

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Stone Town of Zanzibar has been doing fairly well despite minor challenges. In recent years however, there has been some pressure particularly development pressures that have made maintenance of conservation a bit difficult. This pressure is still manageable and contained due to efforts done by the Stone Town Development Authority (STDA).

The State of Conservation report of the Stone Town informs various steps that were taken by the State Party in dealing with Mambo Msiige structure. Local experts have made sure that the structure adhered to the rules and regulations of the STDA. There are some dissatisfaction by the foreign experts and which now has influenced the Monitoring Missions. The State Party advises that, in any case, whatever arguments is advanced on Mambo Msiige, it should not lead to put the Site in danger.

The State Party continues to assure its cooperation with the World Heritage Centre and expects that the Reactive Monitoring Mission which was in Zanzibar from 30th October to 5th November will provide an objective and constructive report.