

# Cultural Antiquities Task Force



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## PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Department of State

Department of Homeland Security

Department of Justice

Department of Defense

Department of the Interior

Department of the Treasury

The Cultural Antiquities Task Force (CATF) is a group of federal agencies that share a common mission to combat cultural property trafficking. The CATF coordinates interagency activities, focusing on training law enforcement and customs officials. It supports local governments, museums, and preservationists around the world to protect, recover, and restore antiquities. The U.S. Congress established the CATF in 2004. It is led by the State Department's Cultural Heritage Center in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The CATF has supported nearly 100 trainings and workshops in over 20 countries.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

- » Promote law enforcement coordination among U.S. government member agencies
- » Train U.S. law enforcement personnel on U.S. laws and international agreements and identification of looted and stolen antiquities
- » Build capacity of foreign law enforcement and heritage managers to protect and preserve sites and objects
- » Support the production and distribution of tools and resources—such as Red Lists of Cultural Objects at Risk—designed to enhance the ability of law enforcement to combat theft, looting, and trafficking



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