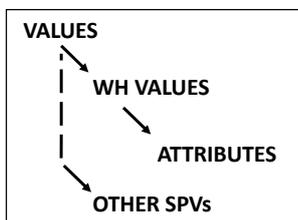


The CVI Update is a periodic newsletter to briefly update those who have shown an interest in the Climate Vulnerability Index with key developments along the CVI journey.



In June, the final report on the CVI application for **Shark Bay, Western Australia** (or *Gathaagudu*, meaning 'two-waters') was published. The vulnerabilities of the World Heritage (WH) values and attributes, and of the community (local, domestic and international) associated with the property were each assessed to be in the highest category (High vulnerability). The CVI report is available at:

<https://www.wamsi.org.au/cvi-shark-bay>



Consultations with WH experts have resulted in an update to some terminologies used within the CVI. The CVI team has developed a **hierarchy of terms** (diagram simplified from p12 of the [Shark Bay report](#)), which distinguishes the WH values (as described in the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, SOUV) for which a property is internationally recognised, from other Significant Property Values (SPVs). Further, attributes express the WH values in a more quantifiable and potentially manageable way, with the WH values and attributes derived directly from the SOUV.



Interest in the CVI continues to grow globally. A number of WH properties, having recognised the significance of climate change, are seeking a systematic way to address those impacts. The four CVI workshops scheduled for early-2020 (outlined in CVI Update #3) remain postponed due to the COVID-19 virus; additional properties (e.g., in Ireland, Malaysia, Puerto Rico) have also expressed interest.



An additional process with the CVI is being developed to assess **thematic groupings**, to complement vulnerability assessments for individual properties. Previous examples of WH thematic assessments include those for coral reefs (Heron et al. [2017](#), [2018](#)) and glaciers (Bosson et al. [2019](#)). New developments will integrate the systematic approach of CVI to assess impacts on OUV from key climate stressors, in collaboration with experts from each thematic grouping.

A new Masters student at James Cook University will soon join the CVI team and a **possible post-doc position** may soon become available (dependent on funding approval). If you are someone who has a PhD and interdisciplinary work experience; a strong focus on climate change and social-ecological systems; sound understanding of natural and/or cultural heritage; a good publication record; and proven skills as a team player, please contact us at the email below.



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