

## Indicator 11.4.1

### Indicator Name, Target and Goal

**Indicator 11.4.1** Total per capita expenditure on the preservation, protection and conservation of all cultural and natural heritage, by source of funding (public, private), type of heritage (cultural, natural) and level of government (national, regional, and local/municipal)

**Target 11.4** Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage

**Goal 11** Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

## Cultural Heritage

### Definition and Rationale

#### ○ Definition

The amount of the government's budget allocated in a given year to promote the preservation and utilization of cultural property with an aim to ensuring its secure inheritance. The results are expressed in Purchasing Power Parities (PPP) in constant US dollars (\$). The Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) is calculated by adding up the government budgets for cultural property, natural heritage and industrial heritage.

#### ○ Concepts

According to the definition used in the United Nations global metadata, "cultural heritage" includes artefacts, monuments, groups of buildings and sites, and museums that have a diversity of values including symbolic, historic, artistic, aesthetic, ethnological or anthropological, scientific and social significance. It includes tangible (movable, immobile and underwater) and intangible heritage (ICH) embedded into cultural and natural heritage artefacts, sites or monuments. The definition excludes ICH related to other cultural domains such as festivals, celebrations, etc. It covers industrial heritage and cave paintings. Mixed heritage sites that contain elements of both natural and cultural significance are including in

cultural heritage.

“Conservation of cultural heritage” refers to the measures taken to extend the life of cultural heritage while strengthening the transmission of its significant heritage messages and values. In the domain of cultural property, the aim of conservation is to maintain the physical and cultural characteristics of the object to ensure that its value is not diminished and that it will outlive our limited time span.

In the case of Japan, efforts are made towards the preservation and utilization of cultural property based on the Law for Protection of Cultural Properties. Therefore, the concept of cultural property is used in the metadata as well.

Cultural property: “cultural property” as defined in Article 2 of the Law for Protection of Cultural Properties.

Preservation and utilization of cultural property: the “preservation of cultural heritage” as defined in the United Nations global metadata.

○ Rationale and Interpretation:

This indicator measures the per capita expenditure on the preservation, protection and conservation of cultural and/or natural heritage over time. Its purpose is to monitor changes over time of national efforts for the protection and safeguarding of cultural and/or natural heritage.

This metadata measures the per capita expenditure from the government budget used to promote the preservation and utilization of cultural property. Its purpose is to ensure the secure inheritance of the cultural property to future generations by supporting disaster prevention measures, preservation, repairs, the training of repair technicians, and regional revitalization initiatives utilizing cultural property.

### **Data Sources and Collection Method**

The amount of the government’s budget allocated to promote the

preservation and utilization of cultural property with an aim to ensuring its secure inheritance.

[https://www.bunka.go.jp/seisaku/bunka\\_gyosei/yosan/index.html](https://www.bunka.go.jp/seisaku/bunka_gyosei/yosan/index.html)

The population data is based on the estimates produced by the United Nations Population Division.

## **Method of Computation and Other Methodological Considerations**

### ○ Computation Method

The indicator is calculated by dividing the total government budget allocated each year to heritage (i.e., natural heritage, industrial heritage, and the promotion of the preservation and utilization of cultural property with an aim to ensuring its secure inheritance) by the total number of inhabitants and by the Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) US dollar (\$) conversion factor.

### ○ Comments and limitations

The amount of the government's budget allocated to promote the preservation and utilization of cultural property with an aim to ensuring its secure inheritance does not include funding from ministries and agencies besides the Agency for Cultural Affairs, public funding from local public bodies, or private funding.

## **Data Disaggregation**

None

## **References**

None

## **Custodian Ministries of Data**

Agency for Cultural Affairs of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

## **Custodian Ministries of Related Policies**

Cabinet Secretariat

Cabinet Office

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Agency for Cultural Affairs of the Ministry of Education, Culture,  
Sports, Science and Technology  
Ministry of the Environment

**International Organizations**

UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UNESCO-UIS)