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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NO. 6131 **17 April 2025**

WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION ACT, 1999 (ACT NO. 49 OF 1999)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: SUBMISSION OF POTENTIAL SITES FOR INCLUSION IN THE INVENTORY LIST OF SITES (TENTATIVE LIST) IN TERMS OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION ACT, 1999 (ACT NO. 49 OF 1999)

I, Dion Travers George, the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby call for proposals for submission of potential sites for inclusion in the inventory list (Tentative List) in terms of section 5(a) and (i) and 6(2) and (3) of the World Heritage Convention Act, 1999 (Act No. 49 of 1999) read with the Amended Format and Procedure for Nomination of World Heritage Sites in the Republic of South Africa published in Government Notice No. 2224, Government *Gazette* No. 46649 of 1 July 2022.

South Africa, is a signatory to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) 1972 World Heritage Convention concerning the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and transmission to future generations of cultural and natural heritage of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV).

Tentative List is an inventory of sites within a territory of a State Party which are considered suitable for World Heritage Listing. The Tentative list is an initial step for getting sites inscribed as World Heritage Sites. Therefore, only sites in the Tentative List will be considered for inclusion in the World Heritage List.

Currently, the UNESCO World Heritage List comprises of 1223 World Heritage Sites. South Africa has to date, successfully inscribed twelve (12) sites on the World Heritage List located in 9 provinces across the country.

Despite its diverse and rich Cultural and Natural heritage, the Africa region contributes only 8% (108/1223) of sites inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List, the process of establishing a tentative List is a key driver in addressing this geographical imbalance and underrepresentation.

A World Heritage Site is an area which has been officially recognized by UNESCO which is of **Outstanding Universal Value. Outstanding Universal Value** means cultural and/or natural significance which is so exceptional as to transcend national boundaries and to be of common importance for present and future generations of all humanity.
Cultural heritage consists of, *monuments, groups of buildings, cultural landscapes (illustrative of the evolution of human society and settlement over time.*
Natural Heritage consists of *physical and biological formations, geological and physiographical formations which constitute the habitat of threatened species of animals and plants from the point of view of science or conservation, natural sites etc. of OUV,*

Interested stakeholders and members of the public are invited to submit written proposals for cultural and natural heritage sites for consideration by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

with a goal of inclusion in the Tentative List within **30 (thirty)** days from the date of publication of this notice in the Government *Gazette* or in the newspaper, which ever date comes last.

Such written proposals shall outline the following: *name of the proposed site, location, type of a site (Cultural or Natural or mixed), brief description of the site, preliminary criteria for World Heritage Listing, and the potential Outstanding Universal Value; statement of authenticity and/ integrity; and proposed management and protection systems* in place.

Written proposals must be submitted to any of the following addresses:

BY POST TO: The Director-General: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment
Private Bag X447
Pretoria
0001.

BY HAND AT: Reception, Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

By EMAIL TO: UNESCOTentativelisting@dffe.gov.za

Enquiries in connection with this Notice can be directed to: Ms Grace Mayile on Cell: +27 66 156 0210 or Ms Ipfi Todani on Cell: + 27 66 434 7013.

Submissions received after the closing date may be disregarded.

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