

# MOSAIKON regional survey of lifted mosaics a planning and learning tool

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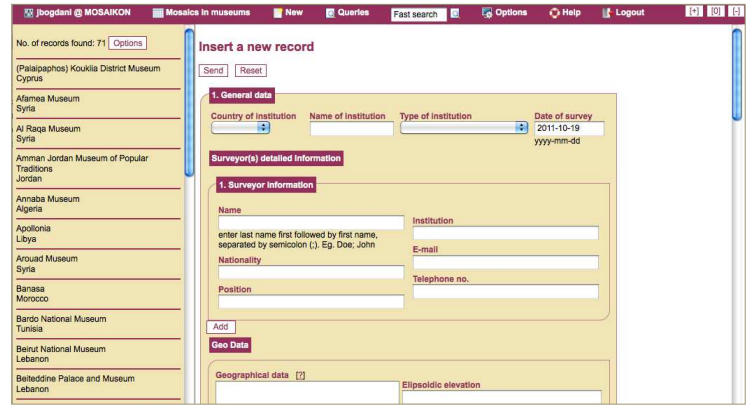
## Discovering our lifted mosaics

One of the aims of the MOSAIKON programme is to contribute to the safeguarding of lifted mosaics in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries. While the conservation problems of lifted mosaics can be easily recognized, the extent of these problems remains somewhat of a mystery. In response to this, a regional survey was launched in 2010 over a 6 month period. The aim of the survey was to assess the quantity, location, support types and conservation conditions of lifted mosaics and to better understand the responsibilities and training needs of the museum personnel in charge of their care. The collaborative spirit of the Department of Antiquities of each country and the generous help of designated contacts in those countries were fundamental to the positive response. To date,

- 71 institutions in 11 countries responded, representing
- 30,471 square meters of lifted mosaics!



11/13 countries in the southern and eastern Mediterranean region have participated in the MOSAIKON survey of lifted mosaics



Screenshot of the database. Museums have been catalogued in alphabetical order and by country.

## Creating a tool for education, networking and planning

A specially designed online database was developed to facilitate the collection, sharing and analysis of the survey data. Its user-friendly interface allows users to add up, visualize and compare numerical data, and to generate customized graphs. For the first time, it will be possible to make a global assessment of the problem of lifted mosaics over the entire region at the click of a button. So far, the data collected in the first round of surveys is only accessible to the project partners, but as the regional network continues to grow and the database is used in MOSAIKON training activities, it will eventually be available to the wider conservation community. We envision the database becoming the focal point and the identity of the MOSAIKON network

## Visualizing the data

Data can be compared among all countries of the region, as seen below, or customized graphs can be generated to compare specific data within one country or between several.

