

THINKING ABOUT KARST AND WORLD HERITAGE

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Abstract

Karst is already well represented on the World Heritage Register, but there are still many gaps. The World Heritage Committee is looking for a framework defining categories of natural heritage so that priorities can be set in order to determine the comprehensiveness and credibility of the registered sites. This paper is an early step in establishing appropriate categories for the classification of karst. It lists proposed categories, then lists the existing World Heritage sites in each and finally provides examples of sites which might extend the comprehensiveness of the total list. Comments and suggestions are sought on the categories suggested, not the sites, as these are for illustrative purposes only at this stage.
