZATIONS:

- International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)
- International Council of Museums (ICOM)
- International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
- International Council on Archives (ICA)



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS



Founded in 1927 in Edinburgh, Scotland, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users.

IFLA has had a long, rich and at times tumultuous career on its way to becoming the global voice of the library and information profession. It is an independent, international, non-governmental, non-profit organization. Its objectives are to:

- Promote high standards of provision and delivery of library and information services
- Encourage widespread understanding of the value of good library and information services
- Represent the interests of IFLA members throughout the world

One of its strategic goals is working with, preserving, and safeguarding cultural heritage in order to provide access to future generations. It emphasizes that this is at the core of the work of libraries globally. As such, IFLA has established good working relations with a variety of other bodies with similar interests, providing an opportunity for a regular exchange of information and views on issues of mutual concern. One of these bodies is the International Committee of the Blue Shield where they work together to ensure that (physical) cultural heritage remains in safe conditions in their place of origin.

ICOM

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF MUSEUMS



Created in 1946, ICOM is the international council of museums which is committed to the development of museums in order to preserve the world's cultural and natural heritage, tangible and intangible and its communication to the society.

ICOM carries out its international missions in association with partners such as UNESCO, INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization. ICOM's missions include fighting the illicit traffic of cultural goods, risk management and culture and knowledge promotion.

ICOM Lebanon was created on the 24th of July 2003 to represent the International Council of Museums in Lebanon and contribute to the achievement of its programs. To fulfill its mission, ICOM Lebanon assembles Lebanese Museums which meet the definition established by ICOM: "A museum is a non-profit, permanent institution in the service of society and its development, open to the public, which acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits the tangible and intangible heritage of humanity and its environment for the purposes of education, study and enjoyment".

ICOM Lebanon seeks to promote and facilitate professional exchange among specialists and therefore constitutes a global communications network for museum professionals of all disciplines and specialties. As a non-profit association, ICOM Lebanon is mainly financed by membership fees.

ICOMOS

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON MONUMENTS AND SITES



International Council on Monuments and Sites is a global non-governmental organization working for the conservation and protection of cultural heritage places. It is dedicated to promoting the conservation of the architectural and archaeological heritage.

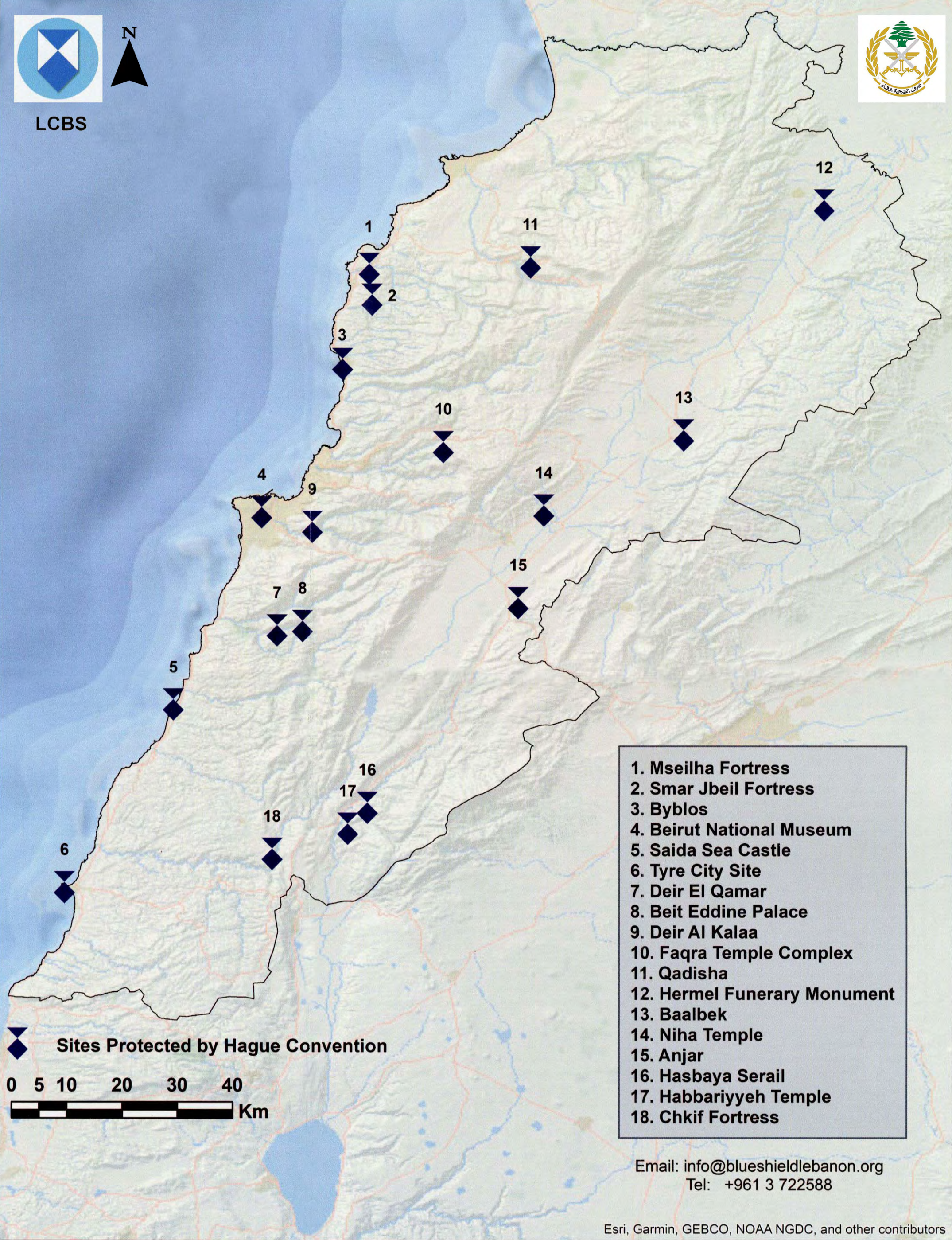
Established in 1965, ICOMOS emanated from the 1964 Venice Charter for the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites. Its work is based on the principles set forth in the present Charter.

The organization consists of a network of experts that benefit from the exchange of interdisciplinary knowledge among its members, including civil engineers and city planners. They all contribute to improving the preservation of heritage through the adoption of standards and techniques for each type of cultural heritage property: historical buildings and cities, cultural landscapes and archaeological sites.

The mission of ICOMOS is to promote the conservation, protection, use and enhancement of monuments, building complexes and sites. It participates in the development of doctrine and the evolution and distribution of ideas and conducts advocacy. ICOMOS is an Advisory Body of the World Heritage Committee for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention of UNESCO. In addition, ICOMOS brings together experts and specialists from a diverse and complementary professional backgrounds who take emergency measures to protect, preserve and restore the cultural heritage. It should be noted that it is a founding member of the Blue Shield.



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- 1. Mseilha Fortress
- 2. Smar Jbeil Fortress
- 3. Byblos
- 4. Beirut National Museum
- 5. Saida Sea Castle
- 6. Tyre City Site
- 7. Deir El Qamar
- 8. Beit Eddine Palace
- 9. Deir Al Kalaa
- 10. Faqra Temple Complex
- 11. Qadisha
- 12. Hermel Funerary Monument
- 13. Baalbek
- 14. Niha Temple
- 15. Anjar
- 16. Hasbaya Serail
- 17. Habbariyyeh Temple
- 18. Chkif Fortress

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The 1954 La Hague convention and its protocols adopted the blue shield as protective sign for the cultural property in times of conflict

Lebanon was amongst the first countries to ratify the convention in 1960