

**Current progress of the Barberton Makhonjwa Mountains
World Heritage Site Project in terms of UNESCO's
nomination process.**



The UNESCO World Heritage nomination process includes the following steps:

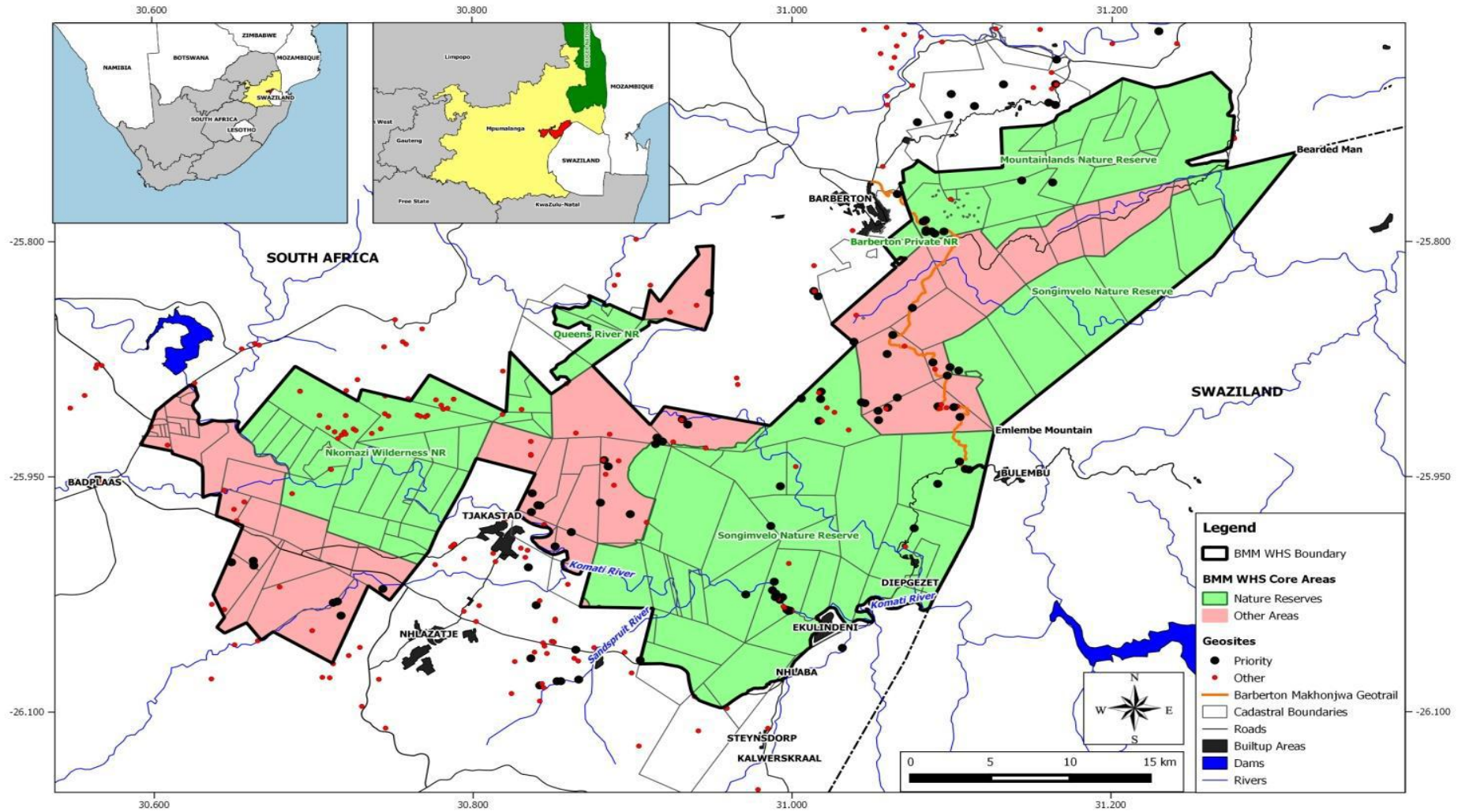
1. An identified site of cultural or natural heritage is nominated by the country of origin, and motivated to UNESCO for potential World Heritage status. If it is judged to potentially meet UNESCO's World Heritage criteria as being of "outstanding universal value", it is added to a country's Tentative List of world heritage sites.
2. A nomination dossier for the tentatively listed site is prepared following detailed guidelines from UNESCO's World Heritage Committee (WHC). This document is drafted under the guidance of a country's national government through the relevant department(s). The nomination dossier is then sent to the WHC and if deemed complete and up to standard, is sent to an advisory body for expert evaluation.
3. The advisory body is the International Council for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in this case which is a Natural Heritage Site. Their experts evaluate the nomination dossier, as well as a separate on-site evaluation of the nominated site. These assessments are combined and formulated into recommendations to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.
4. In light of the advisory body's recommendations and the submitted nomination dossier, the World Heritage Committee makes a decision either to inscribe the nominated site on the World Heritage List, reject it or to defer making a decision on the nomination until more information is supplied or until certain changes are implemented.
5. Once the World Heritage Committee decides to inscribe the nominated site, the decision is conveyed to the state agency responsible (Dept of Environmental Affairs) and the national declaration process gets set in motion.

The tentatively listed Barberton Makhonjwa Mountains World Heritage Site (BMM WHS) is now at the third stage of the above-mentioned process. This means that the nomination dossier prepared for it has been deemed complete and that UNESCO's advisory body on natural heritage sites, the IUCN, will soon start their evaluation of the documents and the site. To access the BMM WHS's nomination dossier, [click here](#).

Reference:

1. UNESCO World Heritage Center, <http://whc.unesco.org/en/nominations/>.

BARBERTON MAKHONJWA MOUNTAINS: PROPERTY DESCRIPTION



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