

CHAPTER 7

Community Based Cultural Heritage Management: A Stepping Stone Towards Sustainable Cultural Tourism. A Case Study of Vilanculos, Inhambane Province, Southern Mozambique

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This paper discusses community participation in heritage management in relation to cultural tourism. The most important aspect examined is how local communities can be empowered to manage their own cultural heritage, for present and future generations. The discussion is based on research carried out at archaeological sites in the Vilanculos district, Inhambane Province, southern Mozambique.

Le présent article est une discussion sur la participation des communautés locales dans la gestion du Patrimoine culturel en relation avec le tourisme culturel. Le mandatement des communautés locales à pouvoir gérer leur propre patrimoine culturel, pour les générations actuelles et futures, est ici examiné en détails. La discussion est basée sur une recherche effectuée sur des sites archéologiques dans le district de Vilanculos, Province d’Inhambane, dans le Sud du Mozambique.

Este artigo discute a participação da comunidade na gestão do património, em combinação com o Turismo Cultural. O principal aspecto de análise gira em torno de como se pode contribuir para que as comunidades locais possam assumir um papel mais activo no processo de gestão do seu próprio património cultural. O objectivo seria garantir que tanto as gerações presentes como as gerações futuras se sintam identificadas com este património a ser preservado. A discussão assenta nos resultados da pesquisa levada á cabo nas estações arqueológicas de Manyikeni e Chibuene, no Distrito de Vilanculos, Província de Inhambane, no Sul de Moçambique.

Introduction

As a country, Mozambique is characterized by great cultural diversity which makes it a very privileged nation. We have a combination of different but connected elements that together constitute the national heritage. To this end, it must be the duty of each and every Mozambican to develop a sense of responsibility towards heritage preservation.