

**NAS supporting actions in relation to the 2001 Convention on the  
Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage**

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**Since 2001 the Nautical Archaeology Society has supported UNESCO to help it achieve its aims of raising public awareness and providing access, as well as through the *international Journal of Nautical Archaeology* and other publications.**

**This support is both direct and indirect and includes the following initiatives:**

1. Raise public awareness of the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage;
2. Support UNESCO projects aimed at special stakeholders such as promoting the Divers Code of Ethics to all NAS course participants and members around the world;
2. Include literature provided by UNESCO to all NAS course participants around the world and at public events aimed at underwater cultural heritage;
3. Support initiatives aimed at promoting the UK's ratification of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage;
4. Provide any useful information the Society has on activities targeted at public awareness and participation in underwater archaeology;
5. Support UNESCO training events by supplying expertise and materials for course participants;
6. Offer, where appropriate, temporary NAS Training licences to relevant State Party heritage organisations to allow the NAS Training Programme to be utilised independently or to complement other capacity building measures;
7. Provide advice on common minimum basic standards for archaeological divers and the harmonisation of training of archaeological divers and on national diving qualifications for archaeological purposes;
8. Attend UNESCO and STAB events aimed at furthering the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage;
9. Participate, promote and support collaboration in initiatives such as UNITWIN that are aimed at increasing professional capacity building;
10. Cooperate with UNESCO and the STAB on projects aimed at commemorating the events of WW1 from 2014 until 2018.

**The Nautical Archaeology Society has been able to assist the Convention through a variety of mechanisms.**

11. Inclusion of the Convention in all NAS Training materials, including ELearning course lessons on heritage management and protection.

12. Promotion of news regarding the Convention, especially new ratification via the NAS member's newsletter, a weekly news email and via social media.
13. As a member of the Joint Nautical Archaeology Policy Committee (JNAPC) we have supported the drafting of "An Impact Review of the United Kingdom", aimed at providing the UK government with sound reasoning for ratification of the 2001 Convention.
14. Support for the *Institute of Archaeology (IA)* in Vietnam to teach NAS Training courses in Vietnam. The NAS Training project in Vietnam is designed to increase awareness at local, provincial and national levels about the extent and nature of Vietnam's underwater and maritime cultural heritage as well as about underwater and maritime archaeology. It is hoped that, with the assistance of partners, sponsors and contributors, NAS training can be provided free of charge to Vietnamese students, government agency personnel, archaeologists and others in order to raise awareness about underwater cultural heritage and maritime archaeology in Vietnam, which will help Vietnam to preserve and protect its underwater cultural heritage.
15. Support the *International Centre for Underwater Archaeology* in Zadar, Croatia to deliver NAS Training courses as part of their own programme of training activities.
16. Through its international network of training partners it promotes best practice relating to avocational and recreational involvement

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