

Policy on the Public Release of Datasets

The CCRN takes very seriously the possibility that cultural sites might be targeted by belligerent actors or looted if identifying geospatial coordinates or other cultural details are included in a dataset. The datasets available for public download are redacted if identifying geospatial coordinates or other information is not known publicly or if releasing such information might endanger human lives or place a site at risk for further destruction. Those researchers seeking unredacted data should contact the CCRN directly.

This policy has been developed in guidance with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, following the recommendations of the Sphere Project's Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response [1] and the International Committee of the Red Cross' Professional Standards for Protection Work Carried Out by Humanitarian and Human Rights Actors in Armed Conflict and Other Situations of Violence [2].

[1] ICRC. 2013. Professional Standards for Protection Work Carried Out by Humanitarian and Human Rights Actors in Armed Conflict and Other Situations of Violence.
<https://www.icrc.org/eng/resources/documents/publication/p0999.htm>

[2] Sphere Project. 2010. Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response. <http://www.spherehandbook.org/>