



Basis for application of criteria for definition of Global Heritage Stone

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The Global Heritage Stone designation has been proposed to assist geoscientists, planners and the industry in explaining the importance of some types of stone in repair and maintenance of historic structures, new buildings and objects such as sculptures. The designation will have value only if rigorous criteria are used in accepting proposals and the designation is not used too liberally. Criteria proposed by the Heritage Stone Task Group relate, in brief, to wide use of stone either internationally or for major cultural monuments for a period of at least 50 years. However it is not always easy to determine what is truly international or what is of sufficient cultural or artistic merit. This contribution provides some examples of possible problems as a basis for discussion on the refinement of application of the criteria.