

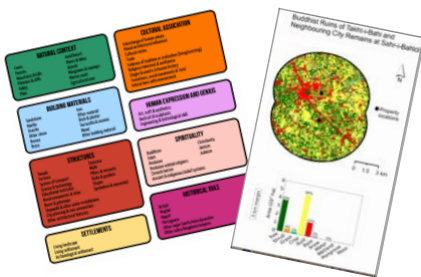
The [CVI Update](#) is the triannual newsletter for the Climate Vulnerability Index, providing updates to our network on recent activities and opportunities. These updates enable the CVI to maintain connections with, and express our gratitude to, our partners.



Update #20 marks **another milestone for the CVI**. In the past seven years, the CVI has been applied in over 20 areas of significance (from 1.2 ha to 3.6 million ha), including [natural, cultural and mixed](#) World Heritage (WH) properties across all [ten WH criteria](#). Marine, coastal and terrestrial properties in urban, rural and Indigenous areas have been assessed, also inspiring thematic approaches (see [here](#) and [here](#)).



In October 2025, the CVI was applied for **Baden bei Wien** (Austria), one component of the [Great Spa Towns of Europe](#) (GSTE), a serial, transnational WH property spanning 11 sites in seven countries. Using the 'CVI Consult' mode (see [Update #5](#)), workshop participants represented local, regional and national agencies, climate science and social science. Site managers from other GSTE components observed online.



**Two research articles** have recently been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Cultural Heritage*. The first describes the systematic development of [values-based themes for cultural WH](#) properties, applied across the Indian Subcontinent. The second paper applies satellite-derived [land use-land cover \(LULC\)](#) data to assess the importance of the environmental context within and around WH properties.



The [CVI report](#) for the Queensland component of the [Gondwana Rainforests of Australia](#) has been finalised. For the first time, a climate-related stressor beyond those initially presented within the CVI process was identified as being of key importance – increasing **wildfire** (photo: Ben Blanche). The CVI outcomes indicated projected impacts of climate change and corresponding adaptation strategies.



**Invited presentations on the CVI** were featured in two recent events: the [Australia ICOMOS 2025 National Conference](#) (Ballarat; see [recorded video](#)); and a workshop in Cluj, Romania that discussed research and conservation of the [Dacian Limes](#). Whilst attending [COP30](#) (Belem, Brazil) and UNESCO's [MondiaCult](#) (Barcelona, Spain), Scott Heron also took the opportunity for various discussions on the CVI.

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