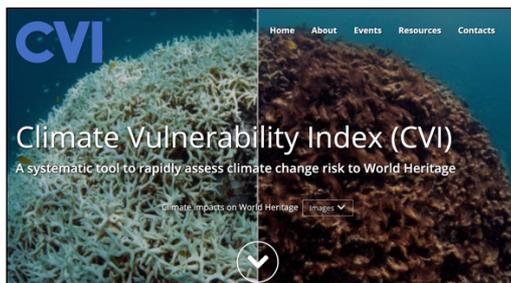


# CVI Update #1

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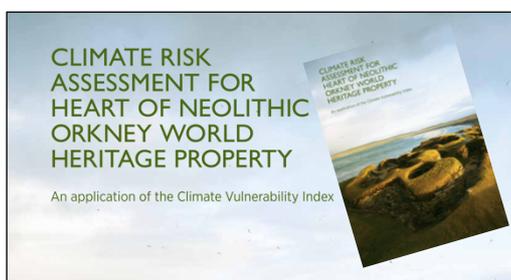
Welcome to the CVI Update – a periodic newsletter to keep you informed about progress on the Climate Vulnerability Index. Our vision for this newsletter is to briefly update the broad group of people who have shown interest in the CVI with major developments along the CVI journey. We've recently returned from a series of successful presentations and briefings during the 43<sup>rd</sup> World Heritage Committee meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan.



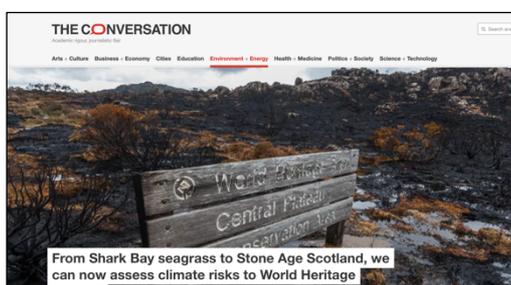
The website [cvi-heritage.org](http://cvi-heritage.org) was launched during our key presentation at the Baku meeting – a side event hosted by ICOMOS and focused on the CVI. The website will be the primary hub for information about CVI and related resources, as well as upcoming CVI events. It will also contain the archive of CVI Update newsletters.



Shark Bay, Western Australia was the first World Heritage property to apply the CVI. Two workshops were held in September 2018 and June 2019 to complete the CVI process. You can see a video describing outcomes from, and perspectives on, the Shark Bay CVI application on our [YouTube channel](#).



In April, the first CVI application at a cultural property was undertaken for the Heart of Neolithic Orkney, Scotland. Two months after the workshop, Historic Environment Scotland published the [workshop report](#), released in Baku. The report has already proven invaluable as a tool to introduce the CVI to other properties and their managers.



A plain-language description of the CVI process was written for *The Conversation* – an online publication for a broad audience where academic authors collaborate with journalists. The [article](#) highlights climate impacts on World Heritage properties and the identified need for assessing climate vulnerability, which the CVI fulfils.

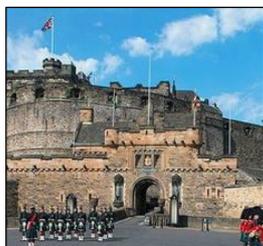
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Four CVI workshops are now scheduled during the first half of 2020: Wadden Sea (Denmark, Germany & Netherlands) is scheduled for mid-February; Vega Archipelago Cultural Landscape (Norway) in late-March; and two Scottish properties (Old and New Towns of Edinburgh; the Antonine Wall section of Frontiers of the Roman Empire) in May.



High-level presentations showcasing the CVI have recently occurred around the world. On the same day in October, the CVI was presented at the launch of the [Climate Heritage Network](#) (Edinburgh) and at the [Coral Reef Futures Symposium](#) (Sydney). In September, the CVI was part of a presentation on archaeological management in Oman.



There is growing interest to apply the CVI methodology beyond World Heritage properties. A Traditional Owner group in north-eastern Australia ([Yuku Baja Muliku](#)) is proposing to trial the CVI in their sea-country in early 2020. The UK National Trust is considering how the CVI methodology might help assess some of their thousands of heritage sites being impacted by climate change.



A CVI session has recently been accepted for the IUCN [World Conservation Congress](#) in Marseilles (France, 11<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020). A session involving CVI has also been accepted for the International Symposium for Society & Resource Management ([ISSRM](#)) in Cairns (Australia, 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> June 2020).



CVI developers are working with Australia's National Environmental Science Programme (NESP) to ensure current descriptors for physical climate risk factors are incorporated into the CVI methodology. This mirrors terminology being used globally to bring ecological and social aspects into climate change assessments.

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