

Cultural and Natural Values of Sabalan Mountains to Inscription in UNESCO World Heritage List

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According to the definition of the terms 1 and 2 of World Heritage Center (WHC) UNESCO; Sabalan Mountain should be considered as a landscape with regard to the have natural-cultural heritage. Until now, Iran has no similar work on the World Heritage List (WHL). Due to the cultural and natural features of this mountain as well as having comparable features with the ten norms defined in WHC, the Sabalan landscape has greatest chance to inscription of in the world heritage list. The aim of this study is to describe Sabalan realities objectively and comparing its features with ten norms of WHC for registration on WHL. This is a goal in order to compare the status quo (national registration) with the optimal situation (World Heritage). The ultimate result of Sabalan registration on the WHL is turning it into an international top brand, which would play a crucial role in the conservation/health of the Sabalan natural-cultural heritage and tourism development.

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