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The CVI Update is a triannual newsletter to briefly update those who have shown an interest in the Climate Vulnerability Index. Interest in CVI applications for World Heritage properties continues to grow, as does interest from other types of greas of significance.



A CVI assessment for the iSimanaaliso Wetland Park in South Africa was successfully completed this month. The area analysed included the WH property plus adjacent marine and terrestrial protected areas. The involvement of community members from across the region was a key part of the success of the workshop and its outcomes. This CVI is part of a larger project led by WILDTRUST in partnership with the iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and participating communities.



Recent international meetings featured presentations on the CVI. In September, presentations on Scottish applications (see also below) and with our Australian Indigenous partners were given during the ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium in Sydney, Australia. Scott Heron was also part of a climate-heritage discussion panel. At the 45th World Heritage Committee in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, two CVI side events were held, which included the launch of the CVI report for the <u>Vega Archipelago</u> (pictured).



The <u>latest report</u> of the **UK's Climate Change Committee** mentioned the four CVI assessments undertaken at Scottish World Heritage properties as examples of the increased understanding of risks to cultural heritage. The report noted that CVI results feed into management plans and are used to target actions and identify knowledge gaps. The partnership between CVI and Historic <u>Environment Scotland</u> has now spanned six years and discussions are underway to apply the CVI in the remaining two properties.



The CVI website has recently received a series of updates. In addition to newly-added CVI reports, several brochures have been developed describing various activities – our project with Australian Indiaenous partners; a cultural thematic analysis; overviews of CVI applications in Scotland and the CVI-Africa project; and a new CVI summary. In addition, testimonials from past applications and a new page describing the CVI team are now available. Keep an eye out for additional enhancements currently being planned.



We are initiating a process to seek one or more **post-doctoral** fellows to support specific CVI tasks and goals. Selection criteria include a PhD and interdisciplinary work experience; a strong focus on climate change and climate science; awareness of or experience in cultural and/or natural heritage; analytical, organisational and writing skills; and proven ability to work in a team. If interested, please contact us at the email below.

For further information about the CVI (including contact details) go to: cvi-heritage.org.







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