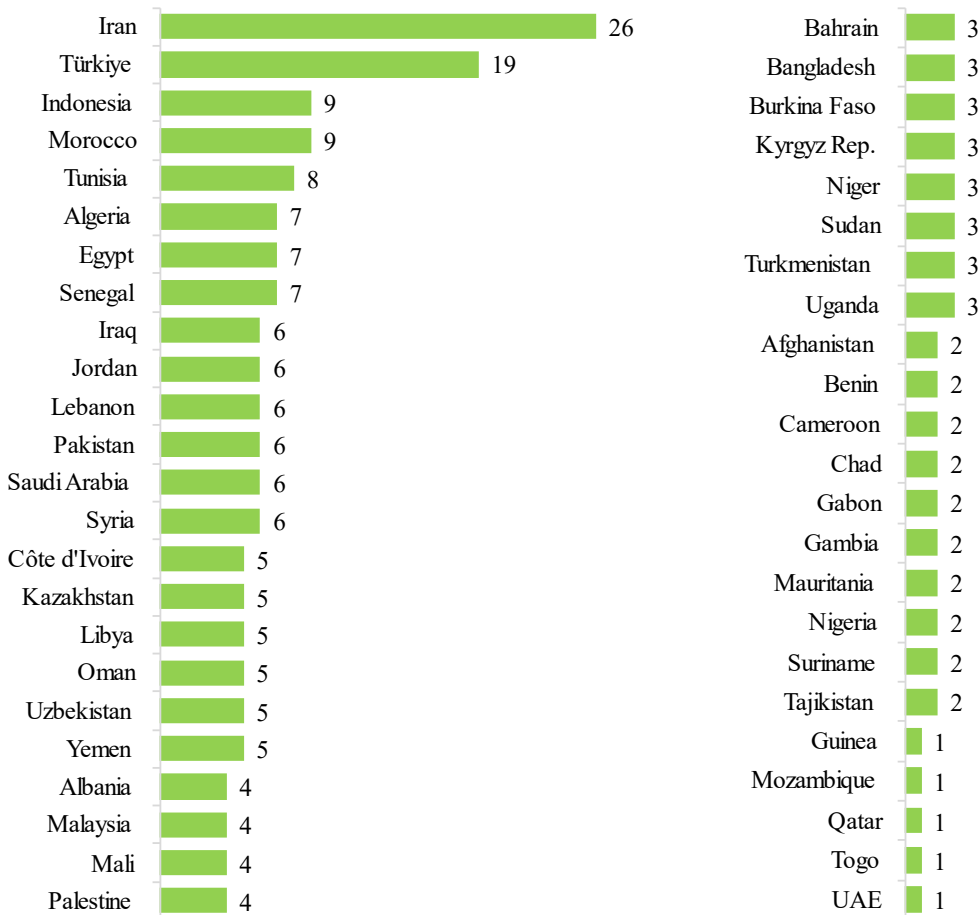
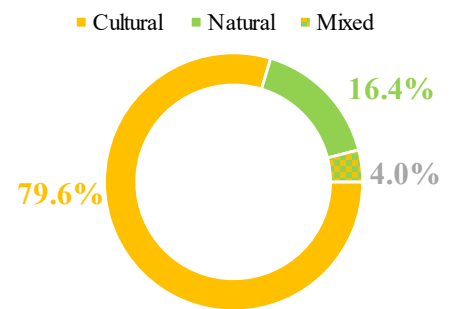


## World Heritage Sites Inscribed by OIC Countries since 1978



Breakdown of the World Heritage Sites in OIC Countries



- The **Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage** was adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO on 16 November 1972.
- The Convention is a unique international treaty linking for the first time the concepts of nature conservation and preservation of cultural properties. Year 2022 was the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Convention**.
- The Convention took effect in 1975. In 1978, the World Heritage Committee initiated the **World Heritage List**.
- To be included on the List, sites must be of outstanding universal value (cultural, natural, or mixed) and **meet at least one out of ten selection criteria** as explained in the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention.
- Among the OIC countries, **Senegal** became the first to inscribe the **Island of Gorée** among the earliest entrants of twelve World Heritage Sites in the List in 1978.
- As of 2023, there are **226 World Heritage Sites** inscribed in the List **by 48 OIC countries**, equal to **19.5% of all World Heritage Sites** in 2023.
- Of those World Heritage Sites in the OIC countries, **180 sites** (79.6%) in 44 members are **cultural**, **37 sites** (16.4%) in 25 members are **natural**, and **9 sites** (4%) in 8 members are **mixed sites**.
- 12 OIC countries share **eight World Heritage sites** with either OIC or non-OIC countries.
- Among the member countries, **Iran** has the largest number of World Heritage Sites inscribed in the List with **26**.
- **Türkiye** follows the lead with 19, **Indonesia** and **Morocco** with 9, **Tunisia** with 8, and **Algeria**, **Egypt**, and **Senegal** with 7 World Heritage Sites. The World Heritage sites in these eight countries make up **40% of the OIC total**.

Source: SESRIC staff calculations based on data extracted on 14/04/2023 from the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Note: For those five World Heritage Sites with transboundary nature in 10 OIC countries, they have been included as sites inscribed by each corresponding member country.