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# **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

Hypothesizing a conservation-restoration project: how to develop an affordable and practical plan for the intervention of burial mound structures, the case of the Oman peninsula

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#### **Abstract**

With this proposal we seek to develop a model for a conservation-restoration plan that addresses the challenges and difficulties encountered during the intervention of funerary structures in stone located in arid and dry climates, as in the case of SE Arabia.

Our aim is to present a methodology, the techniques and materials required, and a preliminary timeline and budget, which will allow us to approach the intervention of the cairn tombs built in the Oman peninsula during the III-I millennium BC. The application of this methodology must follow an established intervention criteria and will begin prior to excavation. Accordingly, the last stage for the proposed methodology will consist on a scheduled and continuous monitoring of the state of the excavated and restored tombs, in order to ensure their proper preservation over time.

Finally, we anticipate that this methodology could be applied to funerary structures from geographical contexts with similar climatological characteristics, such as several examples of necropolises dated to similar periods from nearby Yemen or Saudi Arabia.

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SE Arabia, Heritage, Conservation-Restoration, Archaeology, Cairn Tombs

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