



CIE–CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE ACTIVITIES

Report on activities to support the ratification and assistance to implement the of the 2001 UNESCO Convention for the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage, 2018

Mission and vision of CIE:

CIE is an internationally orientated organization which strives to inspire and foster co-creative heritage activities and research across the globe. It's work is focused on creating platforms for discussing the multi-layered nature of heritage, and on practical and academic approaches towards community involvement in their heritage. Our Mission is to facilitate multidisciplinary cultural heritage projects, to encourage and develop skills and capacities, and to move beyond the Eurocentric origins of the heritage industry. We aim to serve as a catalyst for cultural heritage development worldwide.

As an NGO accredited to the 2001 UNESCO Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage, many of CIE's projects and programs focus on maritime cultural landscapes, incorporating local, regional and international perspectives that serve heritage management, protection, research and promotion. In addition, CIE's initiatives have aimed to promote and encourage ratification of the 2001 Convention and to develop structures for context specific implementation in instances where ratification has already occurred.

Training and Teaching: United Arab Emirates

In partnership with New York University Abu Dhabi's Shared Maritime Heritage on the Historic and Arabian Trade Routes programme that brings together students and experts from across the globe, CIE has supported training and research at community and academic levels. Through this partnership, as part of a broad maritime archaeology/heritage/survey programme, students are provided with heritage management training and archaeological expertise in line with the tenets of the 2001 Convention and UNESCO accredited training curricula.

The programme directly promotes the 2001 Convention as a framework for management and promotion of underwater cultural heritage in the home countries of students. In those instances where home states have already ratified the Convention, students are encouraged

to lobby heritage management agencies, museums and academic institutions to further promote and implement the tenets of the Convention and to align national underwater cultural heritage strategies with the document. Where home states have not ratified, students are encouraged to lobby for ratification.

The programme creates capacity in underwater cultural heritage and management that is aligned with the 2001 Convention. On completion of the course, students will return to their home countries and are encouraged to conduct their research activities in line with the Convention and work with heritage management and government authorities to promote and implement practical programmes in line with the Rules in the Annex to the Convention.

As an accredited Nautical Archaeology Society (NAS) training partner, CIE has begun offering NAS training to a team of Emirati nationals and other key stakeholders with an interest in promoting UCH and the 2001 Convention and in developing local capacity. The team will establish and populate a database of UCH in the UAE in 2019.

Community Heritage Activities / Capacity Building: Ilha de Mozambique

CIE continued its community-based heritage promotion project and development programme at Ilha de Mozambique. In December 2018, a team of researchers worked with stakeholders to promote locally relevant heritage narratives and sites on the island, including UCH. The program produced an exhibition and re-established a network of individuals and organization interested in the protection of UCH.

Heritage network activities

Regional Workshop on MUCH

Develop collaboration with stakeholders in the Gulf Region in connection with the Western Indian Ocean and existing legality sites. In 2018 CIE have worked with local partners on organizing a Regional Workshop on the Protection and Management of Maritime, Coastal and Underwater Cultural Heritage. The NYUAD Institute and Dhakira Center for Heritage Studies in conjunction with UNESCO and ICCROM-ATHAR in Sharjah planned to organize and hosted a 4-day UNESCO in January 2019 in Abu Dhabi . Experts will be invited from the UAE, Egypt, Morocco, UK, Tunisia, Spain, Lebanon and Italy, and national representatives of Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Syria, Tunisia, UAE and Qatar. Experts and academics from NYUAD and the Abu Dhabi Department of Culture and Tourism were present from Abu Dhabi. NYUAD students, faculty and staff attended the conference. The conference established a framework for regional cooperation in research and training and established a platform for data and resource sharing.

UNESCO: First Meeting of the Accredited NGOs to the 2001 Convention May 2018 / Dec 2018

Robert Parthesius chaired a session, Adoption of Recommendations, at the First Meeting of the Accredited NGOs to the 2001 Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage. Recommendations included the mechanisms for cooperation between international NGOs to further UNESCO's goals for the protection of underwater cultural heritage, to build capacity in underwater archaeology and underwater cultural heritage

management and promote the 2001 Convention best standards through NGO programmes, and to support initiatives of the International Decade of Ocean Science and Ocean. Follow up meeting in December. *Convention* initiated by CIE in collaboration with ICOMOS-ICUCH and The Maritime Archaeological Trust.