

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 34 OF 2023

The National Conservation Commission Act
(Laws, Volume 12, Cap. 173)**The National Conservation Commission (Membo Caves)
(National Monument) (Declaration) Order, 2023**

IN EXERCISE of the powers contained in Section 27 of The National Heritage Conservation Commission Act the following order is made:

1. This Order may be cited as the National Heritage Conservation Commission (Membo Caves) (National Monument) (Declaration) Order, 2023. Title
2. The heritage described in the Schedule is declared a national monument. Declaration
of National
Monument

SCHEDULE
(Paragraph 2)

MEMBO CAVE

LOCATION

This site is located at the north end of Kilwa Island in Nshimba (Nsimba) Chiefdom on Lake Mweru in Nchelenge District of the Luapula Province of Zambia, at 9°14'48''S, 28°23'4''E.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This site is the only known lacustrine cave system in the Republic, formed and located in a freshwater lake, and it measures about 50 metres in length with a height of up to 5 metres. This site occurs within part of the extension of the Great East African Rift Valley System. The geomorphological features of the site include a vertical shaft descending from the top with stalagmites and stalactites. There is a hidden approach to the site, from the water's edge in the generally whitish-greyish scenic cliffs which is infested by crocodiles.

This site is of historical significance as it has been reported to have been used as a hiding place, among other uses, during the days of the slave trade and is part of the Greater Slave Route to East Africa.

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary for this site starts from Point A at latitude 9°14'40.1''S, longitude 28°23'34''E and following the shoreline of Kilwa Island on Lake Mweru in an easterly direction, the boundary line meets Point B at latitude 9°14'50''S, longitude 28°23'51''E and in a southerly direction to Point C at latitude 9°15'8''S, longitude 28°23'45E and through to Point D at latitude 9°15'17.29''S, longitude 28°23'24''E in a south-westerly direction and connecting to Point E at latitude 9°15'16''S, longitude 28°23'22''E on the western shoreline of the island; thence in a northerly direction along the shoreline to the starting point.

The site boundary encompasses a total landmass and surface area of 60.5 hectares.

The specified area is shown on a plan marked red, signed by the Surveyor General and deposited in the office of the Surveyor-General and the National Heritage Conservation Commission, Lusaka.

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LUSAKA

11th August, 2023

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