

Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage	
Category	Poetry and popular idioms (sayings)
Name	Male
Location	South Hebron
Key users/holders	Bedouin community South Hebron
Brief Description of cultural element	
Poetry is considered an integral part of the history and culture of the Palestinian people and it expresses their feelings of joy, sadness and loneliness. The Arabic language is the origin of culture.	
Material objects associated with the element	
The <i>rababa</i> is a bowed string musical instrument	
Other intangible elements linked to this element	
Songs, music	
How is it used?	One person plays the instrument and another sings. The lyrics depend on the type of poetry and whether it expresses joy or sadness.
Distribution:	Mainly Palestine and specifically in the South
The story of the presentation	
The person who was interviewed said that the poem was about his village, <i>Al Qaryetayn</i> in South Hebron from where he was displaced.	
How has this cultural heritage been transmitted to the next generation	
It is transmitted through writing the poetry, publishing it and translating it to other languages to ensure it is protected and distributed worldwide.	
Risk elements	
The introduction of electronic means and pop culture poses a threat to traditional methods of playing instruments.	
Documentary evidence (ie. Interviews, video, photos)	
Interviews, photos and a video. This includes presenting the songs at times.	