

RED LIST OF PERUVIAN ANTIQUITIES AT RISK

In order to combat the looting and destruction of Peruvian archaeological sites and ecclesiastical complexes, the International Council of Museums has published this *Red List of Peruvian Antiquities at Risk* to assist legal authorities, build public awareness, and promote international cooperation in the protection of the cultural heritage of Peru.



This *Red List* is the fifth in the series published by ICOM to date.* *Red Lists* describe types and categories of objects protected under national legislation and international agreements that are frequently illegally traded internationally. These Lists are developed by international teams of experts in the archaeology and ethnology of the country or region of origin of the objects. The illustrations show objects that, in the opinion of experts, belong to the categories that are most likely to be looted and traded illicitly. *Red Lists* are designed to protect cultural heritage at risk by assisting customs and law enforcement officials, dealers in art and antiquities, museums and collectors to identify objects of possible illicit origin. Potential buyers are advised to refrain from any purchase unless the items are accompanied by a certificate of origin and documentation showing provenance. Furthermore, customs, law enforcement officials, and other authorities are encouraged to take precautionary measures with respect to any object of suspect origin while its provenance is investigated in detail.



1. Looted archaeological necropolis, Central Coast, Peru.
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2. Plundered Church of Coporaque, Cusco © INC

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ICOM considers combating illicit trade in cultural goods to be one of the core aims of its program of action. The *Red List of Peruvian Antiquities at Risk* has been designed to prevent pillage, theft, and the illegal export of cultural property from Peru; and to help protect the country's cultural heritage. The List is an addition to the collection of Red Lists already published for Africa, Latin America, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

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Introduction

The cultural heritage of Peru includes easily identifiable and unique objects of the great pre-Columbian civilizations, of the times of the Viceroyalty, and of the Republican era.

Despite the protection afforded by national legislation and international instruments, the cultural wealth of Peru is affected by looting and illicit trade. Between 2004 and 2006, illicit exports of over 5,000 cultural and natural objects were intercepted. Nevertheless, the number of clandestine excavations at archaeological sites has increased, as have thefts from churches and museums.

Illicit trade in Peruvian cultural property causes irreparable damage to the country's heritage and identity, and constitutes a serious loss for the memory of mankind.

Objective

This *Red List* has been developed to assist museums, dealers in art and antiquities, and collectors, as well as customs and law enforcement officials in the identification of objects that may have been illicitly exported from Peru. To facilitate identification, the List describes several categories of objects at risk of being illicitly traded on the antiquities market. These objects are protected under Peruvian legislation banning their export and sale. Therefore, ICOM appeals to museums, auction houses, dealers in art and antiquities, and collectors not to purchase such objects without first having checked thoroughly their origin and provenance documentation.

Because of the great diversity of Peruvian objects, styles, and periods, the *Red List of Peruvian Antiquities at Risk* is not exhaustive, and any antiquity that may have originated in Peru should be subjected to detailed scrutiny and precautionary measures.

The cultural heritage of Peru is protected by the following:

NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Political Constitution of Peru (1993): Article 21

Cultural Heritage of the Country General Act: Act No. 28296 (2004) and its Regulations (2006)

Supreme Decree No. 007-2006-MTC, Act No. 28404 - Regulations, Security of Civil Aviation Act

Decree Law No. 19414 (1972), Defence, Conservation and Development of the Country's Documentary Heritage Act and its Regulations

Legislative Decree No. 635 (1991), Criminal Code: Title VIII

Legislative Decree No. 961 (2006), Code of Justice Military Police of Peru

INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property

Convention of The Hague of 1954 and its two Protocols (1954 and 1999)

Andean Community Decision 588 of 2004

1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects

OAS Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological, Historical, and Artistic Heritage of the Nation (Convention of San Salvador of 1976)

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THE RED LIST COVERS THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

(As of the date of this printing, these images do not represent stolen objects. Rather, they serve to illustrate the categories of objects which are the target of illicit traffic.)

PRE-COLUMBIAN PERIOD

Textiles

Textiles with repeating designs and colours. They may be made of wool or cotton, with feathers or metal.

A/ Quipus: sets of knotted strings hanging from a main cord. [illus. 1]

B/ Textiles: mantles of various shapes, decorated with brilliant colours, geometric designs and mythical characters. [illus. 2]

C/ Feather weavings: tunics and textiles (or fragments) into which are woven coloured feathers. [illus. 3]



1. Inca Armatambo Quipu, 1450-1532 AD, 134 x 80 cm. © MNAAHP
2. Paracas mantle, Early Nasca, 200 BC, 265 x 157 cm. © MNAAHP
3. Nasca feather weaving, 200 BC-600 AD, 85 x 64 cm. © MNAAHP

Metals

Ornaments, vessels and figurines made of gold, silver and copper. They may have inlaid semi-precious stones.

A/ Masks: stylized face of sheet metal. Typically they have almond-shaped eyes and attached or hanging elements. They may retain traces of red pigment. [illus. 4]

B/ Ear ornaments: ornaments designed to be worn through the ear lobes. [illus. 5]

C/ Nose ornaments: objects with two hooks to hold them between the nostrils. [illus. 6]

D/ Headdress elements: gold or silver circular or semicircular decorated objects, worn on the head. [illus. 7]



4. Sicán gold mask, 900-1100 AD, 29 x 54 cm. © Museo Nacional Sicán
5. Moche ear ornaments, 1st-7th cent. AD, 12.7 x 4.0 cm. © Museo Larco
6. Moche nose ornament, 1st-7th cent. AD, 3.4 x 12.7 cm. © Museo Larco
7. Moche frontal ornament, 1st-7th cent. AD, 22.4 x 25.6 cm. © Museo Larco



Ceramics

Fired clay vessels of various shapes with incised, modeled, molded, and painted designs. [illus. 8]

A/ Pictorial vessels: decorated with vivid colours, geometric designs, and mythological figures. [illus. 8]

B/ Sculptural vessels: in the shape of fruit, animals, humans or gods, in various positions. [illus. 9]

C/ Figures: standing male or female figurines; usually naked. The best known are the “cuchimilcos” of the Chancay culture. [illus. 10]



8. Nasca polychrome vessel, 2nd cent. BC - 6th cent. AD, 11.0 x 14.3 cm.

9. Moche warrior, 1st-7th cent. AD, 37 x 20 cm.

10. Chancay Cuchimilco, 10th-15th cent. AD, 59.8 x 31.6 cm.

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Semi-precious stones

Figurines and small objects usually made of turquoise. Necklaces and ornaments with lapis-lazuli, quartz, amethyst, and sodalite. [illus. 11]



11. Wari turquoise figurine, 600-1000 AD, 3.72 x 1.94 cm. © MNAAHP



12. Pukara sculpture, 200 BC-200 AD, 200 x 75 cm. © MNAAHP

Stone

Sculptures, tools, weapons and stelae of all sizes, with various designs. [illus. 12]

Wood

Sculptures, utensils and vessels, painted or decorated with inlaid shell or stone.

A/ Oars: the blade of the oar is usually smooth, and the upper shaft and top are usually carved. [illus. 13]

B/ Masks: human faces often with red pigment, and with inlaid shell eyes. Some have human hair, textile, and feather elements. [illus. 14]



13. Detail of Chincha ceremonial oar, 1000-1400 AD, oar: 229 x 22.9 cm. © MNAAHP



14. Chancay mask, 10th-15th cent. AD, 17 x 18 cm. © MNAAHP

Fossils

Petrified remains of vertebrates (shark teeth, fish or bird bones), invertebrates (molluscs and trilobites), or plants. [illus. 15-16]



15. Oyster, ammonites and urchin, Albian/Coniacian. © INC



16. Fossilised cranium of Peruvian Booby, Miocene/Pliocene. © INGENMET



17. Chachapoya-Inca funeral bundle, 1400-1600 AD. © Centro Mallqui

Human remains

Mummies or bones; they may be wrapped in textiles forming (complete or partial) funeral bundles. [illus. 17]

COLONIAL & REPUBLICAN PERIOD

Ethnographic objects

Ritual vessels or objects such as keros (carved wood vessels decorated with scenes depicting people, animals, flowers and geometric designs). [illus. 18]

Paintings

Painting on canvas, wood or metal generally depicting religious themes: virgins, angels, saints and scenes of the life of Jesus, with or without gold decorations. [illus. 19-20]

Sculpture

Sculptures, reliefs or elements from retables. They represent virgins, saints, crucified Christs, angels, and the Child Jesus. They are carved in wood; or made of cloth, glue, and plaster. [illus. 21]

Silvercraft

Liturgical objects such as altar frontals, monstrances, chalices, flagons, incense burners, and crucifixes; and utensils or various kinds of ornaments. They are made of cast, chiselled, embossed, hammered, or filigree silver. Some are gold-plated and may have pearls or precious stones. [illus. 22-23]

18. Colonial Kero, 16th-19th cent. AD, 28 cm. © Museo Regional de Cusco



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19. Archangel with harquebus, 18th cent. AD, 114 x 82 cm. © MNAAHP



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20. The Virgin with the Holy Trinity, Saint Ursula and Saint Catherine, 18th cent. AD, 120.3 x 94.2 cm. © INC



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21. Archangel Saint Michael, 18th cent. AD, 71.5 cm. © INC

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23. Silver altar frontal, 18th cent. AD, 58 x 63 cm. © INC

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22. Ornamental pins for clothing or "tupus", 18th cent. AD, 27.4 x 4.5 cm. © INC

Numismatics

Gold or silver coins and medals, circular and sometimes of irregular shape, with inscriptions referring to the Crown of Spain or to the Viceroyalty of Peru. [illus. 24-25-26-27]



- 24. Silver coin worth eight reales, "Columbaria", 1753.
- 25. Silver coin worth eight reales, "Macuquina", 1742.
- 26. Gold coin worth four escudos, "Pelucona", 1752.
- 27. Silver coin worth one real, 1568.

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Furniture

Carved wood furniture, either painted and gilded, or with wood or mother-of-pearl inlays. Bargueños, or portable writing desks, are of particular note, as well as music stands, chests, and coffers. [illus. 28]



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28. Writing desk, 18th cent. AD, 83 x 75.5 cm. © Cathedral of Lima

Drawings and engravings

Pencil and coal drawings, watercolours, and black and white or coloured engravings. With religious or historic scenes. [illus. 29]



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29. Pancho Fierro watercolour, 19th cent. AD, 28 x 21 cm. © INC

Textiles

Liturgical vestments such as cassocks, dalmatics, and stoles, among others, with flowers and religious symbols embroidered in silver and gold thread. Also tapestries, bands, and cloth with religious designs. [illus. 30]



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30. Cassock, 18th cent. AD. © INC

Documents

Papers, maps, manuscripts and old printed material. They may have letterheads, official seals, signatures, and the stamp of the depository archive. [illus. 31-32]



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31. Manuscript signed by Ramón Castilla on 19 April 1860. © Archivo General de la Nación



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32. *Symbolo Catholico Indiano*, printed in Lima by Antonio Ricardo, 1598. © Biblioteca Nacional del Perú

Ceramics

Tiles, vessels, objects, and ornaments made of vitreous ceramics with religious and floral motifs. [illus. 33]



33. Panel of tiles, 1656, 254 x 92 cm. © Cathedral of Lima

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