

Risk Management for Cultural Heritage

- In emergency, everyone is expected to do their duty in the interest of all!
- Cultural Heritage must be allowed to do its duty:
 - Include it in all Risk Management
 - Make use of it and of the knowledge it embodies
 - Treat it as a benchmark of adequate readiness





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- **Cultural Heritage INCLUDES a diversity of assets, non-renewable and meaningful to communities :**
 - Places, structures, urban areas, landscapes
 - Objects, documents, archives
 - Knowledge, living traditions
- **Its conservation IS prevention addressing threats**
 - **Forces of Nature** (earthquake, flood, hurricane...)
 - **Human Violence** (war, vandalism, looting...)
 - **Inappropriate Human Activity** (pollution, industry...)
 - **Insensitive Alteration** (façadism, demolition...)
 - **Decay** (weathering, lack of maintenance...)
 - **Indifference** (oblivion, unawareness, disuse...)



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- Proposed actions to connect/integrate Cultural Heritage in Disaster Reduction and provide bases for sustained cooperation:
 - **Appoint Cultural Heritage liaisons** on national, local and regional committees on Disaster Reduction.
 - **Hold joint National Summits** on Cultural Heritage and Risk Preparedness and other national, local, regional or international.
 - **Develop/promote charters and standards** on risk preparedness for cultural heritage, including standard for reporting impact of disasters on cultural heritage.