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The <u>CVI Update</u> is a triannual newsletter to briefly update those who have shown an interest in the Climate Vulnerability Index – initially in World Heritage properties, and increasingly for application in other areas (e.g., national parks, Indigenous land and sea country).



The CVI developers (Scott Heron and Jon Day) have recently each received recognition in heritage conservation. In conjunction with his promotion to Professor at James Cook University, Scott has been appointed as the UNESCO Chair on Climate Change Vulnerability of Natural and Cultural Heritage. Jon has been recognised by his natural and cultural heritage peers with appointments as an Honorary Life Member of ACIUCN and a member of ICOMOS.



The CVI report for <u>St Kilda</u> has now been completed, describing the first CVI application for a mixed World Heritage property. Climate impacts upon both natural and cultural values are apparent and projected to increase. The report will soon be available via the <u>CVI Resources webpage</u>, linked to our project partners National Trust for Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland. Preparation of other CVI reports continues in collaboration with partners.



Preparations for various other CVI applications are well underway. Steering Committees are meeting regularly for two workshops in August 2024 – Røros Mining Town and the Circumference (our third CVI assessment in Norway, left) and the Curonian Spit (Lithuania, right). Discussions have also commenced for a CVI assessment of an area consisting of a WH property and its broader surrounding area, to incorporate Indigenous heritage and agricultural lands.



The CVI partnership with <u>Yuku Baja Muliku</u>, a First Nations group near Cooktown (Australia), has continued with another successful workshop in March 2024. Several adaptations of the CVI process were co-developed, the application of which showed their increased relevance to Traditional Owners and to their management practices. This work has continued with the support of the <u>Great Barrier Reef Foundation</u>.



Two CVI journal articles were recently published describing impacts on cultural and natural heritage, respectively. Led by Will Megarry, the ICOMOS Focal Point for Climate Change and Heritage, the first <u>publication</u> outlines **lessons from CVI applications** in two African cultural WH properties. The second <u>article</u>, led by Master of Philosophy graduate Riccardo Losciale, assessed the vulnerability of **World Heritage seagrass habitats** to climate change.

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