

HERITAGE MANAGEMENT IN AFRICA: NEW CHALLENGES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES



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Africa: cradle of humanity

...that gave birth to immense diversity



Heritage in Africa

- Rich and Diverse in nature, extent, size and variety
- Ranges from great landscapes such as Rift Valley, snow covered mountains, deserts to sacred forests, towns, villages, castles, obelisks, rock art, artefacts, cultural practices, food ways, performing arts among others

Diversity of Landscapes



Desert and highlands



Mountains and mountain cliffs



Meandering roads and terraces



Architecture



Benin



Ethiopia



Kenya



Kenya



Mali

Great mosques and sub terrainian domestic houses



Living with monuments



Serenity; nature and culture



Forts and palaces: Doorways and decorated under roof



European architecture



Forts and Castles in Africa



Cape Coast Castle, Ghana



Fort Jesus, Kenya



Gorée Fort, Senegal

Fragile Rock Art



Mozambique



Ethiopia



Malawi

QOHAITO ERITREA DOMESTIC AND WILD



IN CAVES AND ROCK SHELTER



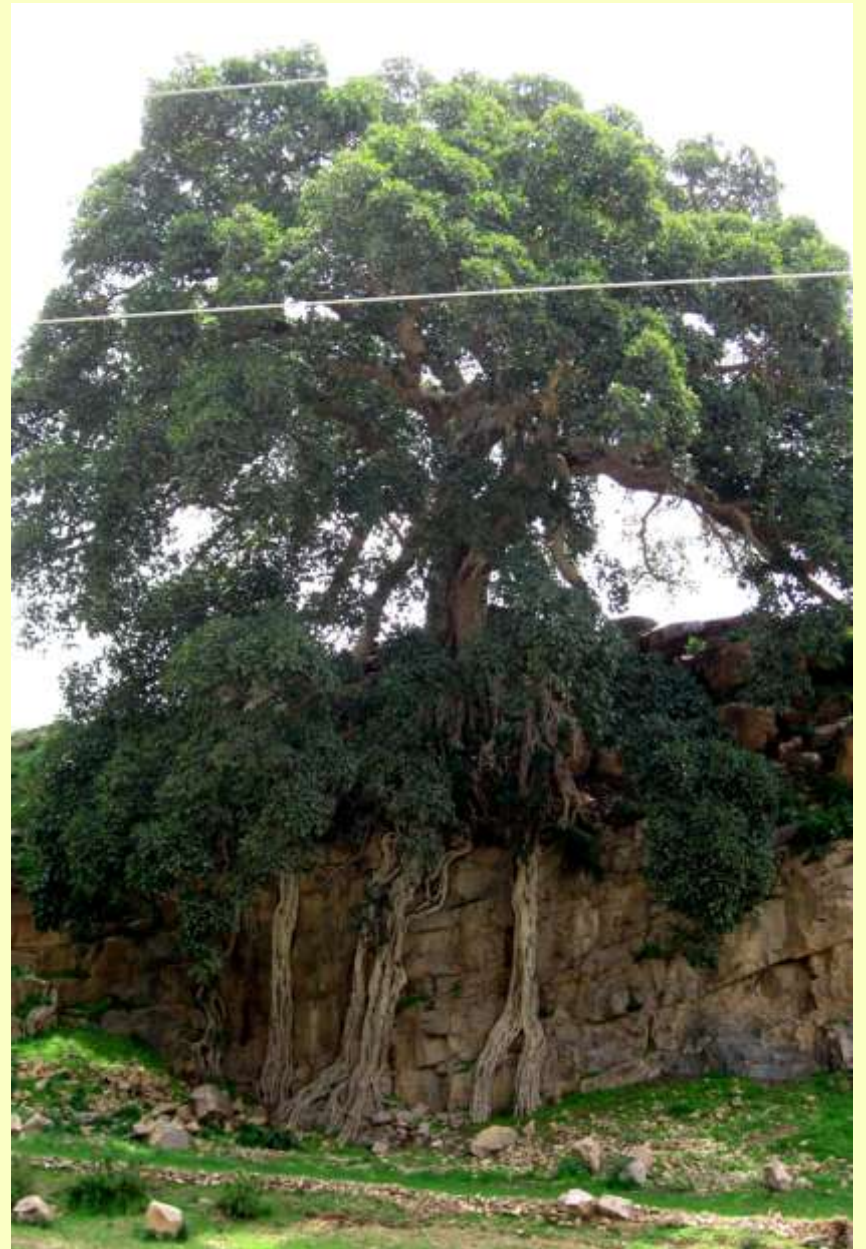
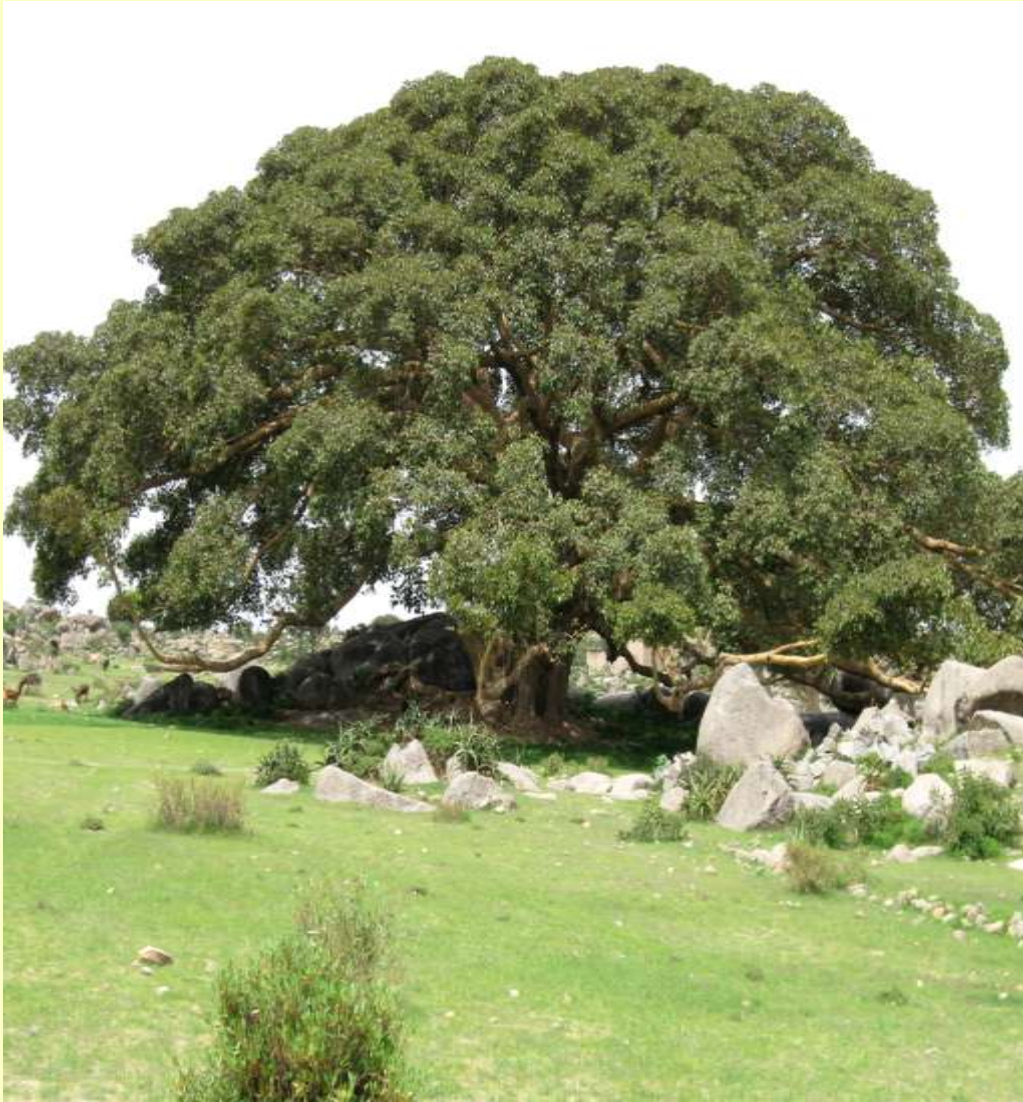
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PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT



DIVERSITY IN NATURE



People: Faces of a continent



Telling the Story



“Cultural Diversity is one of the roots of development, as necessary for humankind as biodiversity is for nature”.

If this is indeed the case, then humanity cannot disagree with the importance of diversity.

Opportunities

1. National identity and celebrating diversity/ Social Cohesion
2. Economic development and wealth creation / Tourism
3. Knowledge generation/production
4. Conflict resolution and peace building
5. Tolerance and Human Rights
6. Access to heritage rights and advocacy power
7. International cooperation
8. Intellectual debate and research potential
9. Job creation / poverty alleviation

National identity

Great Zimbabwe



Robben Island



Le Morne, Mauritius

Tourism



Great Zimbabwe



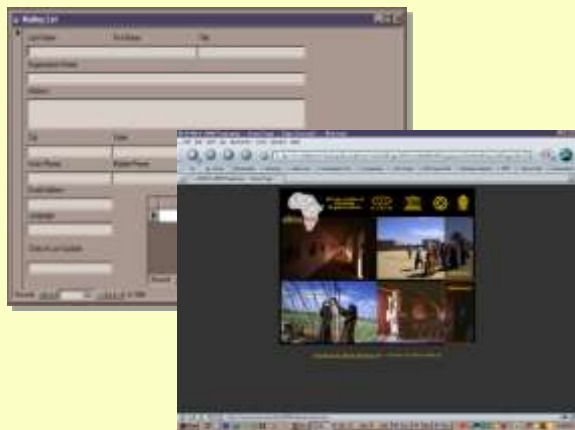
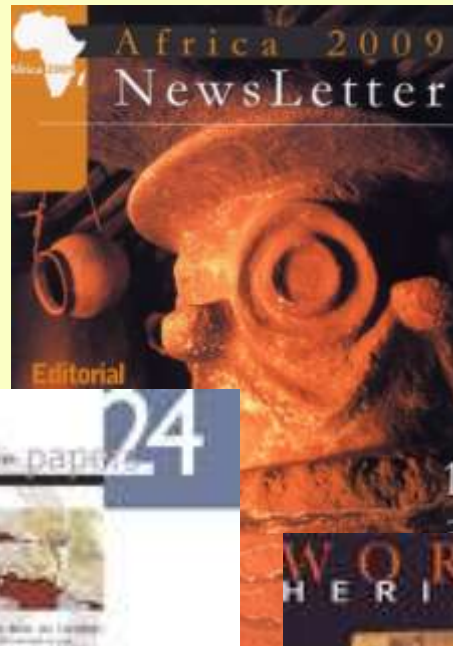
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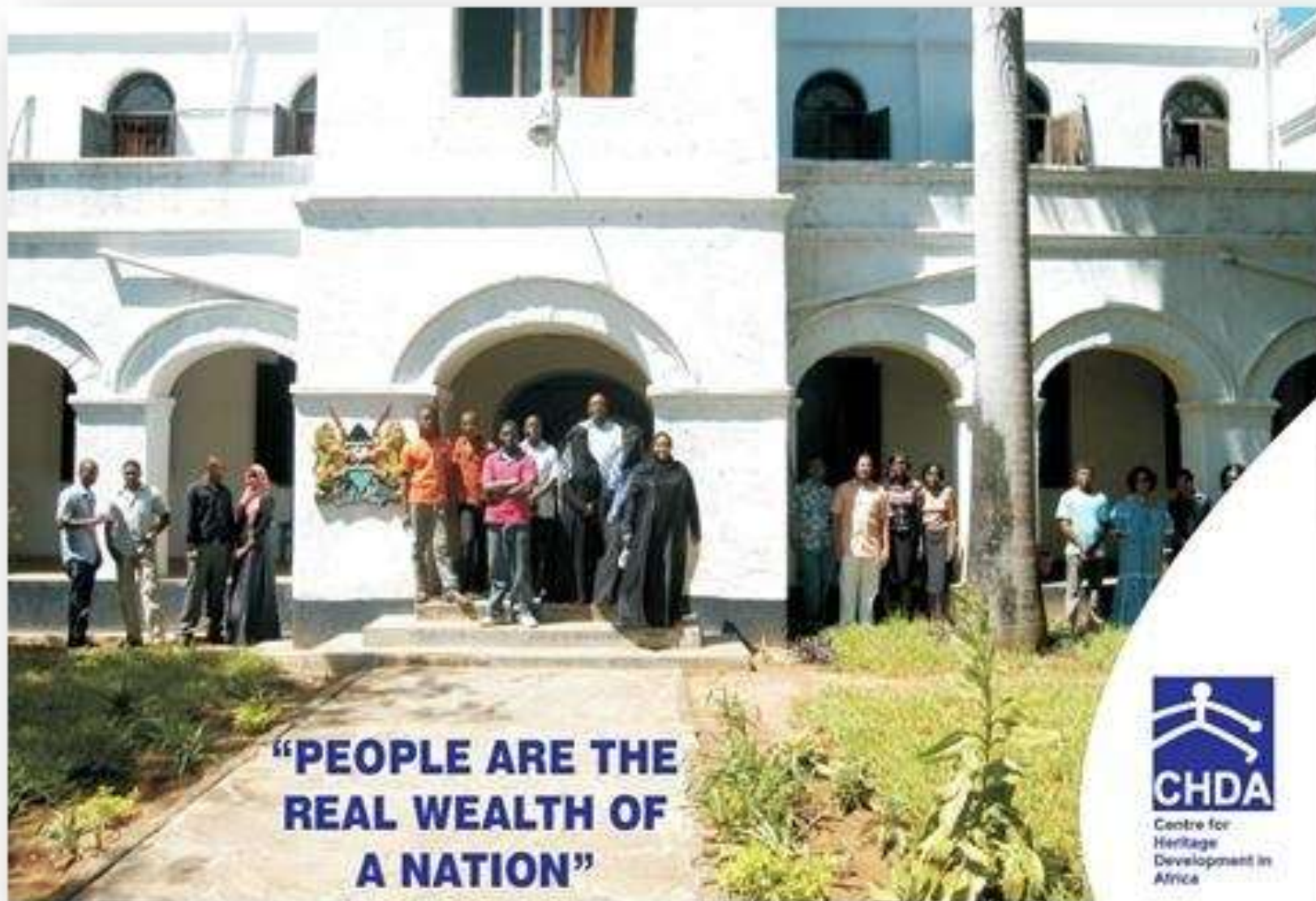
Intellectual debate



... and dissemination



CENTRE FOR HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA; CREATING CAPACITY



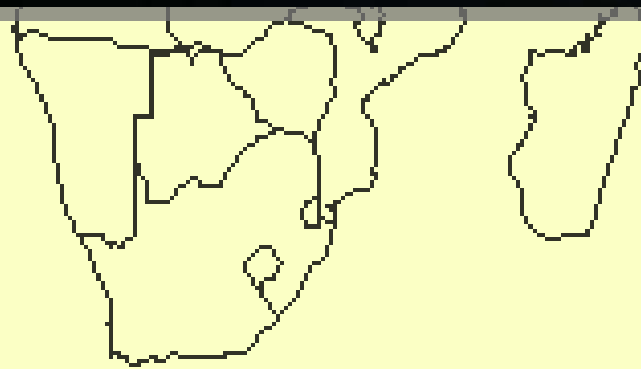
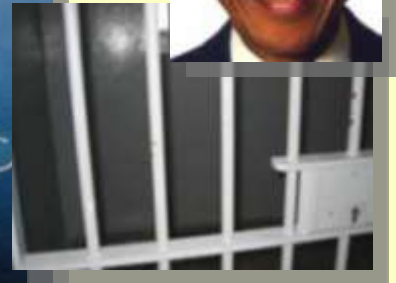
Job creation / wealth creation

Making the most of
our heritage...



Conflict Resolution & Tolerance

Robben Island
one site:
many layers



Challenges

1. Eurocentric approach to the identification of significance based on the outstanding universal value and other values
2. Lack of appreciation from governments of the role of heritage in national development
3. Conflicts between Development and Conservation
4. Inadequate or outdated Legal Frameworks within the continent in some instances
5. Lack of adequate resources
6. Conflict between traditional practices (including in conservation) and western prescribed treatments
7. Neglect and lack of commitment (prestige and appreciation)
8. Lack of community involvement
9. Population pressure
10. Inability to tap and promote local knowledge
11. War and subsequent destruction and looting: all of which are a recipe for disaster and conducive for creating an environment where poverty thrives.

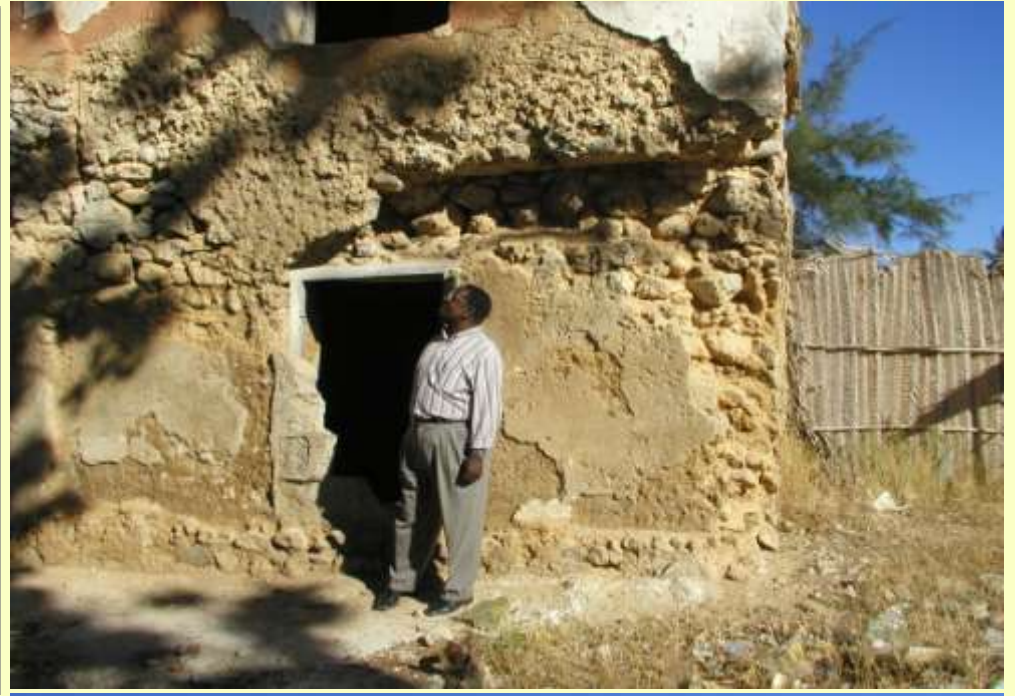
FACING THE CHALLENGES



Nature and Culture



NEGLECT, DETERIORATION, FORCES OF NATURE OR ALL ?



OVER EXPLOITATION



CONSERVING IN POVERTY



DESTRUCTION



Beauty in the desert: Faces of destruction



Elephant – Messak Plains.

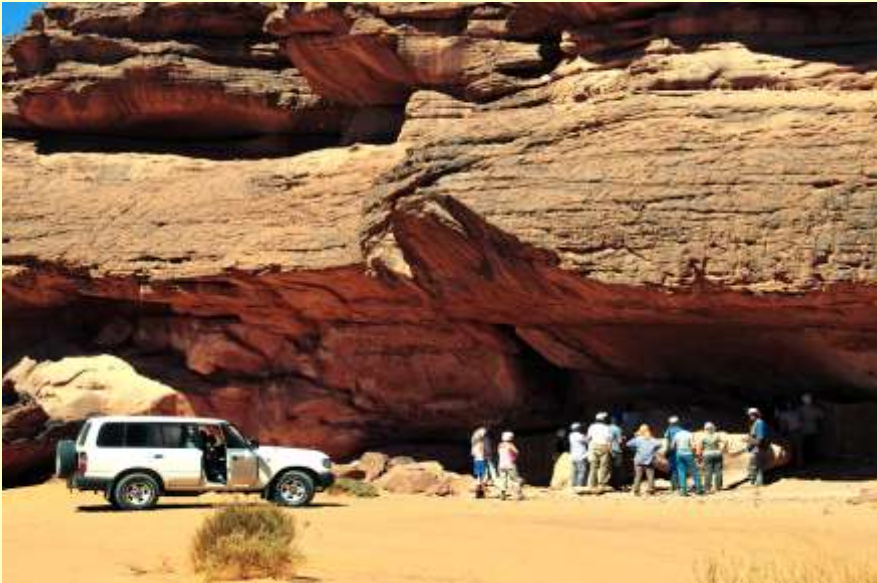


Fighting cats – Wadi Mathendous, Libya

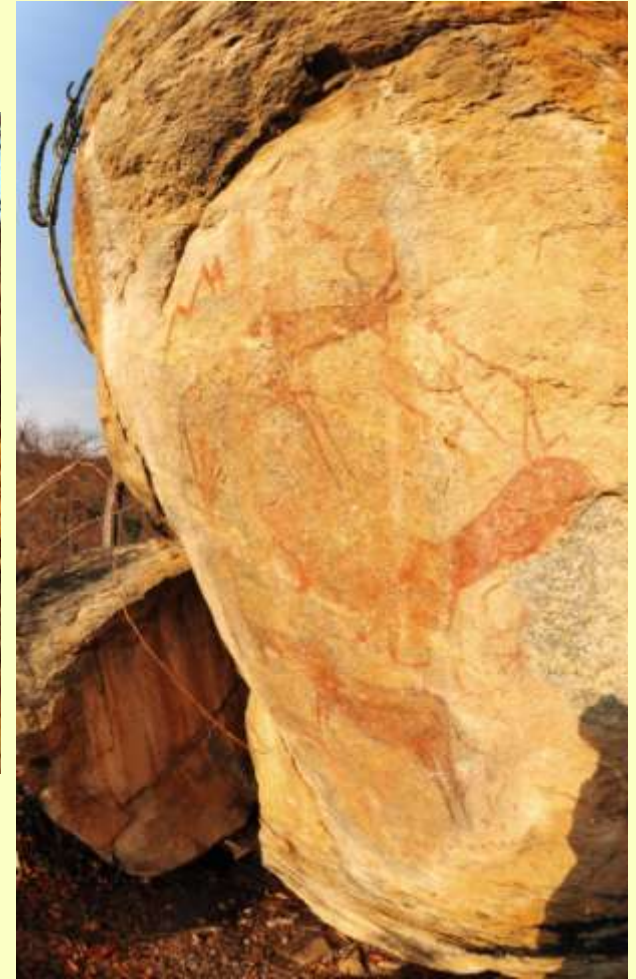


Messak Plains – scarred by oil vehicles.

RESOURCE EXPLOITATION AND HERITAGE DESTRUCTION



THE ROCK ART OF KONDOA TANZANIA



COMPETING INTERESTS AT KONDOA TANZANIA



MORE CHALLENGES



Working with communities



Listening and learning: disappearing talents



COPING



HARD WORK; TIRING



CAPACITY BUILDING IS CRITICAL



MOULDING CONSERVATORS / INVESTING IN HERITAGE



NO EASY TASK



SHOULD I OR SHOULD I NOT ?



TOGETHER WE CAN



THANK YOU – ASANTE SANA

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