

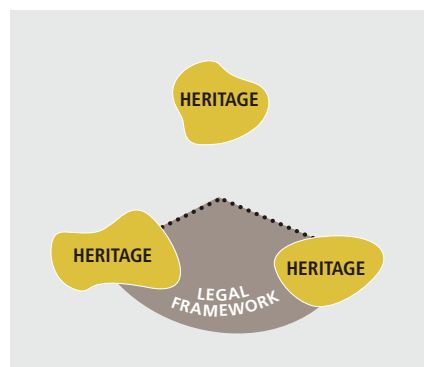
4 Defining, assessing and improving heritage management systems

4.2 The three elements of a heritage management system

Defining the three elements: There are three essential elements that are interdependent in any primary heritage management system. This is true whether the system is a national heritage management system or one that is concerned only with a group of properties or even a single property:

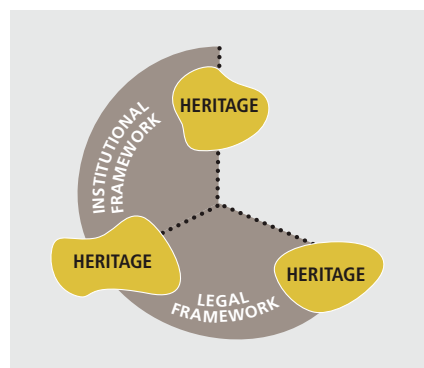
1. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The mandate that empowers people and organizations to act. It defines what constitutes heritage and criteria for its conservation and management, usually by means of legislation.



2. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

The organizational set-up that sets out the operational structure and working methods that allow actions to be taken.



3. RESOURCES

The human, financial and intellectual inputs that create operational capacity and facilitate processes.

