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## **“Architectural Heritage at Risk in Turkey”**

Since 2015, Association for the Protection of Cultural Heritage has been documenting and exploring the architectural heritage of the various communities in Anatolia that have long been neglected, deserted, open to vandalism and in a ruinous state. It is our hope that our publications from these surveys will be useful in the conservation of these buildings and will further promote and contribute to the recognition and sharing of this unique heritage. Our volumes were prepared with on-site survey, documentation and research by people with expertise in protection and assessment of architectural heritage. The analysed buildings are archived according to their architectural styles, plan features, construction techniques, including structural and material problems, and current state of conservation. In the assessment reports, historical / architectural importance and current physical condition / problem of the buildings are compared and classified. Buildings of high heritage significance and under high risk are identified through these matrices and recommendations for their conservation and future use. The main objective of this work is to make visible necessity of emergency action for the protection of our cultural heritage under risk, to start a discussion in order to develop concrete conservation processes and to relay reliable and academic information to institutions and organizations about these structures. We hope that these publications will be useful for academic research as well as current and future historic preservation projects, preservation strategies and implementations.

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