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**Endangered heritage places in Tafila region
southern Jordan**

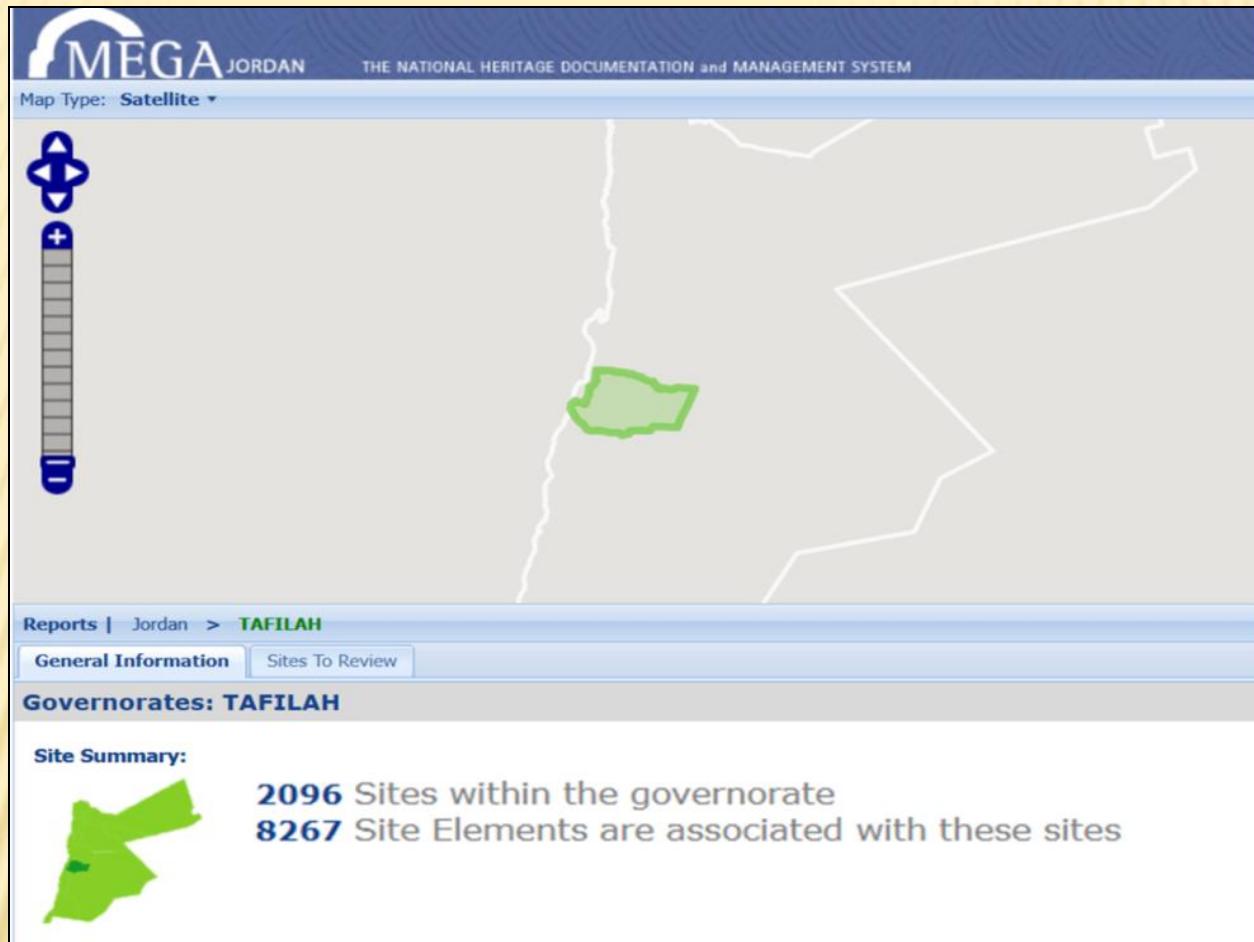
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The history of Tafila

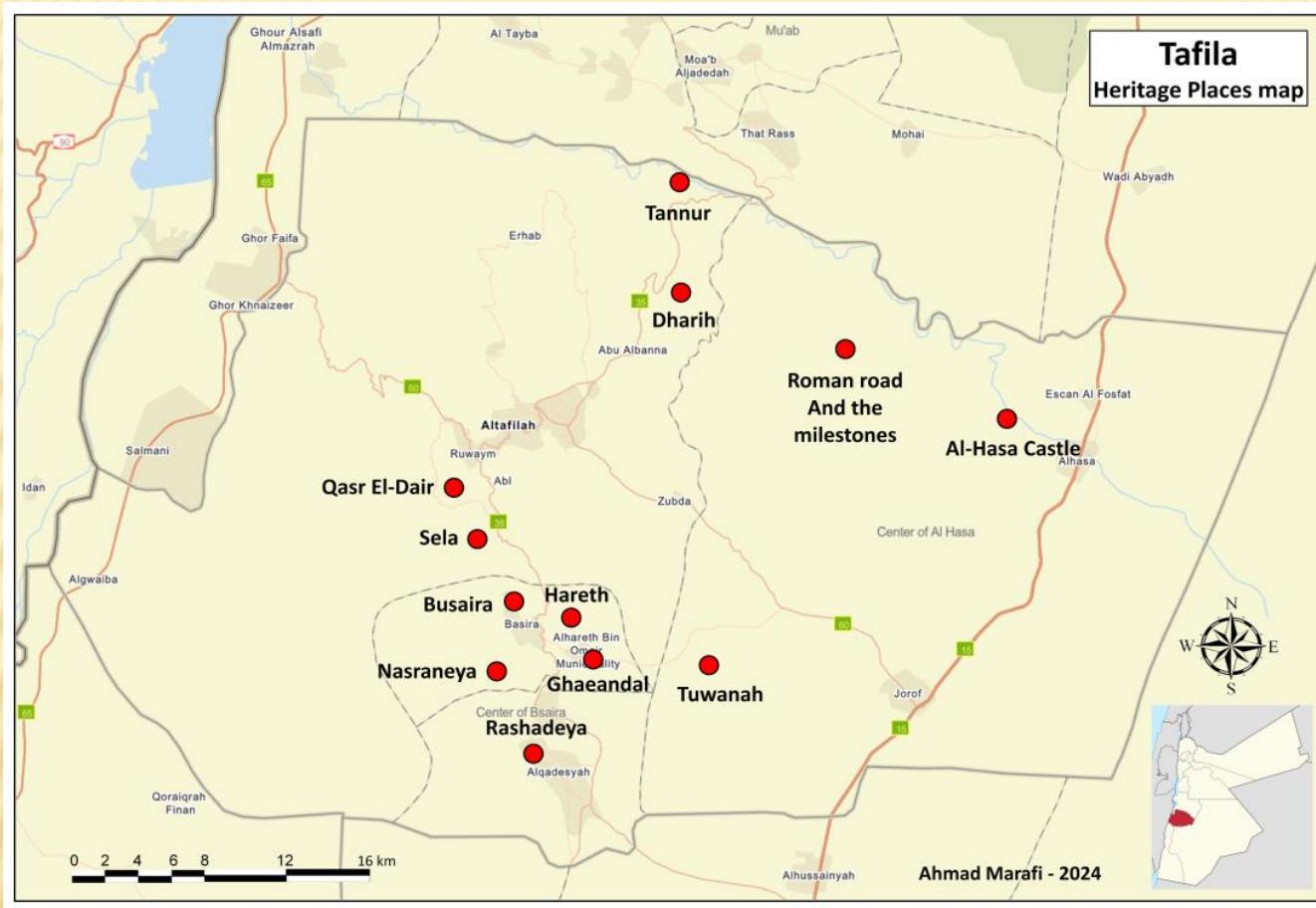
Tafila city is located in south of Jordan, about 180 km south of Amman, it is the capital of Tafila Governorate, Tafila was built on the ruins of the Edomites ancient city (Tofel), during the Nabataean and Roman period it was given the name (De-Typhlos) which means the city of vines, and in the Byzantine period it was called (Augustopolis) meaning the city of Emperor Augustus



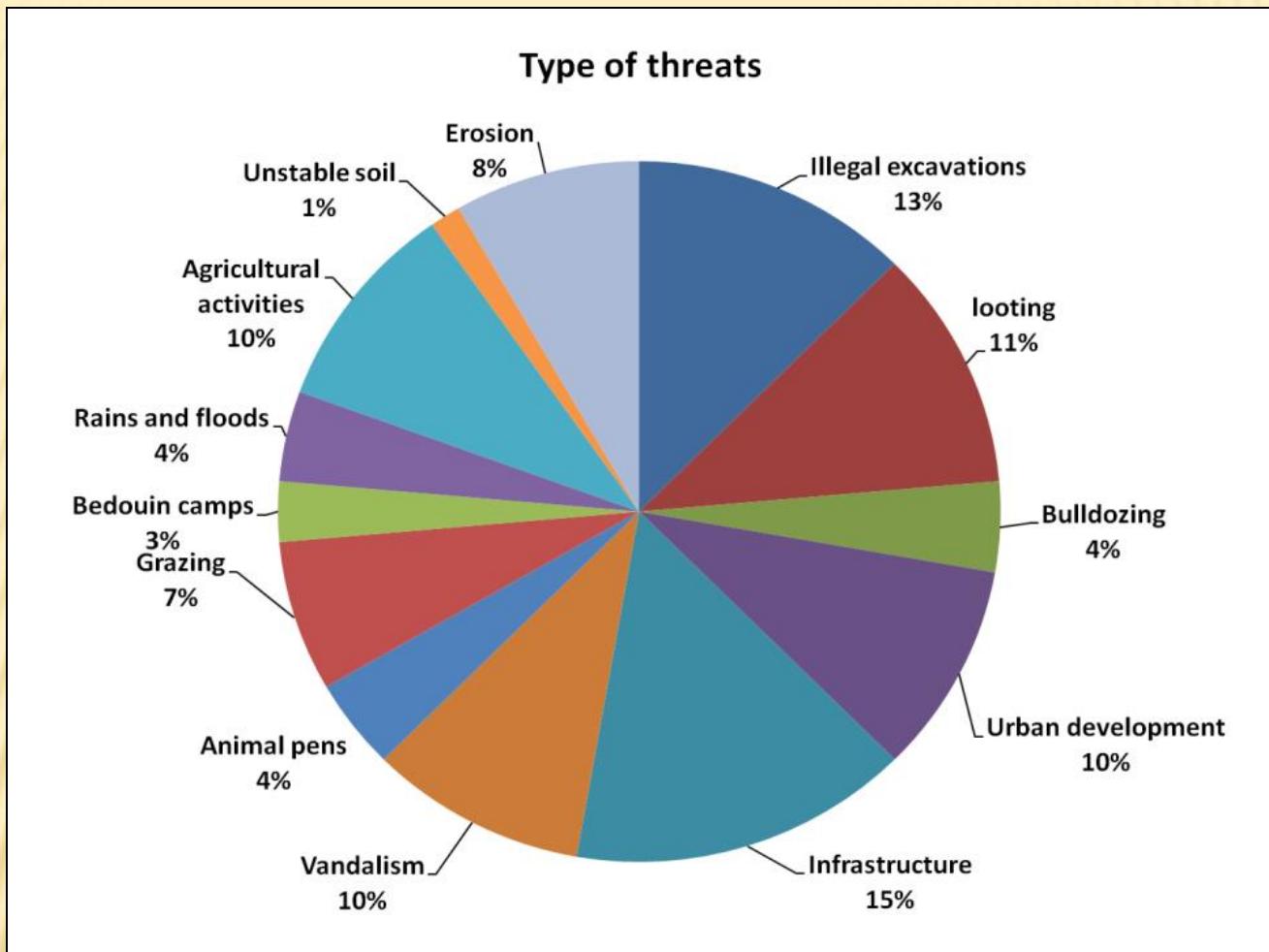
Screenshot from the national database of archaeology (Mega-Jordan) showing the number of archaeological sites which has been recorded in Tafila Governorate



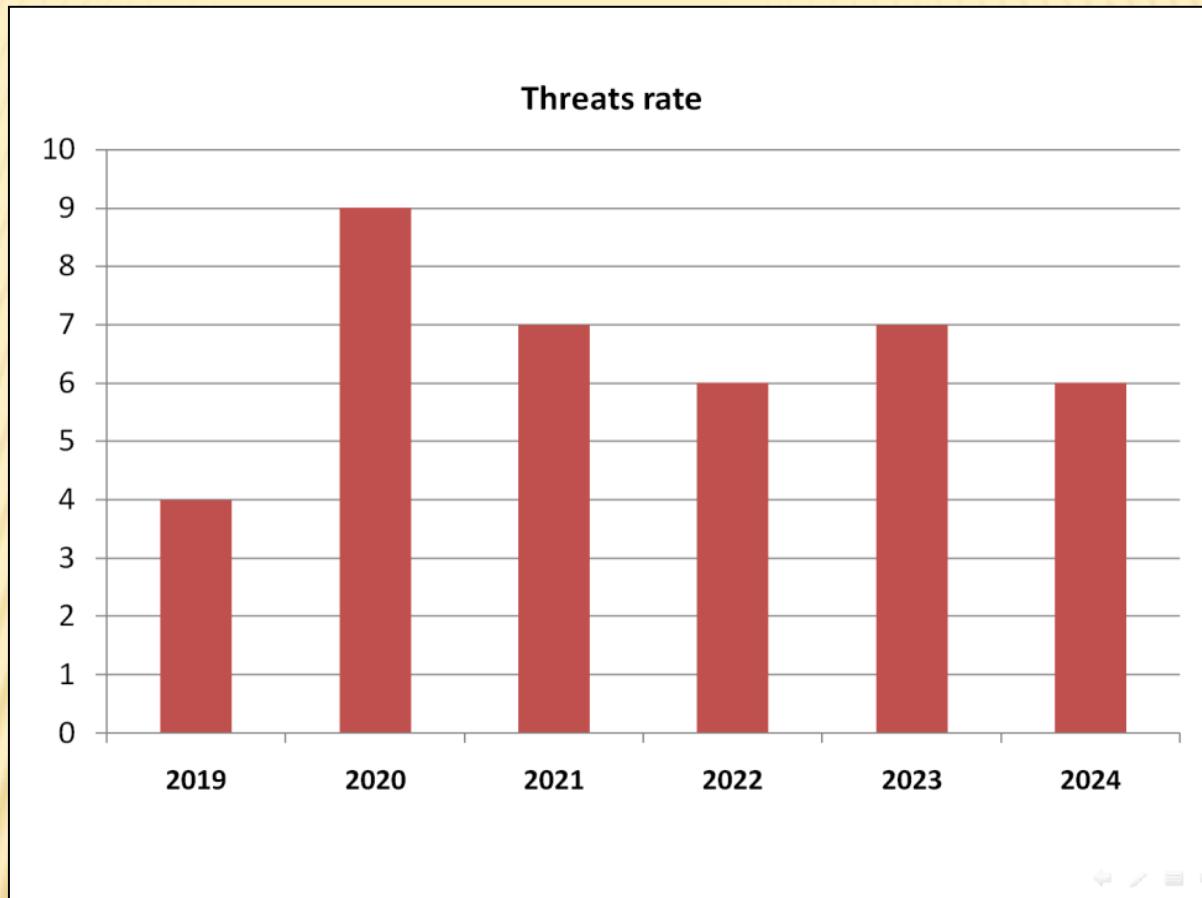
The Department of Antiquities of Jordan is making big efforts in order to preserve and maintain these sites



In This dataset we will focus on 12 archaeological sites which considered the most endangered heritage places in Tafila region, southern Jordan, due to the human and natural factors.



A chart showing the types of threats to a selected sample of 100 sites in Tafila



A chart showing the rate of threats to a selected sample of 100 sites in Tafila over the past 6 years

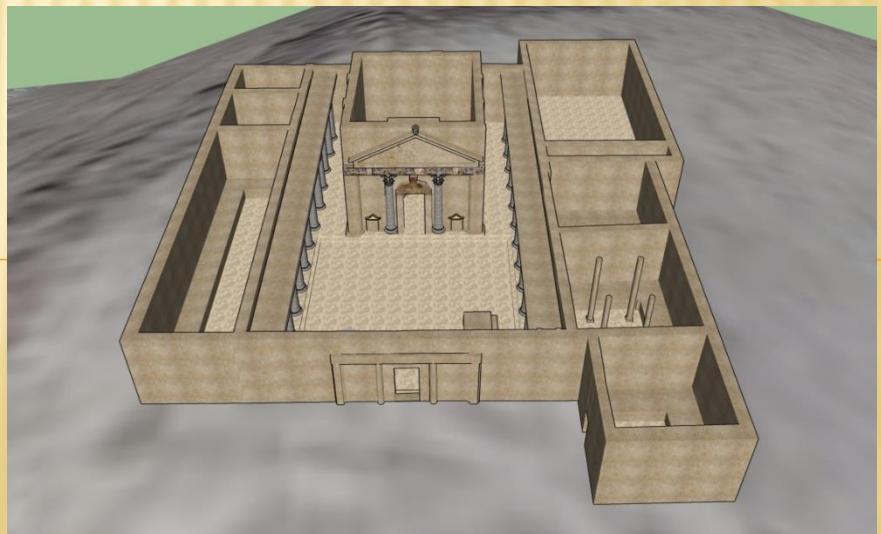
Some examples of threats on archaeological sites





Aerial photo showing
the Nabataean Temple
at the Tannur

Digital reconstruction
showing the Nabataean
temple at Tannur in the
second century AD

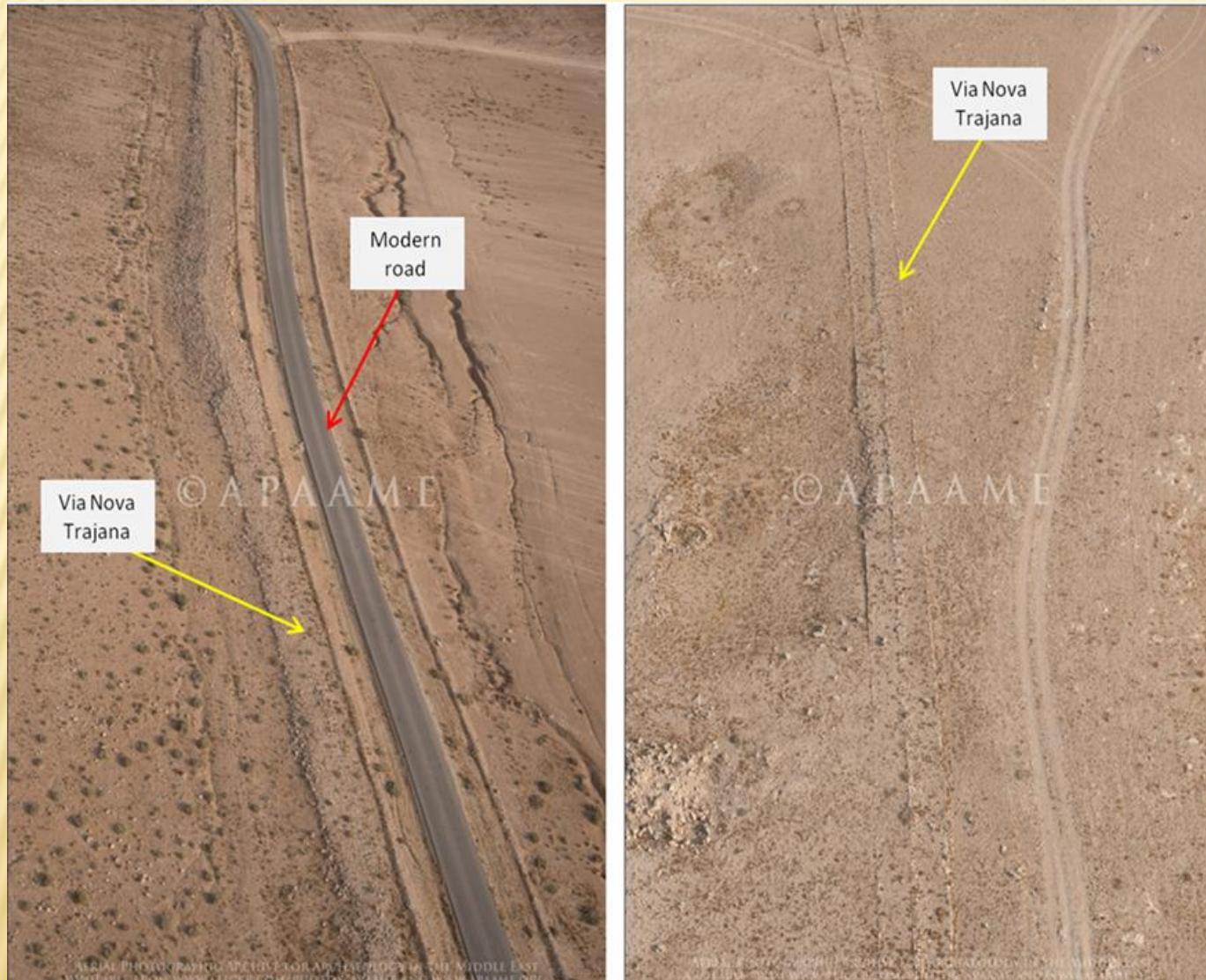




Pictures showing
the Nabataean
Temple in Tannur
in 1937 and the
destruction in
2024 as a result
of illegal
excavations



The Roman road (Via Nova Traiana)
and the milestones



Aerial photos showing part of the Roman road before and after establishing the modern road



Pictures showing illegal excavations and the destruction of the milestones



Picture showing one of the milestones which moved near Tafila Castle



Front facade of Al- Hasa castle



Aerial photo showing general view of Al-Hasa castle,
the water cistern and the bridge



Picture showing
the cracks in one
of the walls of Al-
Hasa castle



Picture showing one of the collapsed walls in the water cistern due to seasonal floods

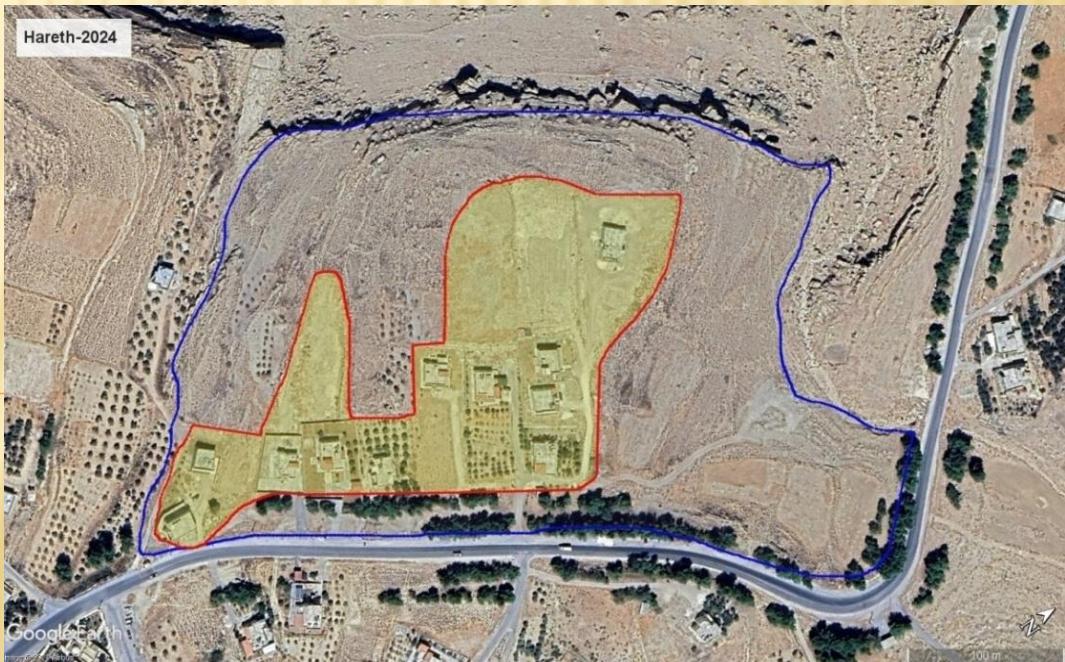


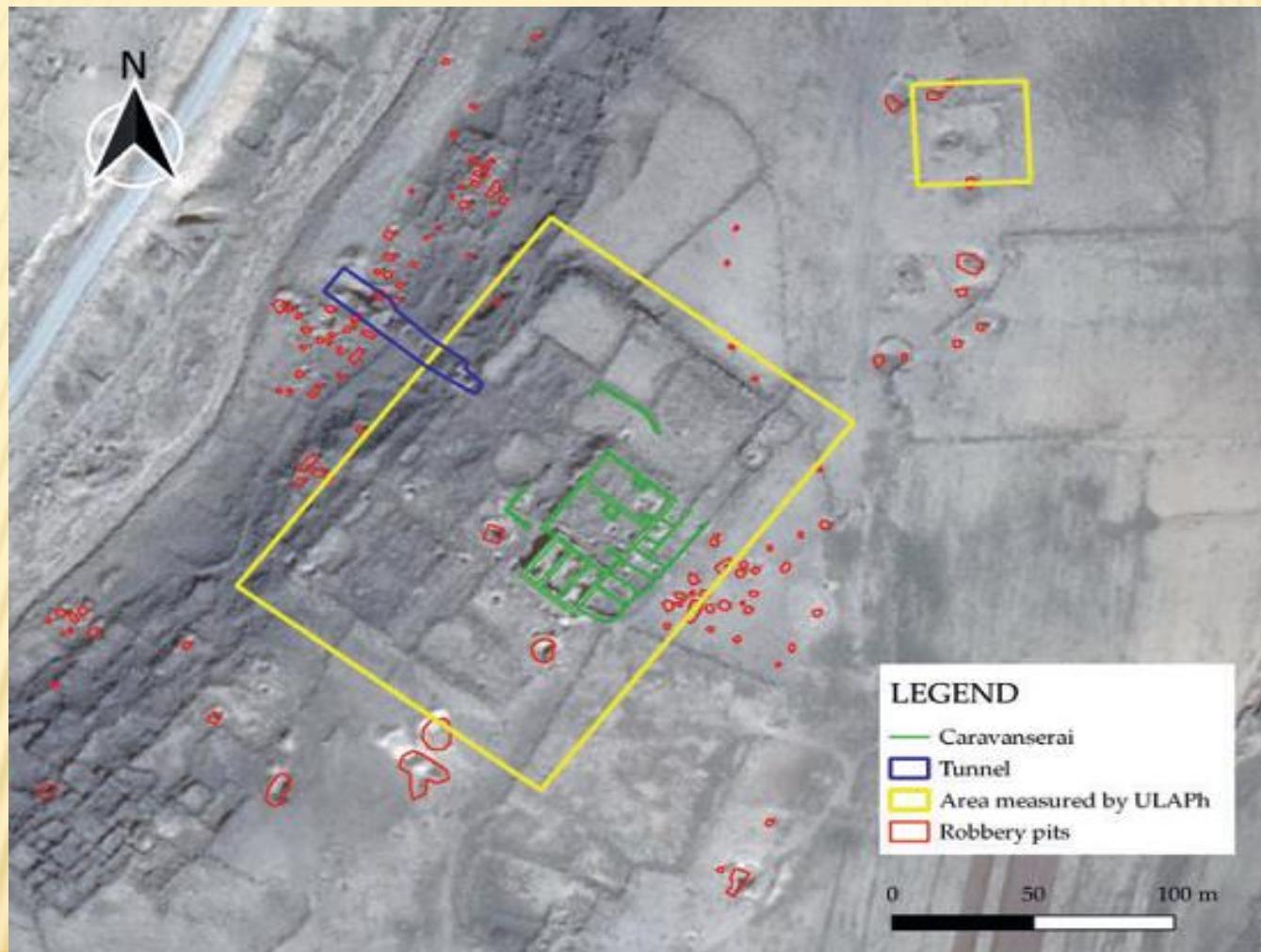
Picture showing one of the collapsed walls in the water cistern due to seasonal floods



Pictures showing some dredging and construction work using excavators in the site and some of the underground destruction

Satellite images showing
the diminishing size of the
archaeological site
between 2011 and 2024
as a result of urban
development





Satellite image shows the large number of looting pits in Tuwanah



Qasr El-dair

Pictures showing the site Qasr El-dair before and after the preservation and conservation project in 2024





Picture showing the visitor's path, the sign and the field visits of the local community in Busaira

Welcome, Ahmad

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Screenshot from EAMENA database showing that all 12 endangered heritage places are already recorded on the database

The screenshot shows the Zenodo Sandbox instance interface. At the top, there is a search bar with placeholder text "Search records..." and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar are links for "Communities" and "My dashboard". On the far right, there is a user profile icon with the email "a.marafi@..." and a dropdown menu.

A yellow warning banner at the top states: "⚠ This is the Zenodo Sandbox instance, used for testing purposes ⚠" and "DOIs created in this instance are not real and will not resolve. You can find the production instance of Zenodo at zenodo.org".

The main content area displays a dataset titled "Published December 3, 2024 | Version v1". It has two buttons: "Dataset" and "Open". Below the title is the dataset name: "Endangered heritage places in Tafila region southern Jordan".

Contributors are listed as "EAMENA database" with a user icon. There is a button to "Show affiliations".

Statistics on the right show "0 VIEWS" and "0 DOWNLOADS", with a link to "Show more details".

Contributors section lists "Data collectors: Ahmad Marafi" and "Pascal Flohr".

Description: "This is a dataset of 12 archaeological sites which considered the most endangered heritage places in Tafila region, southern Jordan, due to the human and natural factors. This dataset showcases the urgent recommendations to ensure the protections of these sites. The dataset is put together by Ahmed Al-Marafi-Department of Antiquities-Jordan-2024."

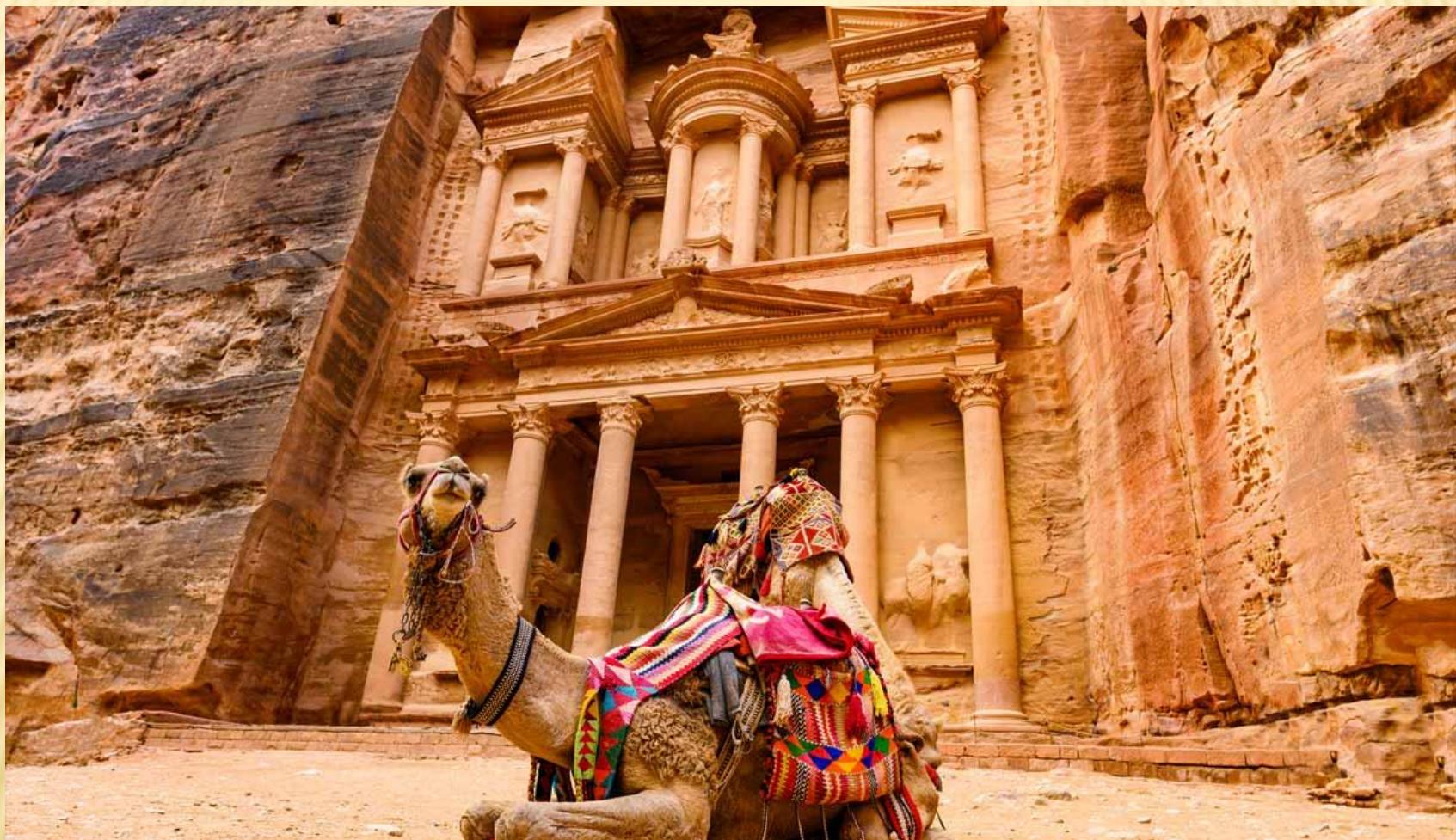
Methods section lists "EAMENA data entry methodology".

Files section lists a single file: "endangered_heritage_places_in_tafila_region_southern_jordan.zip".

Versions section shows "Version v1" with DOI "10.5072/zenodo.139281" and date "Dec 3, 2024". A note says "Cite all versions? You can cite all versions by using the DOI 10.5072/zenodo.139280. This DOI represents all versions, and will always resolve to the latest one." with a "Read more" link.

External resources and Indexed in sections are also present.

Screenshot showing publishing the dataset in Zenodo sandbox



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