Towards a National Inventory for Libyan Archaeology

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Libya is the fourth largest country in Africa by area, and the 17th largest in the world.
Libya

With an area of almost 1,800,000 square kilometres (694,984 sq mi). At 1,770 kilometres (1,100 mi), Libya's coastline is the longest of any African country bordering the Mediterranean.

Population – 2010 estimate 6,420,000 (105th) –
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# Records

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![Contextual Image](image-url)

![Archaeological Drawings](image-url)

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**Note:** The images contain drawings of ancient pottery and a cross, indicative of the archaeological findings described in the records.
Maps

The first City-Plan of Tripoli (1912)
Maps
Tripoli 1933
Maps

Ministero delle colonie archive
Archaeological Inventory Guidelines

- Resources Inventory Committee
  - Funding.
  - Consultation process which included government, academic, and consulting archaeologists.
  - Providing expertise on the content and structure of the guidelines.
  - Workshop to draft guidelines.

- Purpose
  - To define the research or resource management goals and objectives
  - To outline the past physical and cultural landscape.
  - To define a reporting format and mapping standards
  - To recommend an archaeological heritage management system.
Archaeological Inventory Guidelines

- Identification
- Location
- Ownership
- Temporal Affiliations
- Physical Description
- Reporting Information
- References
- Sketch Map, Project Map
Archaeological Inventory Guidelines

- Identification
  - Unique identifier
  - Site Name(s)
- Location
- Ownership
- Temporal Affiliations
- Physical Description
- Reporting Information
- References
- Sketch Map, Project Map
Archaeological Inventory Guidelines

- Identification
- Location
  - 1. UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator)
  - 2. Longitude/Latitude
- Ownership
- Temporal Affiliations
- Physical Description
- Reporting Information
- References
- Sketch Map, Project Map
Archaeological Inventory Guidelines

- Identification
- Location
- Ownership
  - Name
  - Ownership Status
- Temporal Affiliations
- Physical Description
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Archaeological Inventory Guidelines

- Identification
- Location
- Ownership
- Temporal Affiliations
  - Prehistoric Temporal Period(s)
  - Historic Temporal Period(s)
- Physical Description
- Reporting Information
- References
- Sketch Map, Project Map
Archaeological Inventory Guidelines

- Identification
- Location
- Ownership
- Temporal Affiliations
- Physical Description
  - Archaeological Setting
  - Site Type
  - Site Condition
  - Nature of Disturbance
  - Relationship to other Sites in Area
- Reporting Information
- References
- Sketch Map, Project Map
Archaeological Inventory Guidelines

- Identification
- Location
- Ownership
- Temporal Affiliations
- Physical Description
- Reporting Information
  - Investigation Type
  - Surface Collection Strategy
  - Photographs
  - National Register Status
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- Sketch Map, Project Map
Relates Current projects

The Inscriptions of Roman Tripolitania

Inscriptions of Roman Cyrenaica
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