

Cultural landscape

Definition

According to the [UNESCO World Heritage Centre](#), “[t]he term “cultural landscape” embraces a diversity of manifestations of the interaction between humankind and its natural environment.

Concept

Cultural landscapes often reflect specific techniques of sustainable land-use, considering the characteristics and limits of the natural environment they are established in, and a specific spiritual relation to nature. Protection of cultural landscapes can contribute to modern techniques of sustainable land-use and can maintain or enhance natural values in the landscape. The continued existence of traditional forms of land-use supports biological diversity in many regions of the world. The protection of traditional cultural landscapes is therefore helpful in maintaining [biological diversity](#).” The terms [landscape](#) and cultural landscape are often used synonymously. Source: [UNESCO World Heritage Council](#)

Projects

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