

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara State of Conservation Report was in the World Heritage List in danger since 2004. The State Party acknowledges and accepts with great appreciation, the decision made by the World Heritage Committee, on its 38th session that was held in Doha-Qatar on 17th June 2014, to reinstate the status of the Property, in this case removal from World Heritage Sites in danger. This international recognition is an authentication of the remarkable inflexible energy applied by all stakeholders to preserve the ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and the ruins of Songo Mnara World Heritage Property.

As it may be recalled, the State Party finalized the updated Management Plan and submitted it to the World Heritage in 2013. The World Heritage Center made some recommendations and sent to the State Party on Sept 2015, recommendations from the Advisory Body (ICOMOS) Technical Review Report were received in October 2014. The ICOMOS technical /review comments were positive to the achieved result, however highlighted some errors that needed to be corrected before the document is accepted and enacted. The State Party received and found them pertinent to the improvement of the Management Plan.

Since the Management plan has to be supported by other documents as annexes, the State Party has started its preparations. However, the preparation of such important and valuable documents require resources and consultations to bring about the verily results. The State Party is committed to start preparing these documents and has put up a plan as a guide and monitoring tool towards successful completion of the documents as it if found in the State of Conservation report of Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara.

The State party has made sure that the Management of Kilwa is reinforced in order to have skilled and qualified site staff. Currently, there are three staff being trained on Heritage management in the master's levels and one has now just completed a B.A degree in Culture Heritage Management. At the same time, the state party is using the available volunteers to supplement some of the missing skills and the required number of staff. It has also recruited more local community members.

Sea - wave erosion needs continued efforts to make sure that it does not pose threats to the Site, the State Party finds that involvement and the collaboration of local and international development partners is an ultimate solution towards addressing the this challenge.