CVI Update #10

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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. Several opportunities for international exposure and new CVI applications are underway for the coming months.











In June, <u>reports</u> describing CVI applications as part of the CVI-Africa project were published, together with a project summary. For the <u>Sukur Cultural Landscape</u> in Nigeria, key climate stressors of drought, temperature trend and storm intensity/frequency were assessed, leading to Low vulnerabilities of the OUV and the associated community. For the <u>Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of</u> <u>Songo Mnara</u> in Tanzania, Moderate OUV Vulnerability was assessed considering intense precipitation events, sea-level rise and coastal erosion; and the Community Vulnerability was Low.

CVI research assistant Taruna Venkatachalam (pictured in yellow) recently visited India and took the opportunity to build productive connections with a wide range of natural and cultural heritage practitioners and researchers. This included a visit to the UNESCO <u>Category 2 Centre</u> at the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in Dehradun, during which WII and CVI co-hosted a <u>webinar</u> to inform attendees from the Indo-Pacific region about the CVI.

A variation of the CVI method (reported in <u>Update #8</u>) continues to be developed with Traditional Owners in northeast Australia. <u>Yuku</u> <u>Baja Muliku</u> (YBM) has been awarded a grant from the Great Barrier Reef Foundation to further the CVI partnership, assessing climate impacts on key values of Indigenous significance through collaborative YBM-CVI workshops. Learnings will be shared with other First Nation communities. *Artwork: Irene Doughboy*.

CVI reports are in various stages of preparation for six cultural and natural applications. Some of these are on hold during the Northern Hemisphere summer holidays and we're anticipating a flurry of report releases in the coming months. These encompass a diverse array of marine, coastal and terrestrial locations, further demonstrating the broad applicability of the CVI methodology for World Heritage and other heritage protection areas.

The CVI will be featured at various upcoming conferences. In August, outcomes from the CVI-Africa project will be presented to the <u>Pan African Archaeology Conference</u>; workshops and presentations are being prepared for the fifth <u>International Marine</u> <u>Protected Areas Congress</u> (February 2023) and the fifth symposium on the <u>Effects of Climate Change on the World's Oceans</u> (April 2023). In addition, preparations for future CVI applications continue.

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