CV Update #9

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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. With post-pandemic travel recommencing, international in-person applications of the CVI have just resumed.







For the first time in over two years, CVI is back on the road!! This week, elements of the CVI process are being applied for the first time in preparation for the World Heritage nomination of the **Flow Country** in Scotland (pictured), the world's largest blanket bog. Next week, the second phase workshop to assess Community Vulnerability for the **Vega Archipelago** (Norway) will be conducted. This will complete the CVI application that began online last November.

Earlier in March, an online workshop for the <u>High Coast/Kvarken</u> <u>Archipelago</u> (Sweden/Finland) was conducted over six half-day sessions. The workshop format for this transboundary property included another CVI 'first' – for the assessment of Community Vulnerability, breakout group participants were grouped by country and so produced outcomes for each of the Swedish and Finnish communities, which were then synthesised at the property level.

In February, an online CVI workshop was undertaken, in conjunction with colleagues from Historic Environment Scotland, for the <u>Antonine</u> <u>Wall</u>. This forms one part of a serial, transboundary WH property – the <u>Frontiers of the Roman Empire</u>; other components are in England and Germany. The Antonine Wall was built by the Romans, starting in AD 142 and occupied for around 20 years. The turf wall spans ~60 km, though only around one-third remains visible today.

Reports describing the outcomes of two CVI workshops (<u>Sukur</u> <u>Cultural Landscape</u> and <u>Kilwa Kisiwani and Songo Mnara</u>) are currently being finalised for publication, including translation into local languages. These workshops were undertaken as part of the CVI-Africa project. Outcomes demonstrate how climate adaptation measures can support local communities, and highlight the value of local knowledge when combined with international experience.

In another novel application area, the process to identify key values that was developed for the CVI contributed to an environmental impact assessment for the <u>Greater Blue Mountains</u> World Heritage Area. This was commissioned to ensure that all aspects of the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value were considered in the assessment responding to a proposed increase to the height of the Warragamba Dam wall.

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