Executive summary

The National Museums of Kenya (NMK) is the process of acquiring the required land to extend the buffer on the western side of the property. Owners of the land were engaged and they gladly agreed to sell the required 3 acres to the National Museums of Kenya. NMK has since officially written to the latter to commence the process of negotiating and conducting valuation on the parcel of land and on behalf of government before payments are done.

A number of digitization projects targeting World Heritage Sites have been kick started in the country with Thimlich Ohinga being one of the targeted sites.

The National Museums of Kenya has continued to ensure that all projects that were scheduled to be undertaken at the property were subjected to an environmental impact assessment, heritage impact assessment and archaeological surveys.

The site has continued being an arena for community engagements and dialogue in matters to do with heritage conservation and tourism promotion. In May 2022, a community sensitization workshop was held from 5th-8th May 2022 at the Thimlich Ohinga Site. The community expressed its desire to continue partnering with the NMK in maintenance of the site. The site is a critical centre for the local artists and musicians during cultural festivals held regularly at the site. The site’s role in cultural tourism has been exemplified after its recognition by the Kenya Tourism Board in early 2022 as a Magical Kenya signature destination. This recognition has gone a long way in boosting visitor numbers to the site.