

Update #8

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The CVI Update is a periodic newsletter to briefly update those who have shown an interest about key developments in the Climate Vulnerability Index. Despite ongoing disruptions due to the pandemic, CVI activities have expanded and interest in the process continues to grow.



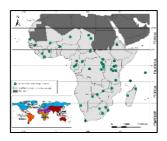
The <u>CVI-Africa</u> project is progressing well with two CVI applications completed since our previous update. The first application was a full CVI Workshop for <u>Sukur Cultural Landscape</u> (Nigeria) over five halfdays. This involved 34 participants most of whom joined online from the American University of Nigeria, in Yola. A shorter online CVI Consult was undertaken for the <u>Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Songo Mnara</u> (Tanzania, pictured: R. Van Oers) with most participants in Dar es Salaam. (see *Update #5 for delivery modes in the CVI Spectrum*).



An exciting variation of the CVI methodology was developed with Yuku Baja Muliku (YBM), the Traditional Owners from Archer Point, near Cooktown in northeast Australia. YBM identified 12 attributes (values, processes or protocols) of their land/sea country. For each attribute, the workshop identified an historic perspective (i.e., the likely value ~100 years ago), a contemporary perspective (i.e., current issues) and potential futures under climate change.



The CVI was showcased at several related forums as part of the recent **COP26 climate meeting** in Glasgow. These included at the Climate Resilience Heritage Summit (organised by Historic Environment Scotland, HES), an IUCN webinar and a high-level briefing by HES for the US delegation. Presentations included outcomes from the CVI application for the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh, the report for which is nearing completion.



Development of **thematic approaches** for the CVI process has continued with two key research efforts underway. The first of these considers seagrass, an important value and habitat within 28 marine and coastal WH properties. The second project is geographically based – a thematic analysis of values within all African natural and mixed WH properties, following a request from the UNESCO-WH Centre. Both studies are being finalised for publication.



Two **CVI applications** are currently in-progress – the first phase (OUV Vulnerability) CVI Workshop for <u>Vega Archipelago</u> (Norway) is being conducted online this week over four half-day sessions, while a CVI Snapshot for <u>Aldabra Atoll</u> (Seychelles, pictured: Foto Natura) is taking place over multiple sessions across several weeks. 2022 will also be busy with CVI applications scheduled for the <u>Antonine Wall</u> (Scotland) in February, <u>High Coast/Kvarken Archipelago</u> (Sweden/Finland) in March and <u>Lord Howe Island</u> (Australia) in June.

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