



## Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage (ADACH)

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### Abstract

#### Vision

To make Abu Dhabi the cultural centre of the region, while promoting national culture and identity as a source of pride and inspiration to the people.

#### Mission

The mission of ADACH is to safeguard, manage and enhance national heritage; to promote and encourage creativity in the fields of arts and culture; to engage civil society by providing it with the means to develop cultural expression and knowledge. Enrich intellectual production, encourage the fine arts and expose Arab and Islamic heritage on a national and regional scale.

The GIS function in ADACH is currently under development as part of the ADACH Data Center and information technology infrastructure and strategic plan development. GIS data themes maintained by ADACH include locations and information concerning cultural facilities, fossil sites, archaeological sites and historic buildings.

### GIS Profile

The eventual enterprise system will address the full range of ADACH operations and decision support needs; including GIS. The intention is for this GIS function to eventually serve the enterprise needs of ADACH, and ADACH is in the process of developing an enterprise IT and GIS Strategy to support all sectors activities at ADACH. This will be coordinated with the AD-SDI Project Team.

ADACH is working with its consultants to establish a Cultural Heritage Information Resource Management System (CHIRMS). This is quite a complex undertaking, encompassing a wide range of diverse topics, including up-to-date cataloguing procedures for cultural assets, ADACH corporate organisation, workflows and communication flows, cultural heritage management, etc.

ADACH became a member entity in the SDI community in October 2009. ADACH is cooperating closely with the Abu Dhabi Spatial Data Infrastructure (AD-SDI) initiative.

Specific activities that ADACH is currently supporting include:

### SDI Involvement

**Cultural Heritage Mapping:** ADACH is now mapping the locations and essential characteristics of its cultural facilities, fossil sites, archaeological sites and historic buildings. This information is essential to understanding and managing cultural heritage resources within Abu Dhabi emirate.

**Cultural Heritage Information Resource Management System (CHIRMS):** the conceptual design of an IT system suited to the requirements of the Authority in terms of modern management of cultural heritage resources and data.

**Education and Awareness:** ADACH is participating in the forthcoming International GIS Day at ADNEC in Abu Dhabi from the 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November 2009. ADACH will be presenting details of its GIS with examples of its current mapping and available information.

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