

CONSERVATION OF TWO STATUES IN THE TEMPLE OF MUT IN LUXOR, EGYPT

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ABSTRACT

In 2012, the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA) (formally the Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities) focused on two badly damaged statues in the Temple of Mut (part of the Karnak Temple Complex) in Luxor, Egypt. With the generosity of USAID and support of the MoTA, both statues were conserved and restored in a field school setting utilizing modern and reversible techniques following international standards. Signage was provided to inform tourists and visitors of the restoration history and representations of the statues.

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