



Conservation | Appendix H: Cultural Resources

The history of the Department of Defense (DoD), and the Navy and War Departments before it, extends back to the foundation of our nation. The evidence of that rich heritage is embodied in military history and traditions and is most notably represented by DoD's cultural resources. These resources not only symbolize the nation's heritage, but are important assets supporting the current military and civil works missions.

DoD works hard to preserve and protect cultural resources on DoD installations. Cultural resources found on military installations represent the people, land, and heritage that the military defends. The buildings, structures, sites, and objects that comprise cultural resources provide substantial connection to the legacy and contributions of "those who have gone before."

Through DoD's Cultural Resources Program, cultural resources such as archaeological sites, historic buildings and structures, and other assets are maintained and preserved, while enabling the installation to meet current and future military operations. The Cultural Resources Program provides a framework for managing these assets and achieves an overall balance between military readiness and preservation.

Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plans (ICRMPs) serve to integrate cultural resources management into installation mission and operations planning in compliance with cultural resource legislative mandates and DoD policies. Successfully implemented ICRMPs can reduce land use restrictions by incorporating these assets into the overall installation plans; as a result, the successful execution of mission requirements can continue.

DoD also requires installations to complete archaeological and historic building inventories as a measure of cultural resource management success. Historic property information is held in data repositories such as real property information systems.

DoD

DoD is committed to maintaining an accurate and complete cultural resource inventory. As shown in Figure H-1, approximately 54 percent of DoD installations requiring archaeological inventories and 62 percent of DoD installations requiring historic building inventories completed them in Fiscal Year (FY) 2007. The number of completed historic building inventories increased by 3 percent from FY2006 to FY2007.

Figure H-2 illustrates that 71 percent of DoD installation ICRMPs were approved and up-to-date in FY2007, which represents a 9 percent improvement since FY2004.

Army

The Army is committed to protecting and restoring cultural resources on its installations, and continues its emphasis on effective management of cultural resources. Accurate and comprehensive accounting of Army heritage assets is being pursued in accordance with the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990; Executive Order (E.O.) 13327, entitled “Federal Real Property Asset Management;” and E.O. 13287, entitled “Preserve America.”

As shown in Figure H-3, 34 percent of Army installations requiring archaeological inventories and 54 percent of Army installations requiring historic building inventories completed them in FY2007. Figure H-4 shows that 92 percent of the Army’s ICRMPs were up-to-date and approved in FY2007, maintaining the high percentage from the previous year.

Figure H-1 DoD Cultural Resource Inventories Progress

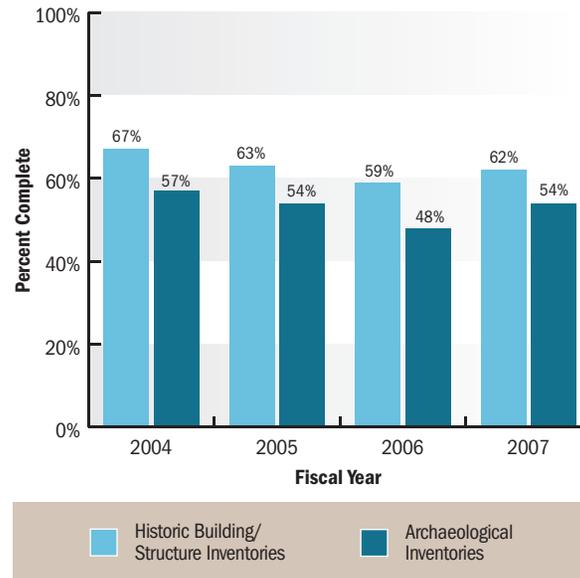


Figure H-2 DoD ICRMP Progress

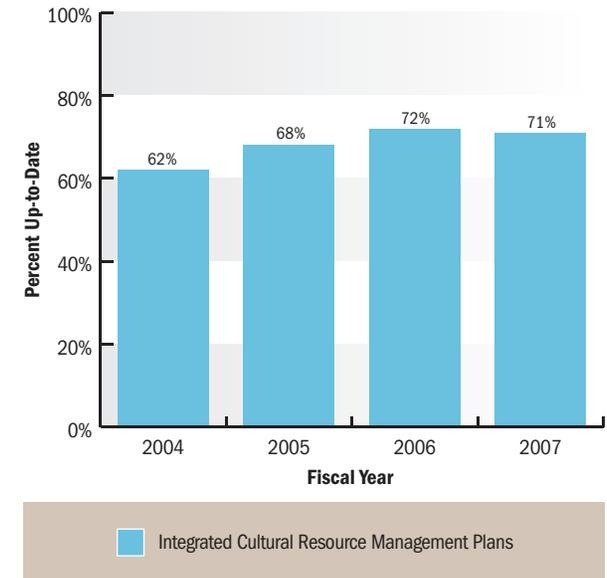


Figure H-3 Army Cultural Resource Inventories Progress

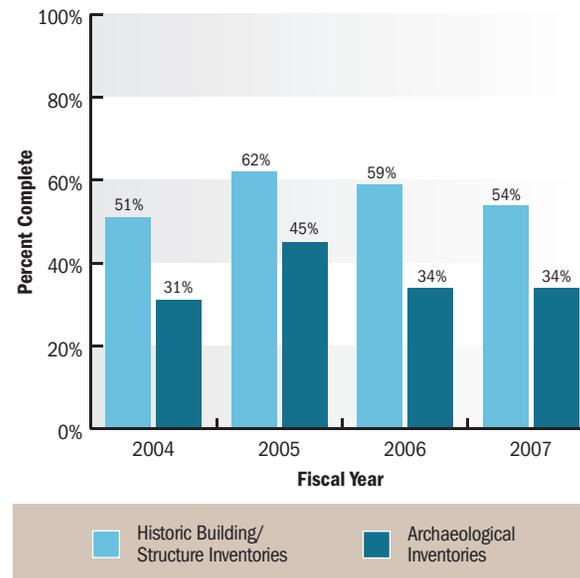
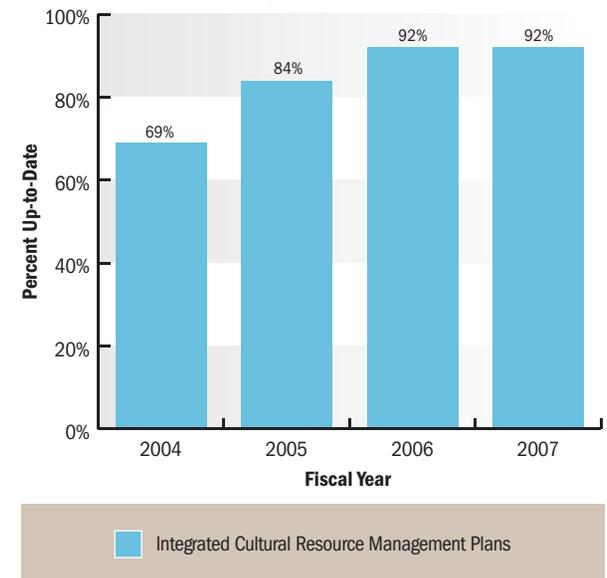


Figure H-4 Army ICRMP Progress



Navy

The Navy is committed to effectively managing the historical and cultural sites and artifacts at Navy installations. Each Navy installation with cultural resources is required to have an ICRMP to manage and protect historic buildings, sites, collections, and archaeological artifacts.

Figure H-5 displays the Navy's progress toward completing cultural resource inventories. Approximately 68 percent of Navy installations requiring archaeological inventories and 74 percent of historic building inventories completed them in FY2007. Figure H-6 shows that 31 percent of installations requiring approved ICRMPs were up-to-date as of FY2007.

Marine Corps

The Marine Corps continues to promote DoD's conservation goals to protect, maintain, and enhance cultural resources located on and near its installations. As part of these conservation efforts, the Marine Corps funds the preparation and maintenance of cultural resource management plans, coordination with regulatory agencies, and other management and consultation activities.

As shown in Figure H-7, 83 percent of Marine Corps installations requiring archaeological inventories and 100 percent of Marine Corps installations requiring historic building inventories completed them in FY2007. In FY2007, 17 Marine Corps installations were required to have ICRMPs. As Figure H-8 shows, 88 percent were up-to-date and approved. This continues the consistent increase in the development of ICRMPs in the past three years.

Figure H-5 Navy Cultural Resource Inventories Progress

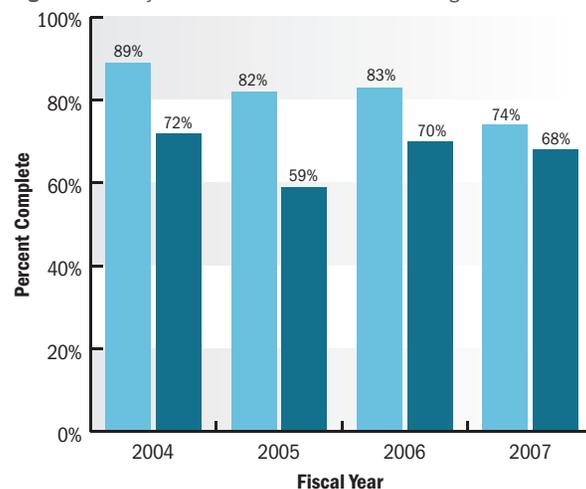


Figure H-6 Navy ICRMP Progress

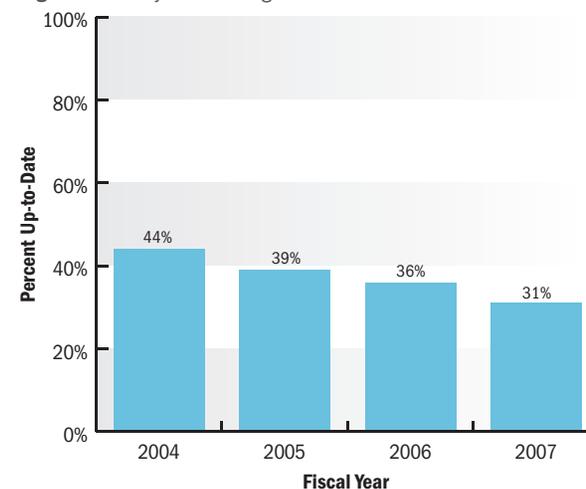


Figure H-7 Marine Corps Cultural Resource Inventories Progress

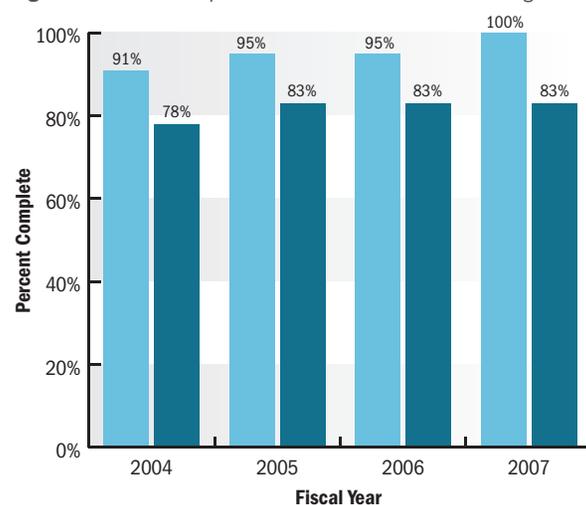
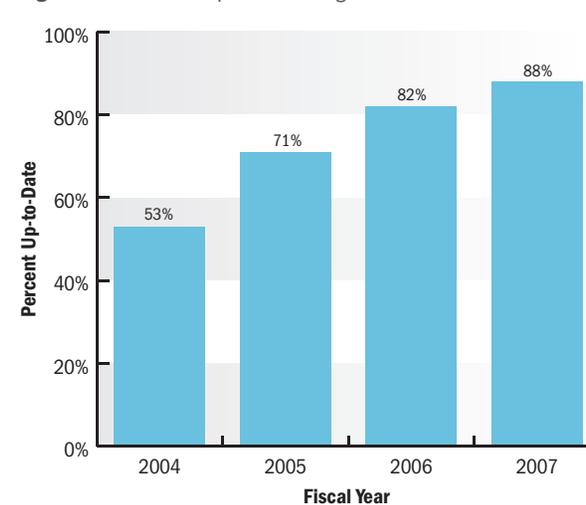


Figure H-8 Marine Corps ICRMP Progress



Air Force

Installations with significant cultural resources (historical buildings and structures or archaeological assets) are required to have up-to-date ICRMPs. By implementing ICRMPs, the Air Force has reduced restrictions on land use by incorporating these assets into overall installation plans, allowing continued execution of mission requirements.

As illustrated in Figure H-9, 58 percent of Air Force installations requiring historic building inventories and archaeological inventories completed them in FY2007. Both figures represent substantial improvement of Air Force inventories progress from FY2006. Figure H-10 shows that 69 percent of the 118 required ICRMPs at Air Force installations were approved and up-to-date in FY2007, consistent with past ICRMP progress.

DLA

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) is committed to protecting the historical and cultural assets located on and near its installations, including historic buildings, archaeological sites, and recovered artifacts. Policy is provided through DLA's Conservation Program in order to ensure proper preservation of military and American heritage.

In order to manage and further preserve cultural resources, an ICRMP was deemed necessary for two installations. As Figure H-11 shows, 100 percent of DLA installations requiring inventories of historic buildings and archaeological sites completed them in FY2007. As presented in Figure H-12, both DLA ICRMPs were current and approved in FY2007.

Figure H-9 Air Force Cultural Resource Inventories Progress

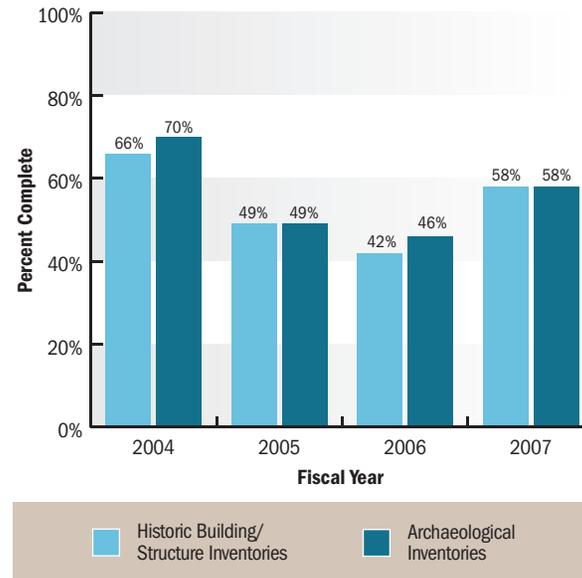


Figure H-10 Air Force ICRMP Progress

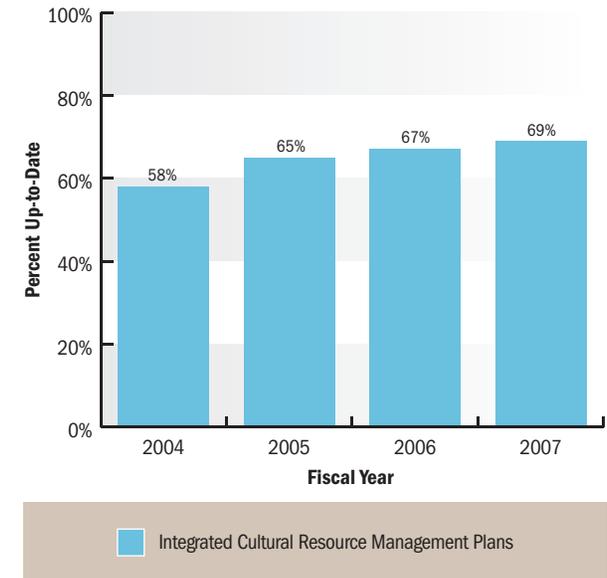


Figure H-11 DLA Cultural Resource Inventories Progress

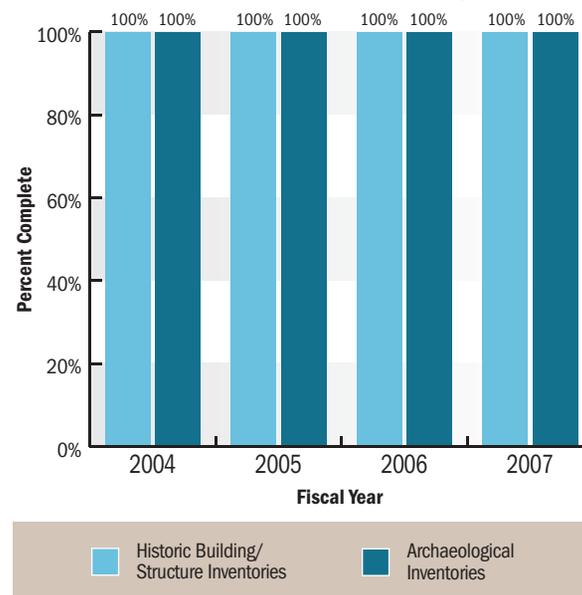


Figure H-12 DLA ICRMP Progress

