Distribution of UNESCO sites in the world
Distribution and qualification of UNESCO sites in Africa

Our qualitative categorisation of the UNESCO world heritage list shows the disciplinary lens through which sites and objects in Africa are looked at. The selections made by professionals of different disciplines ‘produce’ certain types of heritage. As such, this map shows the subjectivity of preservation or the politics of UNESCO. Natural: nature reserve, game park and gardens, Colonial: structures from different periods of colonization (Roman, Arab and European), Religious: churches and mosques, Political: sites related to histories of political repression or struggle, Tribal: heritage resources appointed to tribal histories, Human artefact: sites of archaeological importance in terms of human remains or craft objects, Ancient urban area: sites of archaeological importance in terms of build up environment.

Distribution of sites in percentages

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Natural
Colonial
Religious (Christian, Muslim)
Political
Tribal
Human artefact
Ancient urban area

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