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# SHAWBAK CASTLE IN JORDAN AND ITS ENVIRONMENT

## CONSERVATION AND EVALUATION



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This is a report of the work done on the ground at the Municipality of Sahwbak since October 2010.

We used several disciplinary contributions as a cognitive framework, aimed to drawing up a Strategic Master Plan for the sustainable development of the territory.

From the perspective of cultural, social and economic development, the study of the territory and resources analysis clearly showed that it's necessary to consider the following priorities: firstly the knowledge and preservation of existing historical and archaeological resources, secondly the enhancement of landscape.

The Master Plan concerns two main topics:

1. Local Master Plan focused on Shawbak Castle, aimed to drawing up a project that would integrate different contributions arising from the museological project, already planned restorations, archaeological studies and future archaeological works.
2. Considering territorial scale, the Master Plan has been involved in identifying archaeological and scenic resources in the area to put them in a systematic circuit — of which the Castle is the central element — in order to bring to public knowledge of these international resources. Only a proper appreciation and understanding of the value of these resources will ensure the preservation and enhancement of the whole area.