

The CVI Update is a periodic newsletter to briefly update those who have shown an interest about key developments in the Climate Vulnerability Index. The CVI provides a values-based, science-driven and community-focused assessment of climate impacts on heritage.



In May 2021, the CVI was successfully applied in the **Old and New Towns of Edinburgh** (ONTE), one of Scotland's six World Heritage Sites. This was the first time the CVI had been applied in an urban WH property. Historic Environment Scotland (HES) was keen to apply the CVI following the success of the CVI workshop in Orkney (2019). Due to the pandemic and time zone differences between Australia and ONTE, a [virtual workshop](#) over five UK mornings was undertaken with 40+ attendees from different sectors engaged in the process.



The [CVI-Africa](#) project is progressing well, with the current focus on building capacity among the African partners. The foundational training in climate change and the CVI is now completed, and short [YouTube videos](#) from each unit will support future training. The project focus now turns to CVI applications at two African WH properties later in the year - the Sukur Cultural Landscape (Nigeria), and the Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Songo Mnara (Tanzania).



Interest in the CVI from **First Nations' Indigenous communities** is now increasing, with applications underway in two non-WH locations. Together with colleagues in California (USA) and in northern Australia we are examining how the CVI process might be applied in Indigenous land/sea country. An initial workshop with USA First Nations peoples occurred on [Catalina Island](#) in June 2021. In Australia, a first meeting is scheduled soon with [Yuku Baja Muliku](#), the Traditional Owners from Archer Point, near Cooktown in North Queensland.



In addition to the projects described above, **World Heritage applications of the CVI** continue, as does new interest. The CVI workshop in the [Vega Archipelago](#) (Norway) is scheduled for December, funding has been secured for the [High Coast/Kvarken Archipelago](#) (Sweden/Finland – *pictured, Hannu Vallas*) and planning is underway for the Antonine Wall, part of the [Frontiers of the Roman Empire](#) (the third Scottish WH property to host a CVI workshop). The most recent interest has come from WH managers in the Seychelles.



In April 2021, Assoc Prof Scott Heron, one of the CVI co-developers, was named in the **Reuters Hot List**. This list identified the 1,000 [most influential climate scientists](#) on the planet based upon a combination of three rankings – research publications on topics related to climate change; citation of those papers by other scientists in similar fields of study; and references to research in the lay press and social media.

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