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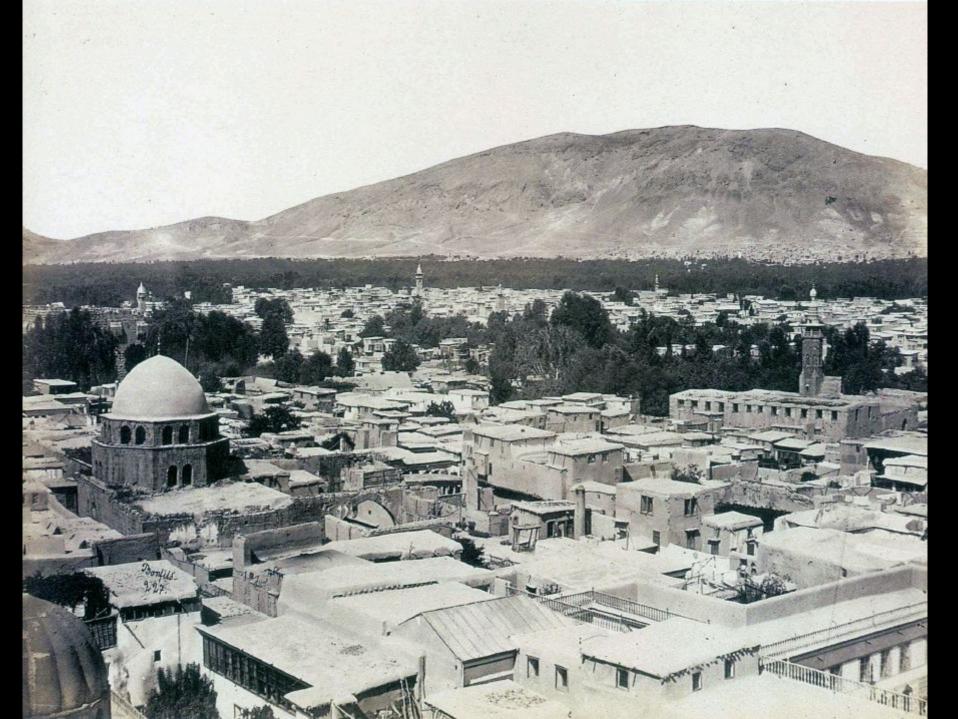
OLD CITY OF DAMASCUS: STRATEGY FOR A TOURISM ACTION PLAN



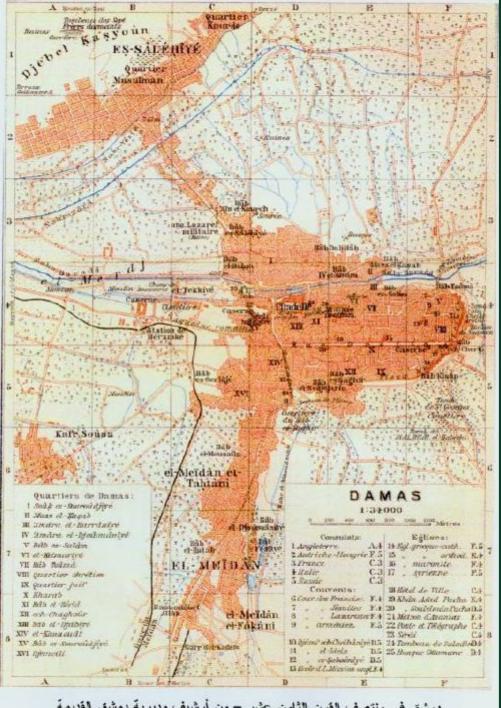
Presentation of the Old City of Damascus

The Walled City: 130 hectares and about 30,000 inhabitants
In a Modern City of 4,000,000

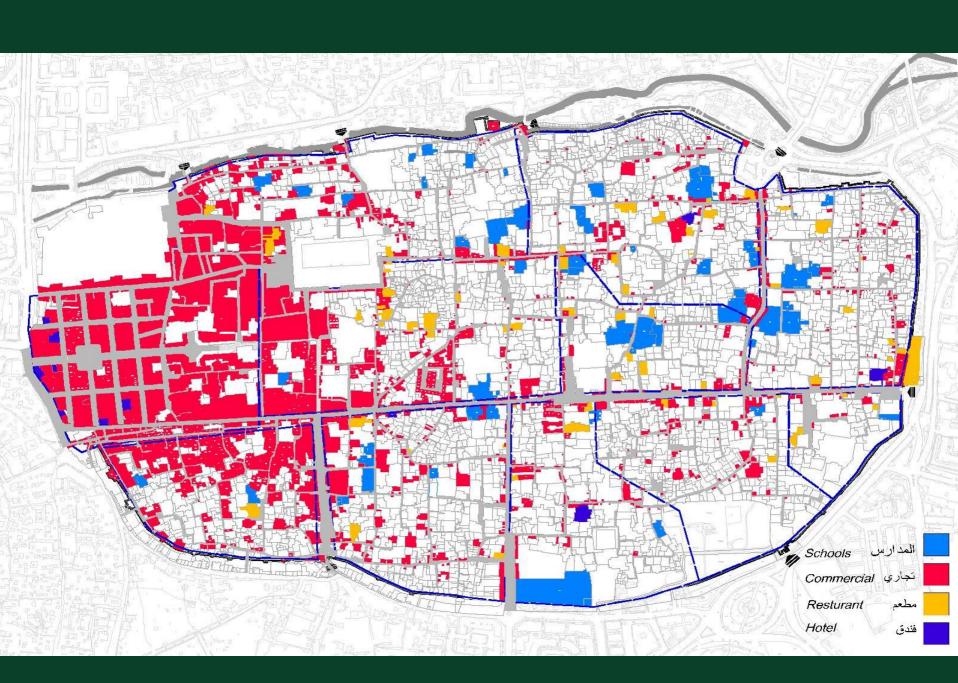
On the World Heritage list in 1979







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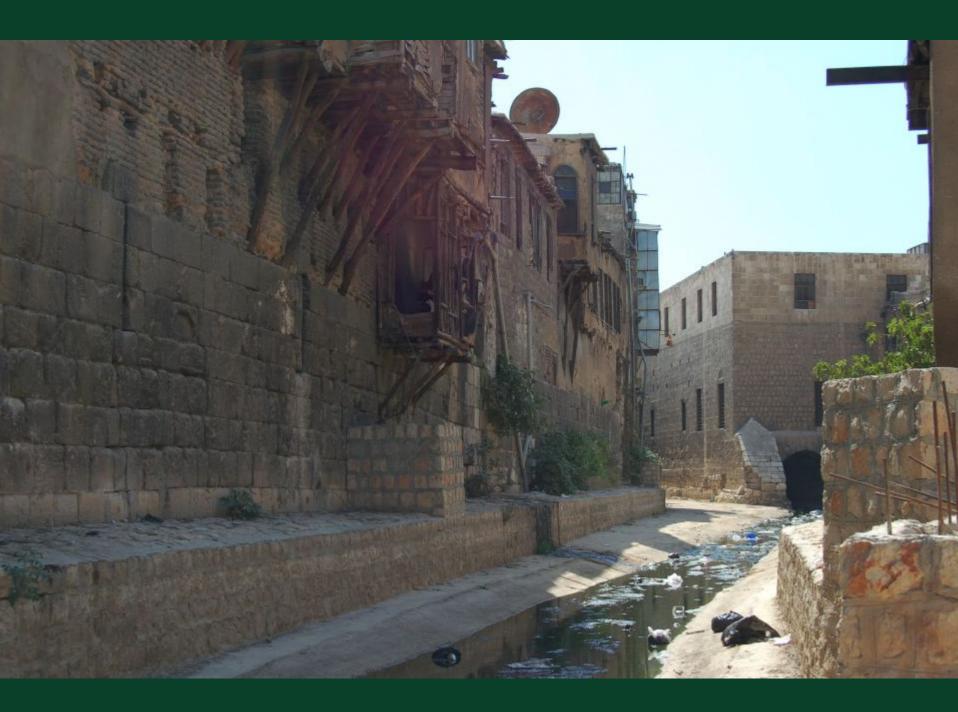


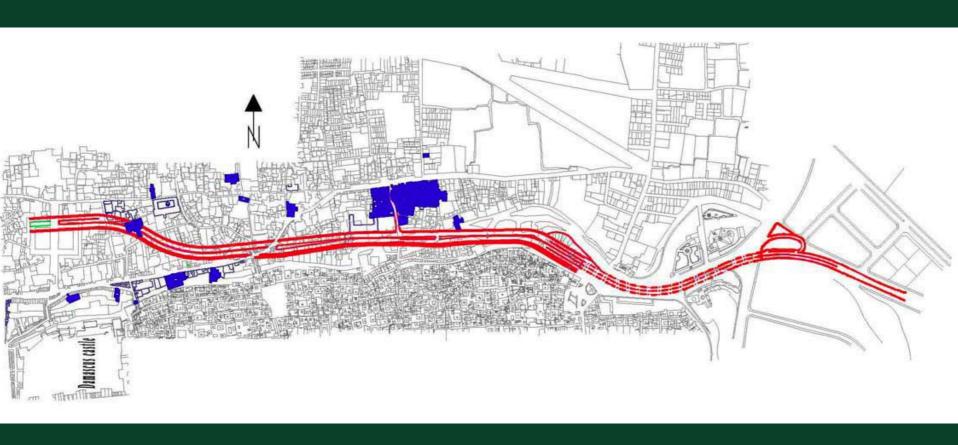
The Old City of Damascus

Previous episodes:

The battle against King Faisal Urban Motorway

The definition of a Buffer Zone

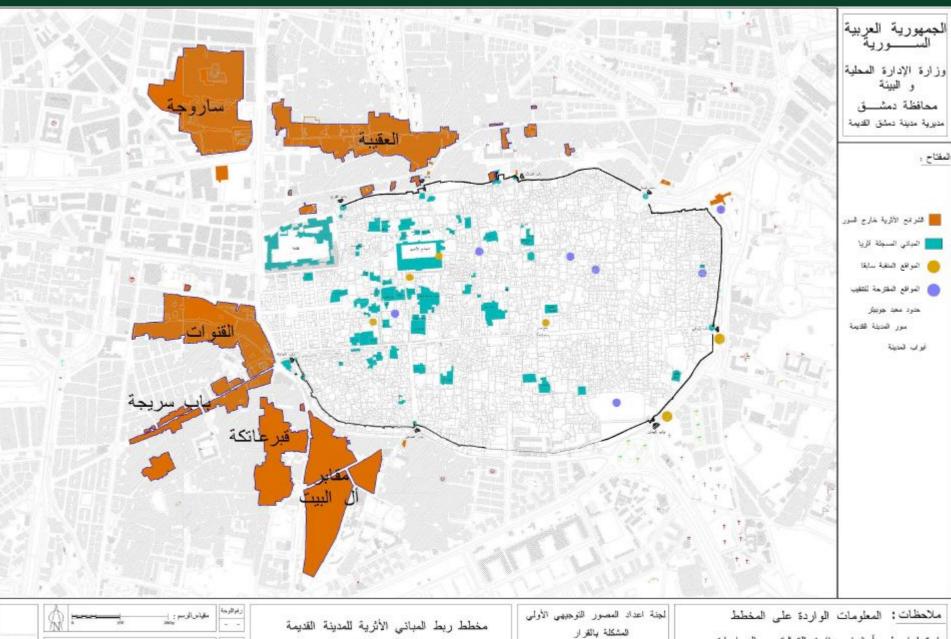








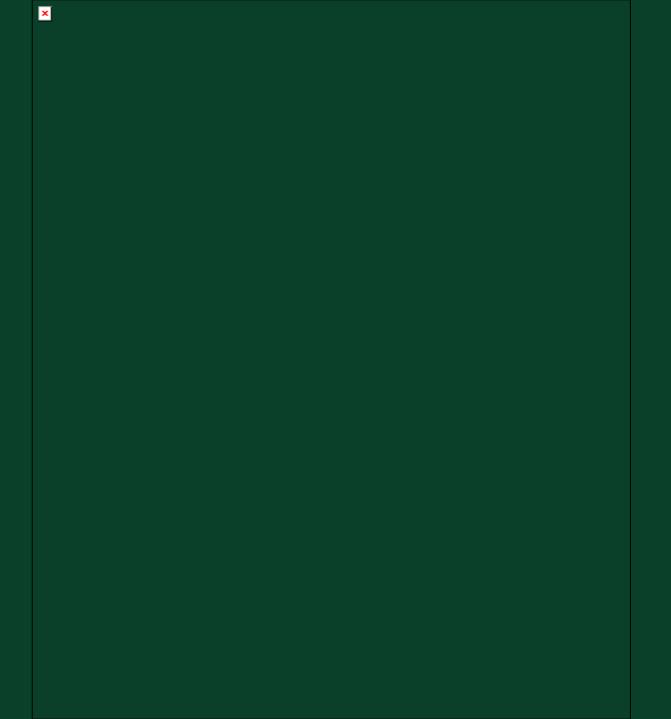




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اعتمادا على أرشيف دائرة التوثيق و الدراسات

مع الشرائح الأثرية خارج السور



Tourism in Damascus

Restaurants and Hotels











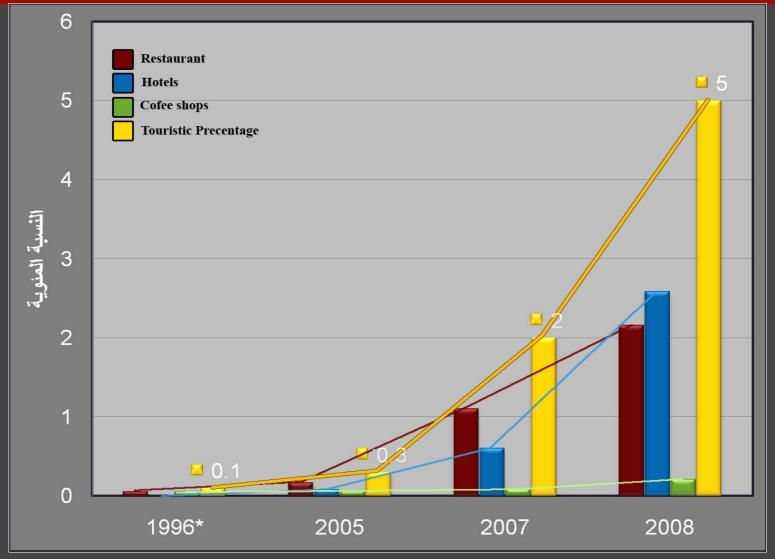






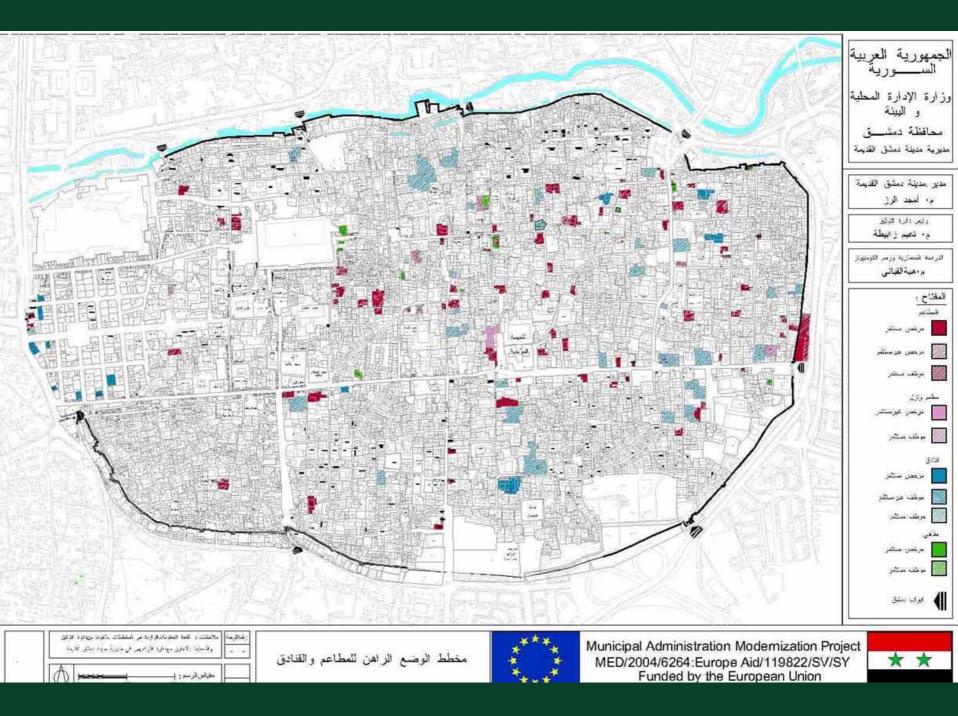


نسبة إشغالات الفعاليات السكنية في المدينة القديمة من عام صدور القرار (1996 - 2008 م):



*1996 : صدور تعديل نظام البناء الذي سمح بإشغال الأبنية لأغراض غير سكنية في المدينة القديمة





Tourism in Damascus

Statistics and Analyses

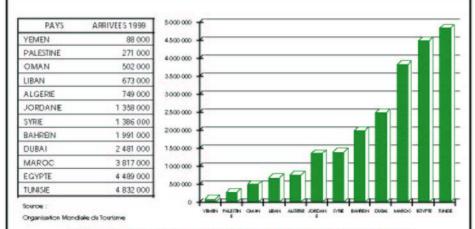


FIGURE 1: ARRIVEES TOURISTIQUES INTERNATIONALES DANS 12 PAYS ARABES EN 1999

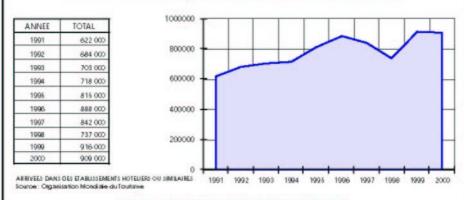
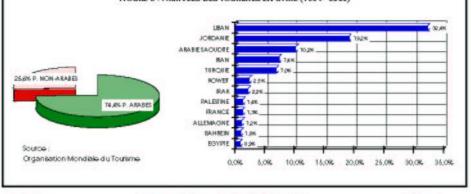


FIGURE 2: ARRIVEES DES TOURISTES EN SYRIE (1991-2000)







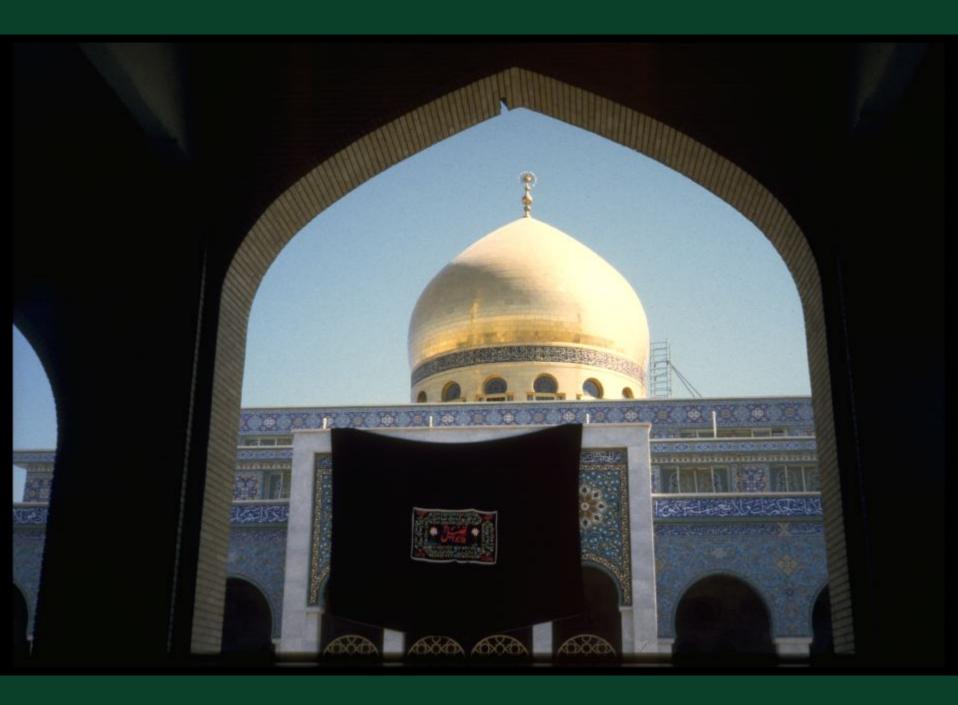
Damascus Cultural Assets

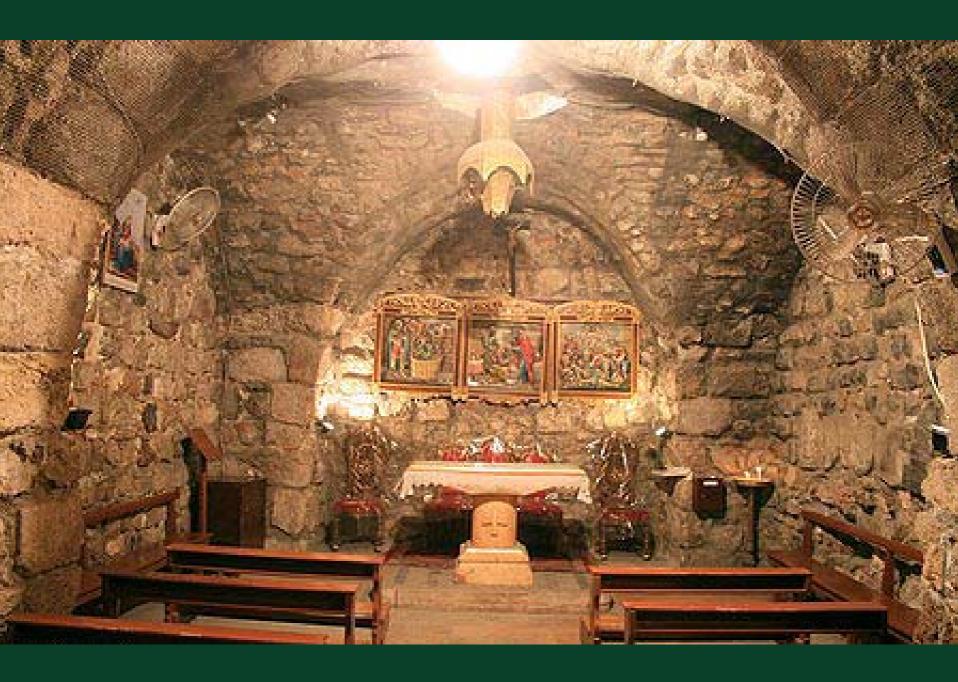
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- Urban Landscapes
- Atmosphere
- Cooking
- Handicrafts
- Traditions

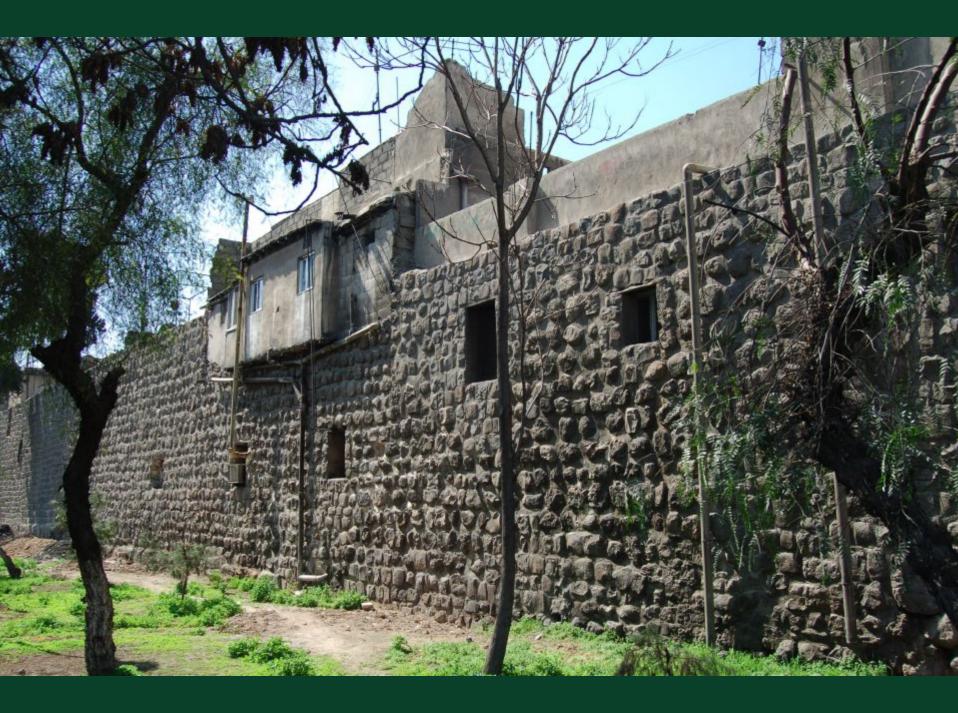










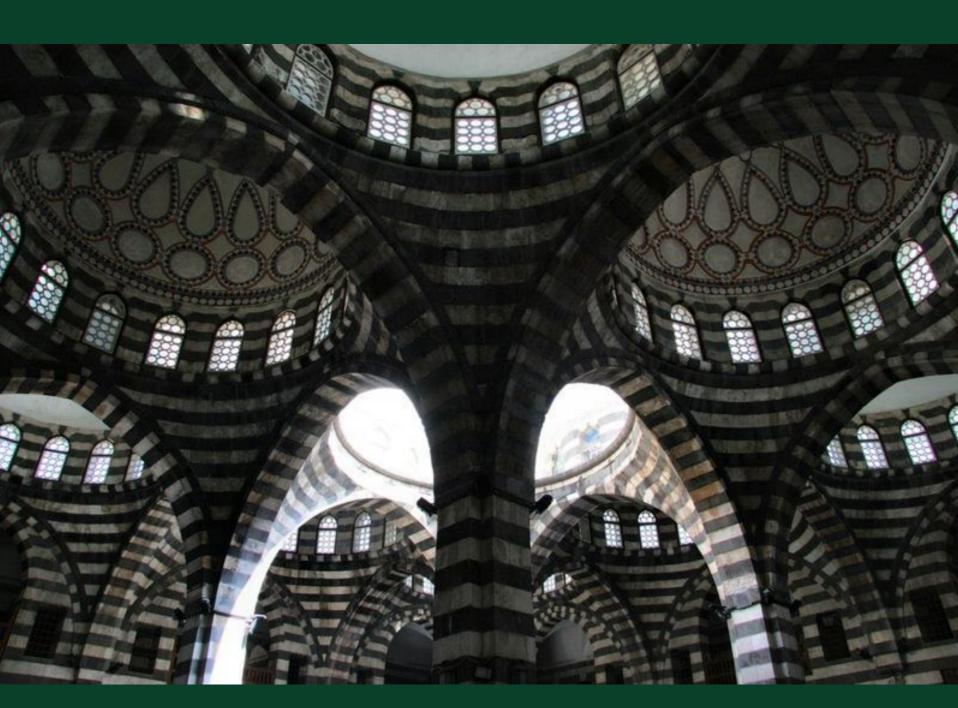












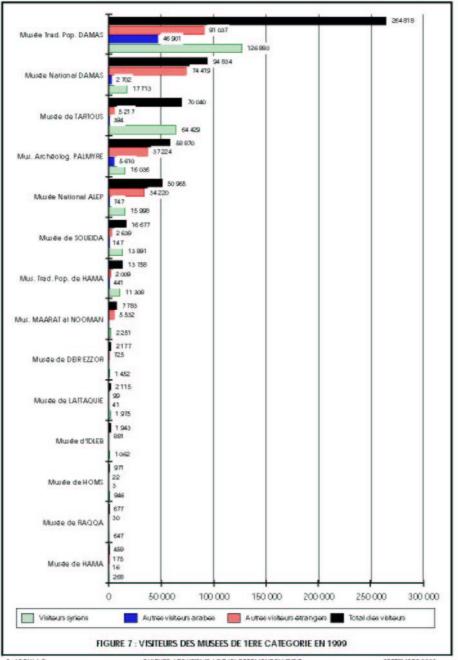




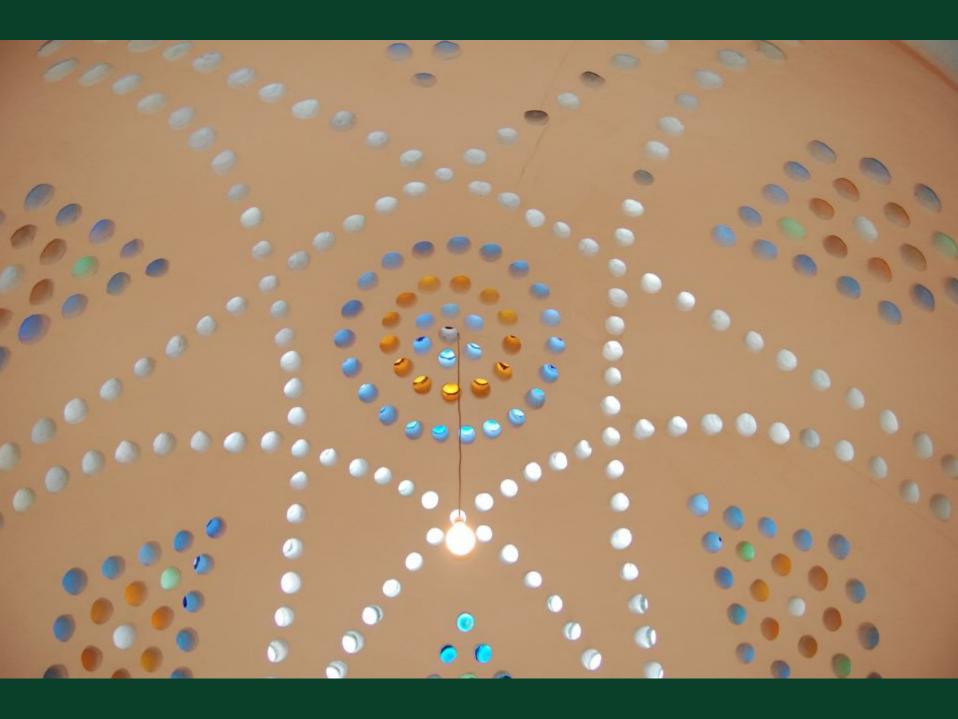










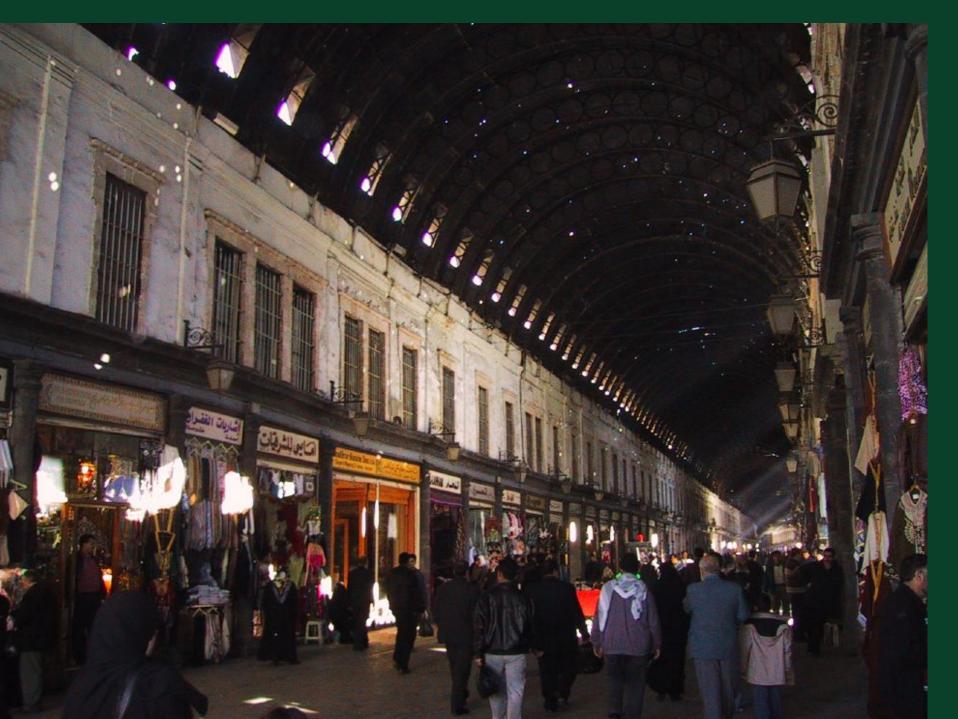








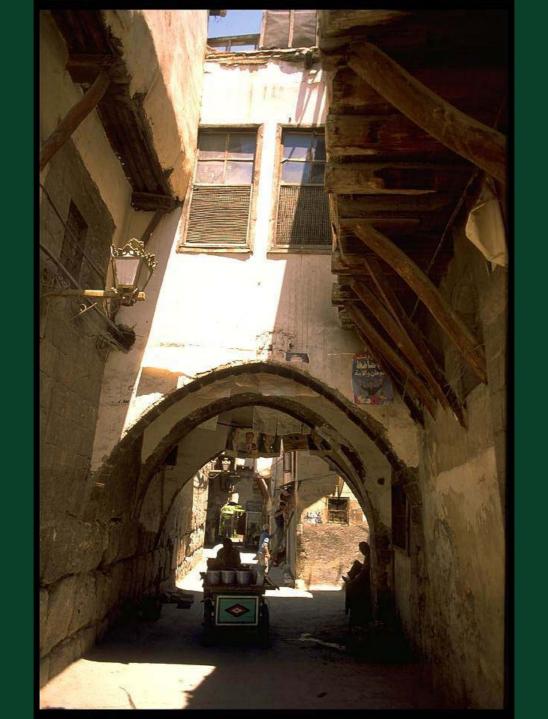


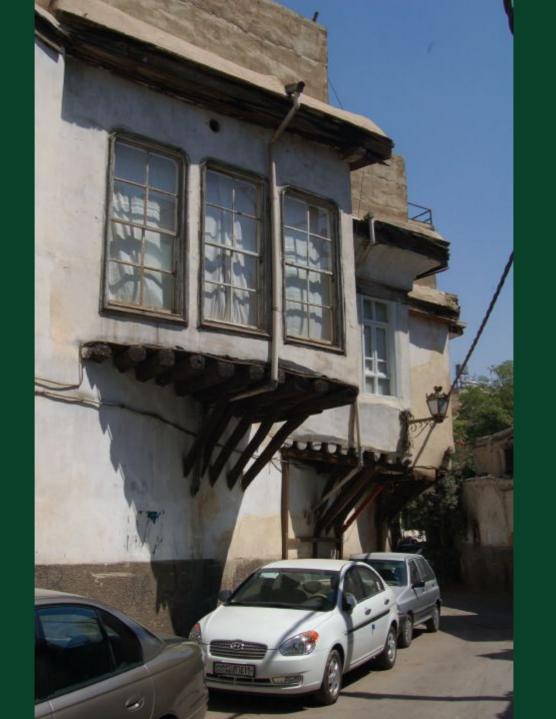






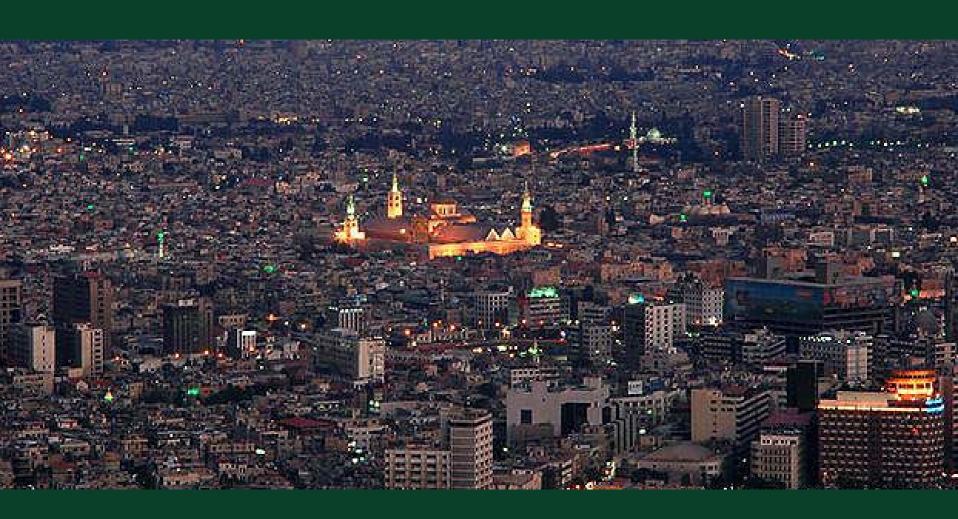










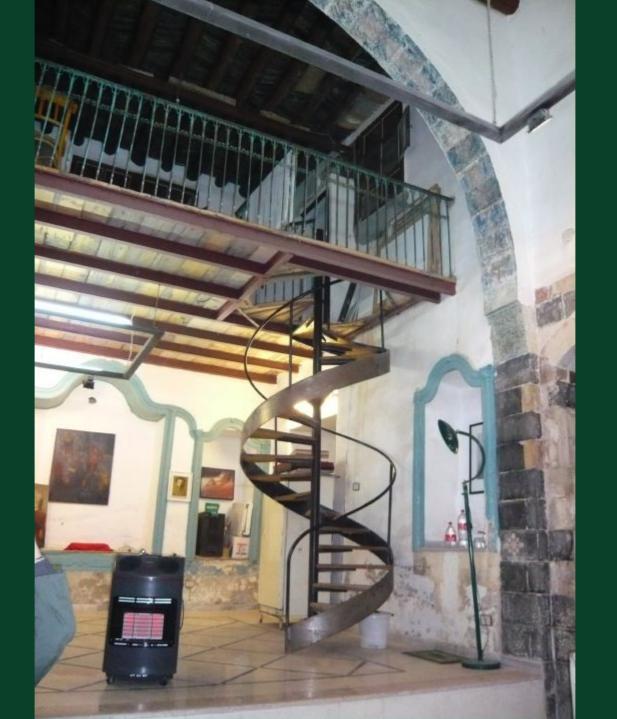


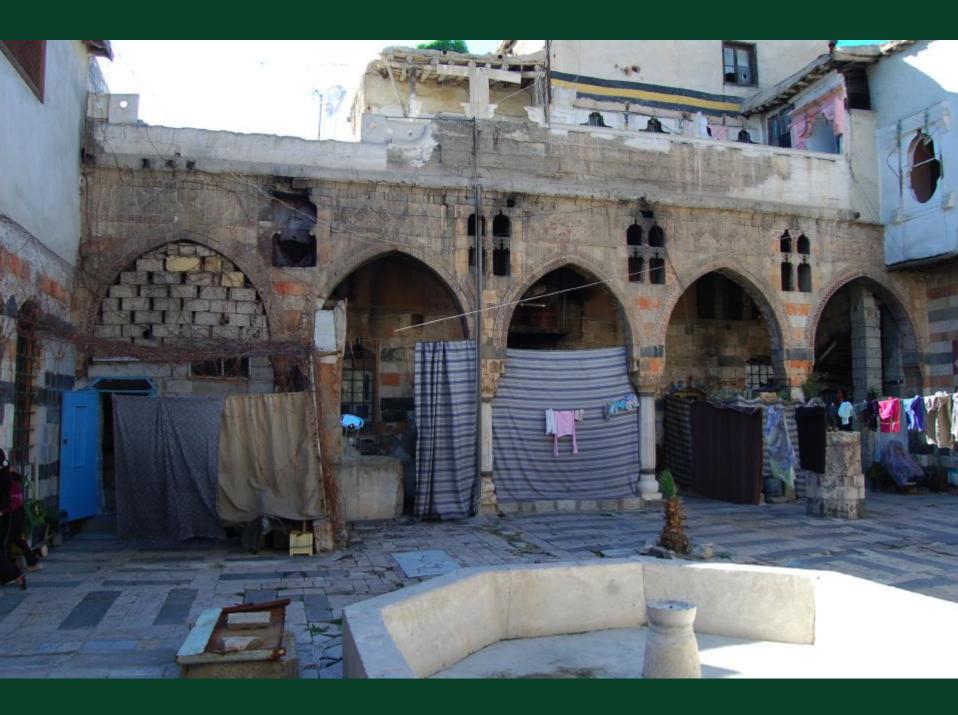




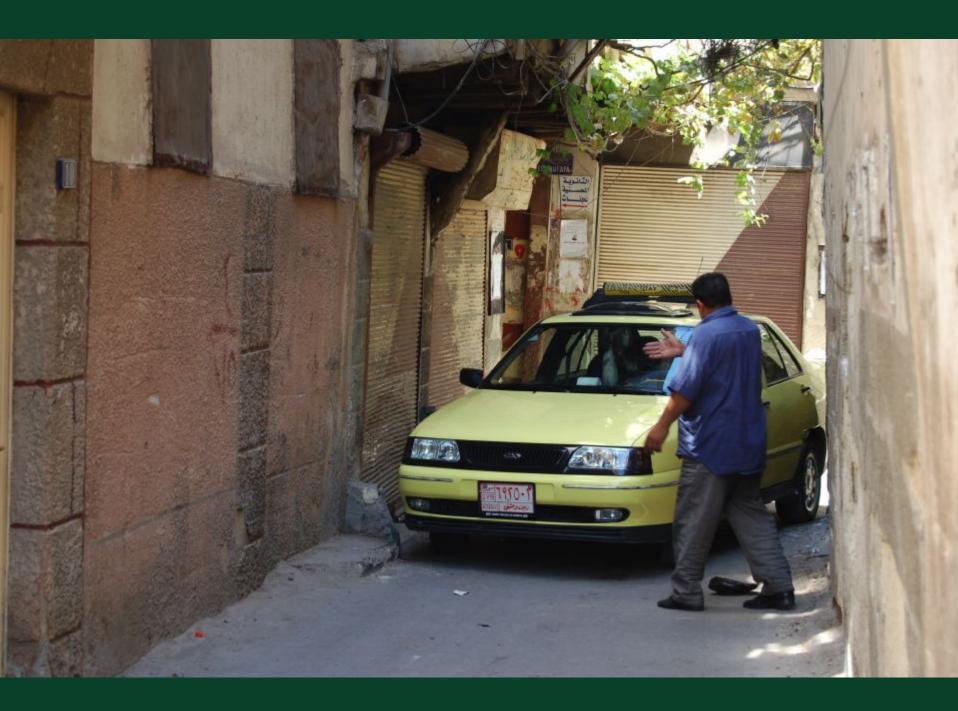




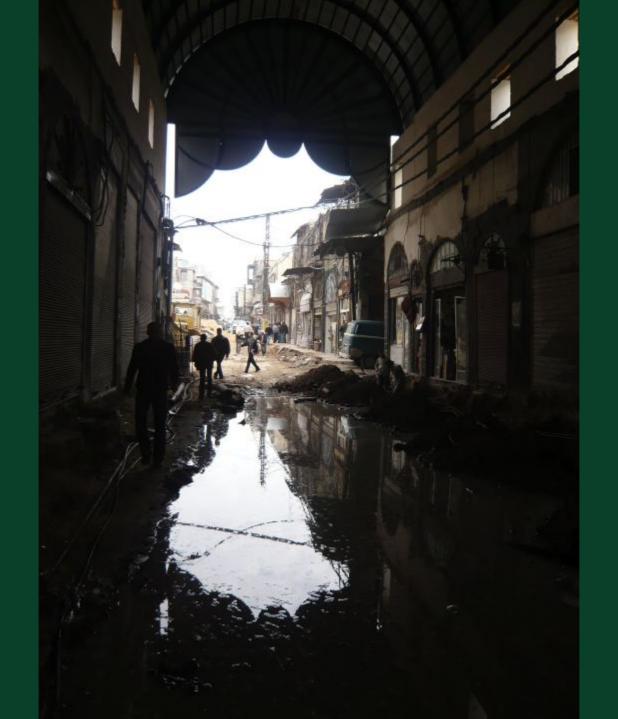




































- Strengths
- Weaknesses
- Opportunities
- Threats

Strengths

- Importance of existing tangible and intangible heritage
- Many stakeholders are genuinely attached to the Old City
- Restaurants are more than sufficient now

Weaknesses

- Decreasing number of usual « cultural tourists »
- Present potential not fully exploited
- The Old City not sufficiently attractive for its residents

Opportunities

- Many endeavours undertaken by the Municipality and the ministries of Culture and of Tourism
- The MAM Program beginning to provide assistance

Threats

- The Old City is physically deteriorating
- Surviving Crafts and Skills are fading
- Authenticity is not sufficiently valued
- Residents are moving away

Proposed Strategy (1)

Objectives:

- To be ready for a better and peaceful regional environment,
- To induce tourists to stay longer in Damascus,
- To diversify the range of tourists (like convention participants),
- To increase the income of the old neighbourhoods communities,
- To focus on a sustainable development perspective, safeguarding cultural and natural assets,
- To prepare for both short and long time projects,

Proposed Strategy (2)

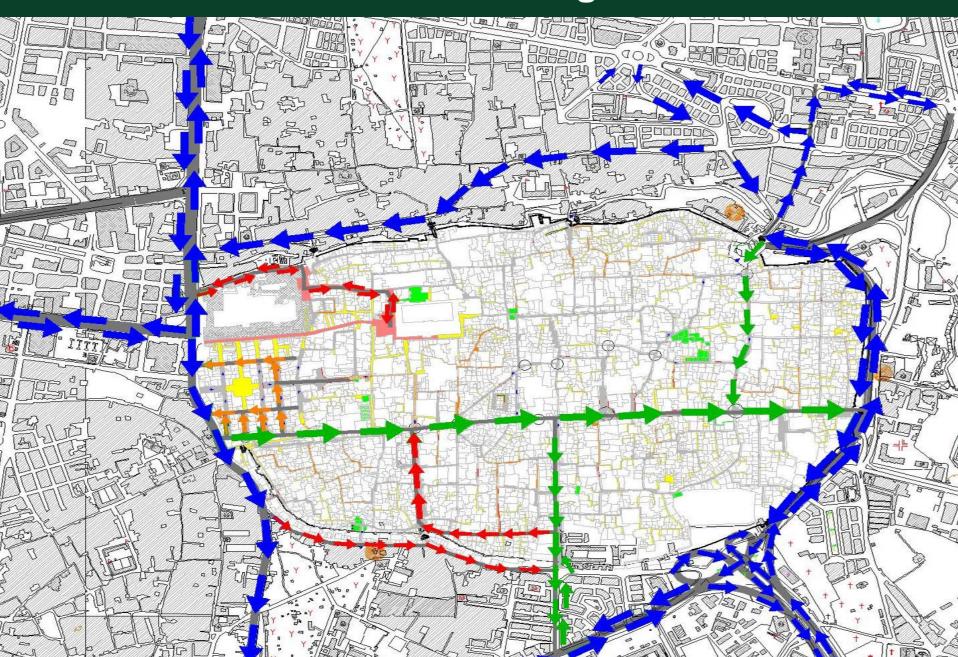
Main lines of action:

- To preserve existing cultural assets, their integrity and their authenticity along with UNESCO, ICOMOS and WTO recommendations and charters,
- To enhance and increase these assets,
- To develop new tourism products based on these assets,
- To link the tourism strategy to the overall planning for the whole city, whether old or contemporary,
- To link the tourism strategy to economical, social, environmental and cultural policies and particularly to the improvement of living conditions for the Old City communities.
- To generate income and employment in tourism, building, commerce, handicrafts, arts and other sectors
- To promote Old Damascus abroad and raise the population awareness inside,
- To provide for the necessary funding, incentives and training,

Short Term Objectives

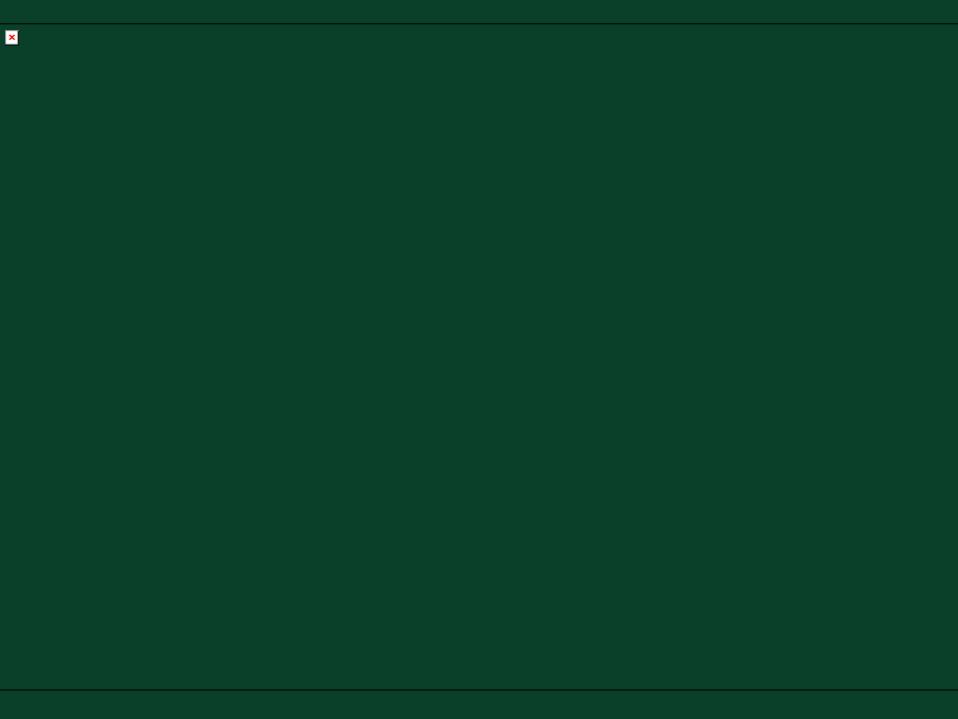
- To develop tourist routes inside and outside the walled Town, a MAM project,
- To organise light or "sound and light" shows, a MAM project,
- To multiply cultural events, like musical concerts
- To provide information desks and facilities

Traffic Management













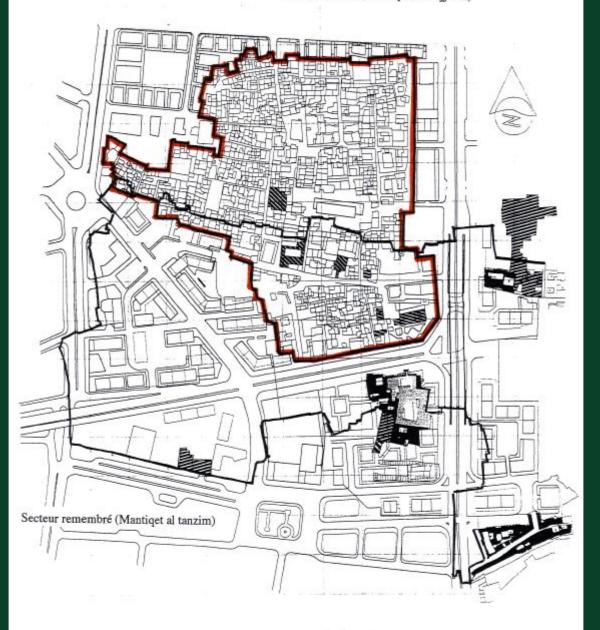






Middle and Long Term Objectives

- Archaeology
- History
- Monuments
- Museums
- Urban Landscapes
- Traffic
- Infrastructure
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Handicrafts and Building Crafts
- Tourism Management and Marketing
- Neighbourhood Action Areas



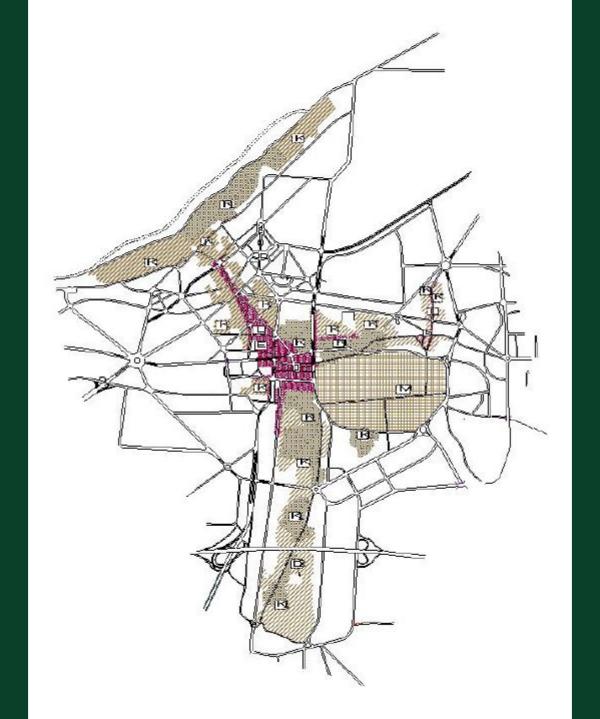
Carte des secteurs classé et remembré de Sarouja. DGAM, février 2004.

ICDP the Integrated Conservation and Development Plan

- Management and Protection of the Site
- Development Controls
- Permitting Procedures
- Environmental Improvements
- Public Interventions
- Economic Development
- Private sector Participation
- Raising the awareness
- Consultative Process (residents and NGOs)

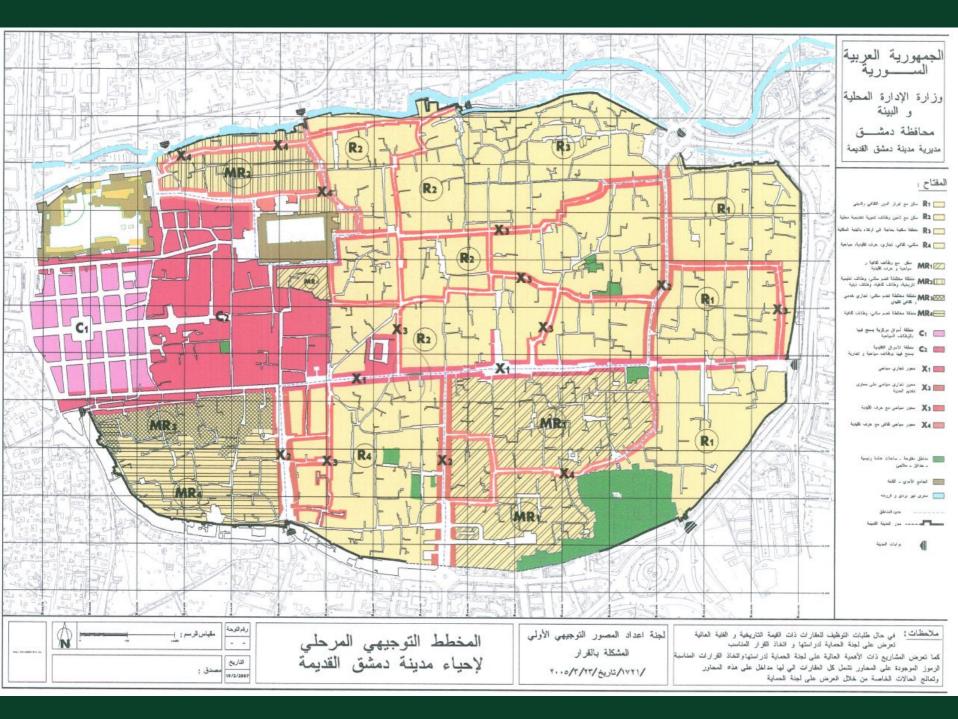


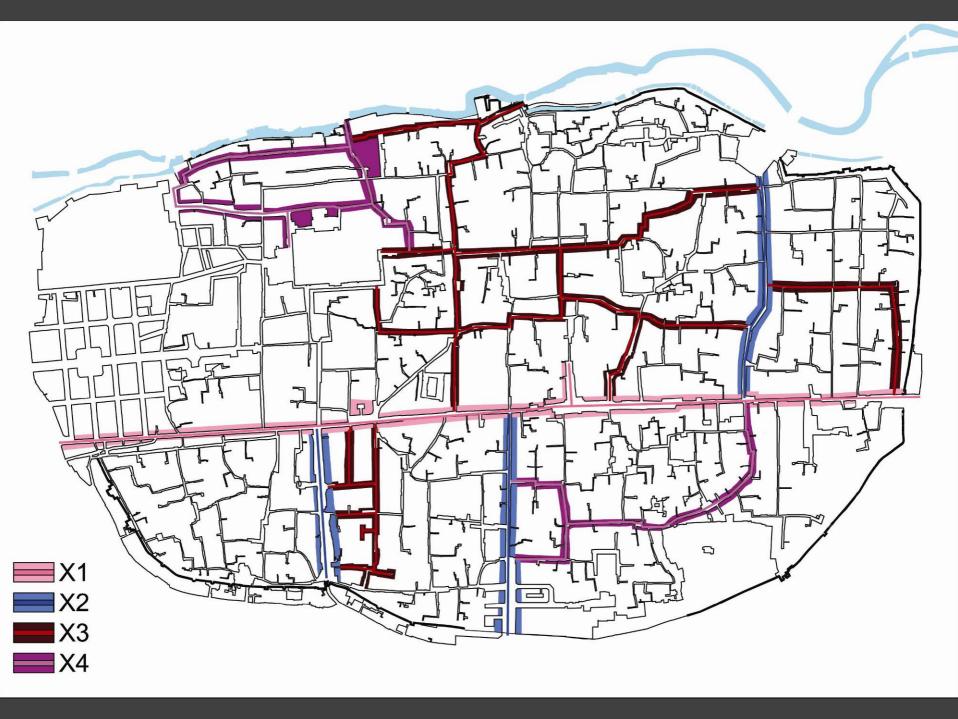






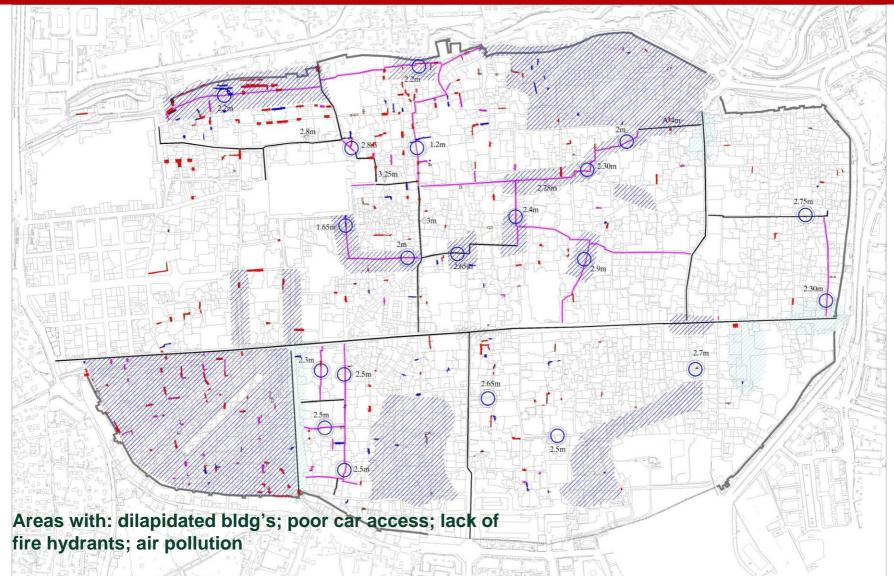








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