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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. In-person and remote CVI events (the latter developed during the pandemic travel closure period) have continued at pace!











In September, the CVI was applied for the first time in a **'mixed' World Heritage** property (with both natural and cultural values). In partnership with Historic Environment Scotland, the workshop for <u>St</u> <u>Kilda</u> (inscribed under five WH criteria; and also recognised as a National Nature Reserve and National Scenic Area) was preceded by a training workshop of managers from the UK and beyond. This project is supported by a <u>Royal Society of Edinburgh</u> grant.

The **CVI report** for <u>Aldabra Atoll</u> is now available from the <u>CVI</u> <u>Resources webpage</u>, linked to our project partners the Seychelles Islands Foundation. CVI reports from the <u>High Coast/Kvarken</u> <u>Archipelago</u>, <u>Old and New Towns of Edinburgh</u> and the <u>Antonine</u> <u>Wall</u> are in the final stages of publication – and will soon become available via the CVI website. The preparation of several other outputs continues in collaboration with our partner organisations.

The CVI partnership with **Yuku Baja Muliku** (YBM), a First Nations group near Cooktown (Australia), held the second of a series of workshops in October. Having agreed on a culturally-appropriate methodology, the workshop successfully adapted the CVI process to be more accessible and relevant to Traditional Owners and their management practices. With project support from the <u>Great Barrier</u> <u>Reef Foundation</u>, outcomes will be shared with international Indigenous groups during IMPAC5. In addition, YBM CEO Larissa Hale is one of 15 finalists for the 2022 <u>Earthshot Prize</u>.

Two journal articles regarding **thematic approaches** for the CVI process have been published. A geographically-based analysis of values within African natural WH properties helped prioritise subsequent CVI applications (<u>Venkatachalam et al. 2022</u>). <u>Losciale et al. 2022</u> reviewed the research and conservation status of World Heritage seagrass habitats, providing the foundation for an attribute-based thematic analysis using the CVI process.

Members of the **CVI-Africa** project met during the 16th Pan African Archaeological Association Congress in Zanzibar, Tanzania (August). CVI presentations and discussions led to interest in further applications in Tanzania and elsewhere in Africa. In addition to the publication of CVI reports (see Update #10), a four-page <u>project</u> <u>summary</u> is available in English, French, Spanish and Arabic. Project members and trainees also attended the climate COP27 meeting.

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