Foreword

This book is the result of our 2013 symposium at the 78th Annual Meeting at the Society for American Archaeology in Honolulu, HI. The major goal is to provide information about successful strategies employed in diverse world areas for the protection of archaeological heritage resources. Rather than focusing on the loss of cultural heritage, the authors provide informative accounts of useful methods to protect sites and ancient remains in different cultural contexts. Another important goal is to highlight efforts at cultural heritage protection in areas of the world rarely discussed in English language publications.

We are grateful for the opportunity to share these efforts at protection of archaeological heritage in ICAHM’s series, Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Archaeological Heritage Management. After the Society for American Archaeology meeting in Honolulu, it became possible to include two more chapters about other important areas (Chap. 3 on Thailand and Chap. 10 on Honduras).

Archaeological heritage management is an ongoing effort, with new challenges arising every year. We hope this book will lead to more discussions about creative solutions and more understanding of relevant issues in different cultural contexts. A single book can only introduce some of the priorities in cultural heritage management in each world area. It also cannot cover every world area worthy of discussion. We look forward to learning about successful strategies for the protection and sharing of archaeological resources from future volumes in this series.

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