



Heritage at Risk

Assessing Risk for Destruction and Trafficking of Religious Heritage

Terms of Reference

- Focus: **Trafficking of Religious Heritage**
- Question: **How do we engage civil society leaders to protect sacred heritage and prevent destruction and trafficking of sacred heritage?**
- Products: **Research and Recommendation (15 pages, double-spaced)**

Research (10 pages)

Report

To what extent does the trafficking of cultural and religious heritage fund religion-related violence in the Mediterranean Basin? Are there specific types of religious and cultural heritage most at risk for trafficking? Why? Consider both quantitative and qualitative evidence. When appropriate provide region-specific data-driven analysis.

Gaps in Policy and Implementation

What are the gaps in civil society efforts related to the prevention and reduction of trafficking of religious and cultural heritage?

Best Practices

What are the most successful civil society efforts for preventing and reducing trafficking of religious and cultural heritage in the Mediterranean Basin? How can civil society organizations preserve religious and cultural heritage?

Influencer Map

With whom might Global Covenant partner? What role do these actors have in the field? Do they have particular strengths or liabilities? Who do they influence? Who belongs in their network? What actors might be potential implementing partners? Who are the most notable scholars in this issue area?

Bibliography

What should Global Covenant planners and implementers read to inform their work? What articles, reports, resolutions, etc. does this working group cite in its reports and recommendations?

Recommendations (5 pages)

Response

Propose research-driven pilot initiatives that engage key influencers concerned with reducing and preventing trafficking of religious and cultural heritage. Religious actors, civil society organizations, and policymakers should co-create the recommendations for proposed laws and policies. Remember to include the voices of women, youth, and conflict survivors.