

CONSERVATION OF WORLD HERITAGE

SITES



IRELAND

ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION OF HERITAGE SITES IN IRELAND

Ireland has an exceptional archaeological heritage which must be protected from all developments including afforestation. Some of the heritage sites in Ireland are :-

1. Newgrange :- It is the oldest monument in Ireland. It was built in Neolithic age.

2. Rock of Cashel :- It is the most beautiful monument in Ireland. It is also called as cashel of the kings.

3. Hill of Tara :- It has many old buildings on it. The stone of destiny is the most famous monument in Hill of Tara.

4. Clonmacnoise :- It consists of churches, 2 round towers, 3 high crosses and a large collection of early Christian holy books.

How are these monuments getting degraded?

There are many reasons for degradation of monuments in Ireland. They are :

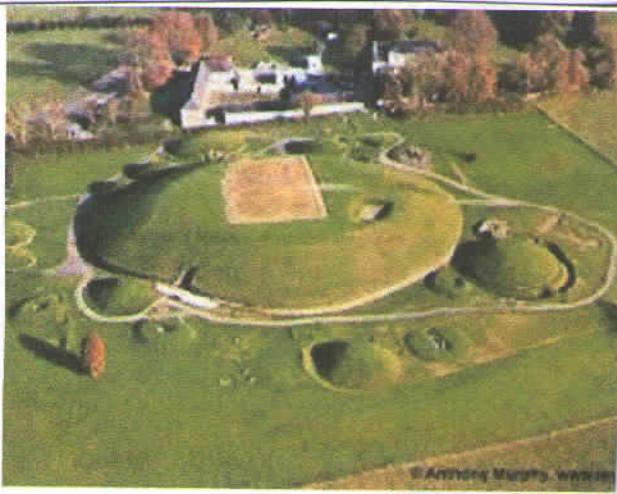
1. Monuments are getting degraded by pollution which is the common reason in all countries. ~~The vehicles consumption is leading to a great threat to them.~~
2. The visitors engrave their names on the rocks which gives a result in damaging the beauty of the monuments.
3. Monuments are left behind like that without taking care of them, this results in dusty layers accumulating in the site.
4. Industries is an other way for depletion of Monuments. Because of the toxic substances present in air, released by industries result in discolouration of the site.

5. Nature is also responsible for the degradation of monuments in the way of acid rain and global warming. Acid rain causes degradation of the sites. It also causes discolouration.

6. People also clear lands for their convenience. Now a days, people are also clearing valuable heritage sites resulting in loss of world heritage sites.

7. There are many monument which are collapsing due to earthquakes and other natural disasters.

8. Some archeological parks are getting degraded by archaeological excavations also.



CONSERVATION METHODS FOR WORLD HERITAGE SITES

1. Proper steps and efforts should be taken by government. Though the government is taking efforts, it need to be improvised.
2. People also should feel responsibility to conserve their own national heritage. Government should issue laws in public interest.
3. Awareness programmes should be held so that people may get educated about the monuments and their importance. Advertisement campaigns and speeches should be laid out.
4. Laws should be issued to control air pollution and global warming.
5. Technology should be properly used so that any visitors damages the monument, the volunteers of the park should know.

6. The monument should be properly cleaned and kept in use, so that it does not get depleted.
7. It should be built and furnished strongly so that it does not collapse when an earthquake attacks.
8. Excavations should be done in a proper way so that site does not get damaged.
9. People as their responsibility should atleast travel to the monuments so that the economic value of the monument increases and gives the way for development.

CONCLUSION

Human interruption is the main cause for depletion of monuments and human responsibility is the main way of conserving monuments. So, every person has the responsibility to conserve monuments.