

**North East District ICH Committee**

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To Whom It May Concern

**Nomination of Wosana Ritual and Associated Practices**

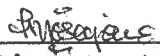
This serves as my consent to the nomination of the above captured element to the UNESCO 2003 Listing mechanism of Urgent Safeguarding List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

The consultations for the nomination of the element began in earnest when practitioners of the element approached the North East District Intangible Cultural Heritage Committee to complain about the threats facing it. Previously, a district inventorying exercise was conducted wherein the element was identified, researched and documented. At the request of the High Priest, the Wosana Association, Chiefs and Wosana practitioners, the Committee set up a Task Team to consult more on the nomination of the element by engaging communities in all the North East District. This exercise culminated in a series of meetings and workshops geared towards building awareness about intangible cultural heritage and specifically on the nomination of the element.

The successful nomination of the element will accord it the necessary recognition and respect; respect for its practitioners and its associated tangible elements; allow transmission from elderly practitioners to young practitioners while increasing its visibility and contributing towards its sustainability.

It is for this reason that, on behalf of the North East District ICH Committee, I freely consent to the nomination of the element bearing in mind the threats it faces and the safeguarding plan developed for its sustainability.

Yours truly,

  
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 Freda Mosojane (Ms)  
 Chairperson, North East District ICH Committee

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Date: 17 October 2022

*R. Vumbu*  
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Ndili Robert Vumbu we Omang Number: 051513406, mbedzi we Wosana, ndo dumana ne buzhalo kuti tjilenje tje Wosana tji kwagwe tjinyolotjo ne kuti ku yendisiwa kwe tjilenje itjetje kwaka wila pasi kwazo mo makole aka pinda ebile tji lashakigwe ne masimba mu ntuthu.

Bakulukulu bose be tjilentje tje Wosana bo pelegwa ne masimba basathu baka pindisila tjilentje itjetje mo batjetjana ngono abana nzhasho weku tji amuchila ngobe bano tizhila ku dzitoropo.

Ku yenda pasi kwe tjilenje itjetji kwa thama kuti dzithanga dzi shakale. Ku shalugwa kwe tjilenje itjetji nebe UNESCO kuti tji kwalisiwe tjinyolotjo kowo thama kuti bathu be ntuthu ba dwilile be shatisa badzimu bedu bapasi.

Ndo galabwe kuti ku shalugwa kwe tjilenje itjetje ne ku tjengetiwa kwatjo ko thama kuti bathu be nthuthu bame ne makumbo kuti tjisi pele.

Ne ku zwi yesa pasi ndo tshambidzila kuti ndaka kumbila kuti tji shalugwe, kakale ndili mwe waka dhila leboko muku bakanyila shalulo iyeo kuti tji longwe mo ndongoloso ye ku tjengetiwa.

*R. Vumbu*  
051513406  
I Robert Vumbu, of Identity Number: 051513406 and the Chief Priest of Wosana Ritual and Associated Practices, confirm my full participation in the nomination of the element to the Urgent Safeguarding List of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

The enactment of the element has tremendously gone down over the past years leading to its invisibility and the loss of its importance as a major event in the life of Bakalaka community. Elderly practitioners are retiring without transmitting the element while young people of our communities are no longer interested as they now live in urban centres. The lack of enactment of the element has led to our cultural spaces to be in a state of dilapidation.

The nomination of the element to the UNESCO's Urgent Safeguarding List is a call to our people to heed the ways of our ancestors and return to our cultural obligations. I believe the nomination, through the Safeguarding Plan, will spur our communities to act and ensure that the element does not get extinct.

I therefore, without reservation, confirm that I have requested for the nomination; that I participated in the preparation of the nomination and was actively involved in the development of the Safeguarding Plan.

Thank you

*R. Vumbu*  
Robert Vumbu,  
Wosana Chief Priest  
Contact Number



**WOSANA TRADITIONAL  
ASSOCIATION**

*THE PEOPLE'S BELIEVE*

GENERAL SECRETARY  
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**HOSANA SPIRITUAL , RAIN MAKING, HEALING & DANCE**

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Date: 7 November 2022

**CONSENT TO THE NOMINATION OF WOSANA RITUAL AND ASSOCIATED  
PRACTICES**

Wosana Traditional Association represents the interests of the practitioners of Wosana Ritual and Associated Practices in the North East District of Botswana. The organisation advocates and lobbies on their behalf and takes care of their welfare as well as prepare for the annual enactment of the element.

After consultations with our general membership, we requested the North East District Intangible Cultural Heritage Committee to consider safeguarding the element through UNESCO 2003 Convention's listing mechanisms. This was after the element was identified and documented during community – based ICH inventorying exercise in the district.

The inventorying exercise revealed several threats facing the element which could lead to its extinction if it is not safeguarded. These include the misappropriation of some of the tangible elements of the practice; de-contextualization of the songs and dances as well as religion.

It is for this reason that the association fully supports the nomination of the element and gives its consent and that of its members. Every possible measure has been taken to ensure widest possible participation of the membership in the preparatory process. The association wishes to show its appreciation to the traditional leadership for allowing and consenting to the nomination and we hope the Intergovernmental Committee of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage will approve the nomination.

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JIMSON RICHARD  
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**TJIDUMANO TJE KU SHALUGWA KWE WOSANA RITUAL AND  
ASSOCIATED PRACTICES.**

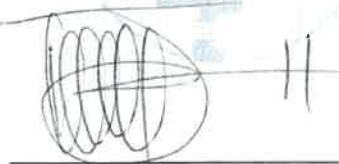
Wosana Traditional Association igubungano li no lebelelela, li no milila ne ku chengeta Mawosana ne ku endisa tjilenje itjetje. Shule kwe bushangano ne Mawosana taka bona ku fanila kuti ti kumbile be NEDC ICHC ku alakanila kuti ba kwalise tjiletje itjetjo ne be UNESCO.

Itjetji tjaka shingikala tjilenje tjisino shalugwa ne itjaba mu zwi lenje zose zwi ntuthu uno. Muku shalulo ikoko kw aka lakidzila kuti kuna zwipinganyidzi zwinga pelela zwi thama kuti tjilentje tji pele ha tjisa chengetiwa. Itjetjo tjo longa kusa bakhwa zubanana kwe zwimwe zwi shingisiwa zwatjo, ne dzonganya dzinjimbo ne milenje ye zana.

Ne ndebeleko iyeye ipezhugwi to duma ne buhalo kuti tili gubungano gwe Wosana Traditional Association nanga ne Mawosana kuti nshingo iwoyo o dwilile. Muku bakanyila nshingo iwoyo Mawosana ose aka longa leboko. Gubungano ilele lina njemulo yeku bokelela butungamili gose gwe ntuthu iwoyo ne itjaba tjago kube baka shalula ne ku dumana tjilenje itjetje.

To galabgwe kuti gubungano le intergovernmental committee of 2003 Convention ino amutjila ne buhalo ku kwalisa tjilenje tje Wosana.

Thank You



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Ndili She Habangana ndo sunungula be UNESCO ku shalogwa kwe Wosana Rituals and Associated Practices. Ndo Tshambidzila kuti ndaka zibisiwa ne kwe chengetiwa kwe Wosana na Mbedzi ana Wosana Traditional Association, naibo bashingikadzi be wosana.

Ndo galabgwe mu butungamili gose gwa nda leba pezhugwi muku yendisa tjilentje itjetji. Ndo hadzisa kuti katsheni tjilenje tjinga chengetiwa ne buzhalo kuti izo tjisipingamidziwe ne zwangwenu. Bunji gwe dziwosana ibathu ba kula ba si tjina matatabuko. Ndzizo ndi duma ne ku galabgwe kuti tjiletje itjetji tji longwe mu ndongoloso ye ku chengetiwa.

This serves as my freely expressed consent for the nomination of Wosana Ritual and Associated Practices to the UNESCO 2003 Convention's listing mechanism. I confirm that I was informed of the request from the High Priest and Wosana Association as well as individual practitioners under the umbrella of Wosana Association to safeguard the element.

I recognise the competence of the above mentioned people in the enactment of the element and wish to add to their voice that it should be protected from the threat of extinction. Most of the practitioners are elderly and can no longer be actively involved in its enactment. This is the reason I consented to the nomination believing that the Safeguarding Plan developed by the practitioners and the High Priest will ensure its visibility and sustainability.

Yours faithfully,



She Habangana

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Mu bumo gose gwe buShe gwe bunanzwa bhezhuba gwe ilikuti itjaba tjago tjo tola wosana ili tjilenje tjabo, ndaka sununguka kuti shalolo iyeyi i tjengetiwe tjinyolotjo ku UNESCO ili boShe bose taka dumana mu shalulo iyeyo. Takabe po tili boShe ti dumana kuti ti shinge nshingo iwoyo.

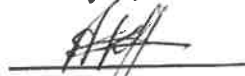
Se tili bachengeti be tjilenje tje itjaba tje, to duma kuti shalulo iyeyi inowo batsha ku kumbuludza bathu bedu bochenjedu gwa- bo batategulo bedu neku kudza tjilentje mu mazhuba angwenu. Bodumili gwaka lulwama ngono a guzo fanila dzibila bathu tjilenje tjabo. To boka tibe ti boka batungamili baka ti dumila kuti ti shinge nshingo iwoyo.

#### Nomination of Wosana Ritual and Associated Practices

On behalf of all the Chiefs of the North East District and whose communities recognise Wosana Ritual and Associated Practices as part of the cultural life, I hereby freely consent to the nomination of the element to the Urgent Safeguarding List of UNESCO. Together with other Chiefs, we were informed of the proposal to nominate the element and we participated in the preparatory process on our own free will.

As the custodians of our communities' culture, we believe the nomination will serve to remind our people the wisdom of our forefathers and its importance in the contemporary times. Religion is important but it should allow our people to enact their culture without being disrespected. We respect and thank traditional leaders who have allowed our communities to continue enacting the element.

Thank you,



Kgosi Kgaje

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**Consent to the Nomination of Wosana Ritual and Associated Practices**

I Ndiziyile Ntogwa and on behalf of the Ntogwa family give my unreserved consent to the nomination of Wosana ritual and associated practices for possible inscription to the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage in need of urgent safeguarding. The Ntogwa family fully supported and participated in the nomination process of this element and believe that its inscription will enhance the safeguarding efforts.

Thank You.

**Tjidumano tje ku shalugwa kwe Wosana Ritual and Associated Practices.**

Ndili Ndiziyile Ntogwa , ne mubumo hwe Nsha waka Ntogwa, ndo dumana ne kwe ku shalugwa kwe tjilenje the Wosana Ritual Associated Practices kuti tji kwalsiwe ku UNESCO, mu tjilenje tji singa bhatike tjaka fanila tjengetiwa tjinyolotjo.

Nsha wa ka Ntogwa waka kuda kwazo ibile nayibo bali mukati muku shalula kwe tjilenje itjetji, bana ku galabwe kuti apa tji nga kwalsiwa kowo thusa kuti tji tjengetiwe.

Nda boka.

*n Ntogwa*

Ndiziyile Ntogwa

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Date: 22 October 2022

### **Consent to the Nomination of Wosana Ritual and Associated Practices**

I, Mpho Muzila and also representing the Wosana youth practitioners give consent to the nomination of Wosana ritual and associated practices for possible inscription in the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritages in need of urgent safeguard.

The Wosana youth practitioners were involved in all the process leading to the nomination of the element and believe that the inscription will help in sustaining the element.

### **Tjidumano tje ku shalugwa kwe Wosana Ritual and Associated Practices.**

Nili Imi Mpho Muzila ebile ndaka milila batshwa be dziwosana, ndo dumana ne ku shalugwa kwe Wosana Ritual and Associated practices kuti ikwalisiwe mu UNESCO ili tjimwe tjilenje tjaka fanila tjengetwa tjinyolotjo.

Batshwa be dziwosana baka longa liboko mu ku shalugwa kwe tjilenje itjetji, bana ku galagwe kuti apa tjinga kwalisiwa tjo thusa muku lumbidza tjilenje tje wosana.

Nda boka.



Mpho Muzila

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