



HOW CAN THE GREEN CONSERVATION DEFINITION HELP YOU?



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THE GREEN CONSERVATION DEFINITION



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GREEN CONSERVATION

Normative definition

Green conservation is a sustainable approach that involves holistic, balanced decision-making to reduce health, climate and environmental hazards while adhering to professional ethics.

Aspirational definition

Green conservation aspires to protect cultural heritage while minimizing harmful impacts on climate, human health, environment and resources.

A SHARED FRAMEWORK FOR A GREENER FUTURE



PURPOSE

The definition is a framework for sustainable cultural heritage conservation that protects cultural heritage, reduces environmental impacts and supports human well-being.

HOW IT WORKS

Developed through research and collaboration, it uses **14 parameters as guidance tools**. These help professionals evaluate impacts, apply solutions in any context, and adapt to new information.

USING THE PARAMETERS

- The parameters are guidance tools
- Balance is key: 100% green does not exist
- Apply in any order, depending on context
- Use for individual choices or broader discussions
- Designed to evolve with future considerations
- Learn more: www.gogreenconservation.eu



14 GREEN PARAMETERS REFLECTING IMPACTS

HAZARDS TO HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENT

G1 Toxicity and hazard metrics for the natural environment

G2 Toxicity and hazard metrics for humans

CLIMATE CHANGE

G3 Energy – Indoor climate control impacts

G4 Energy – Consumption in approach / application

G5 Energy – Conservation approach / treatment-associated materials / products to be used

RESOURCES

G6 Availability – Water & resource use

G7 Availability – Biodiversity impacts

G8 Waste

CULTURAL HERITAGE (PROFESSIONAL PARAMETERS)

G9 Material / product selection and application method

G10 Efficiency – Number of applications / consumption / quantities of materials / products used

G11 Longevity of result

G12 Accessibility – Availability of approach / used materials / products

G13 Accessibility – Ease of use and time

G14 Quality / value impacts of result in meeting preservation goals