



# Management of El Hassana Dome Protected Area as a means of Heritage Conservation

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#### summary

The thesis aimed to address the multiple lapels of a certain protected site, such as a geological heritage site, A natural monument protected area, an urban protected area, as well as conceptualizing the interpretation of heritage and its methods also the various protected areas management categories set by the IUCN and their Governance types ,and discussing the natural abiotic assets of El Hassana dome protected area, as well as it's attributes and aspects as a protected area since 1989, following the Qualitative research that is a type of research that is uses non-numerical data to understand a phenomenon. Induction is a type of reasoning that involves drawing conclusions from specific examples and Document analysis as the process of examining written documents to extract information as well as Case study as a type of research that focuses on a single individual or group to limit the scop of the study as each protected site is unique These methods was used together to conduct a comprehensive thesis on the management of a geological heritage site and protected area. Qualitative research was used to collect data on the values and meanings that people attach to these sites, the challenges, and opportunities of managing it, and the effectiveness of current management practices. Induction was used to draw conclusions from this data about the best way to manage the site at hand. And the Case study was used to provide an in-depth insight into the challenges and opportunities of managing the site. And it was determined the METT tool provided by the IUCN "Management effectiveness tracking tool" to assess the management practices, threats facing the site, and it's severity and to use A model of interpretation facilities evaluation by ICOMOS to assess the interpretation methods of the site. to eventually pinpoint the gaps in management and planning and create an action plan to address those gaps.