



Conservation of Ancient Stone Quarry Landscapes in the Eastern Mediterranean

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QUARRYSCAPES

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Final Report Summary - QUARRYSCAPES (Conservation of Ancient Stone Quarry Landscapes in the Eastern Mediterranean)

When the project began, its objectives were stated as follows: The 'Conservation of ancient stone quarry landscapes in the Eastern Mediterranean' (QuarryScapes) project will enhance cultural heritage management of ancient quarry landscapes through the development of methodology and conservation models that can be effectively implemented in a range of cultural contexts. Quarryscapes will develop scientific and practical methodologies for documentation, characterisation and conservation of ancient quarry landscapes, raise awareness of the significance and vulnerability of such sites and contribute to legal protection measures and sustainable management of ancient quarry landscapes.

Through case studies in Egypt, Jordan and Turkey, the project will address development of theoretical and practical methods pertaining to the major steps in the process of conservation: from recognition, investigation and assessment of significance, to understanding the risks, developing sound conservation and monitoring concepts, and suggesting mechanisms for sustainable management. QuarryScapes will

and monitoring concepts, and suggesting mechanisms for sustainable management. QuarryScapes will also organise open workshops and disseminate project results through the development of practical guidelines for conservation of ancient quarry landscapes.

The activities in QuarryScapes were distributed across ten work packages (WPs). WP1 to WP5 were research activities exploring different aspects of ancient stone quarry landscapes in eleven case study areas in Egypt, Jordan and Turkey. WP6 and WP7 were innovation activities, building a bridge between research and practical management of such sites. WP8 sought to extract research outcomes from the case studies and compile research of general value to the international community. WP9 concerned dissemination activities and WP10 management. The first year of QuarryScapes focused on getting all the planned activities up and running. The second year aimed at completing all the twelve case studies in the project, and the third year focused on analysing the empirical studies and collating specific research outcomes important to the strategic goals of the project, in terms of developing methods into the documentation, characterisation and conservation of ancient quarry landscapes.

The strategic objectives of QuarryScapes were to:

- develop scientific and practical methodologies for documentation, characterisation and conservation of ancient quarry landscapes
 - raise the awareness of the significance and vulnerability of ancient stone quarry landscapes
- in the long term contribute to legal protection measures and sustainable management of ancient quarry landscapes

After three years, QuarryScapes has conducted 11 case studies of ancient quarry landscapes in the region; performed an in-depth analysis of risks and threats to such sites in Egypt; outlined a concept for conservation of a specific quarry landscape; made a national inventory of all known Egyptian quarry landscapes; developed methods for documentation and assessment of significance for quarry landscapes and delivered various dissemination products aimed at raising awareness of such sites across a range of audiences. The impact of the project can be seen inside the consortium as a mutual multidisciplinary learning process, and outside as a process of raising the awareness of specific sites at a local and national level. In addition, raising awareness of quarry landscapes generally on an international scale and in the development state-of-the-art methods to visualise, document and characterise these sites.

Scientific publication includes journal and proceedings. By the end of the project, six papers were published and two were still in press; see list at <http://www.quarryscapes.no>. The number of journal publications will increase after the project. Furthermore, a book volume of Geological Survey of Norway Special Publications to be printed in 2009 will be dedicated to QuarryScapes papers.

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