

# Heritage Preservation in Zanzibar

Exhibit at Former Slave Market Site & Preservation of Christ Church Cathedral

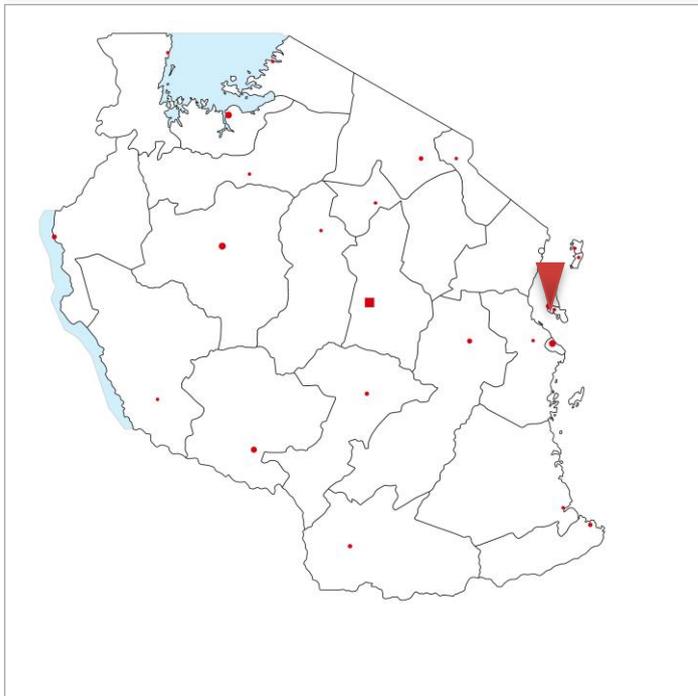


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The project aims to tell the story of slavery in a balanced and factual manner through an exhibition and education resource at the site of the former slave market in Zanzibar. Christ Church Cathedral will undergo major conservation. Capacity training will be organised and exhibition will tour UK, raising awareness of Zanzibar and benefiting tourism.

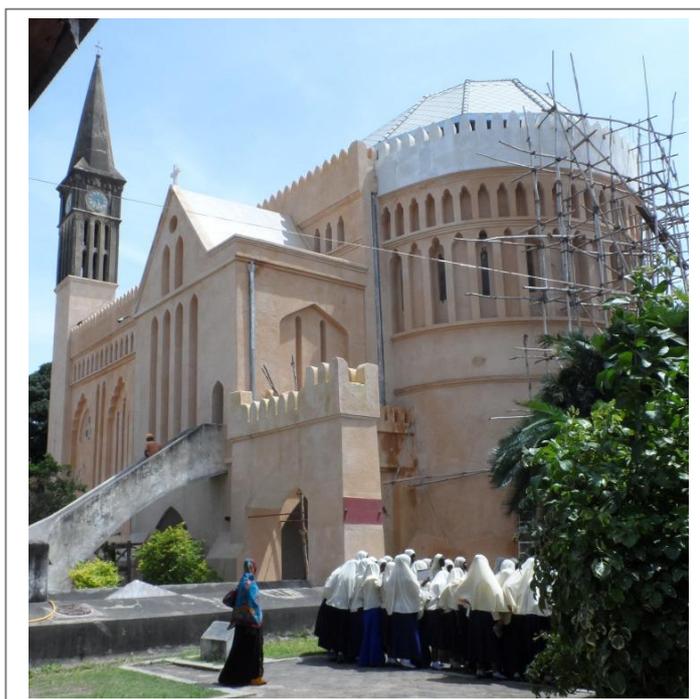


## Key Information

Sector: Culture  
Lead Partner: World Monuments Fund Britain  
Other Partners: Anglican Diocese of Zanzibar, Zanzibar Stone Town Heritage Society, Christian Engineers in Development  
EU contribution: EUR 743,000  
Duration: 2013 - 2016

## Background

Zanzibar Stone Town was listed as a World Heritage site in 2000. It was also the site of East Africa's most notorious slave market, which closed in 1873. The site is of immense cultural, historic and moral significance. Today almost nothing commemorates what occurred at this place. Christ Church Cathedral is the most visible marker at the site, and is in very poor condition. The purpose of the project is to preserve this international site of conscience, and create a heritage place marking the abolition of slavery that is symbolically owned by all the people of Zanzibar and Tanzania.



## Project Details

- Create a **Visitor Centre** at the site of the former slave market, including a permanent exhibit about the East African Slave Trade, and improve visitor facilities. All displays are in Swahili and English and fully illustrated, and the exhibit is aimed at both local and international visitors, helping to promote tourism.
- Create an **Education Centre** attached to the exhibit aimed at school children and students containing visual and interactive teaching material.
- Carry out urgent **structural repairs and conservation** to Christ Church Cathedral, working with local craftspeople and using appropriate conservation techniques.
- Implement a programme of **training and capacity building** for civil society organisations in heritage management, building conservation and tour guiding
- Create a **touring exhibit** about the project, East African slave trade, and modern-day slavery to be displayed in the UK, and promote this through media, thereby raising awareness of slavery and Zanzibar's unique heritage and benefiting tourism.

## Expected Results

- Broaden knowledge of the history of the slave trade in East Africa.
- Reaffirm the principles of tolerance and diversity, which are the source of Zanzibar's rich and diverse cultural heritage.
- Conserve Christ Church Cathedral, which is one of the most significant buildings in Zanzibar Stone Town World Heritage Site.
- Promote tourism, which is the main engine of economic development on the island, and thereby tackle poverty.
- Build capacity within civil society organisations involved in heritage in Zanzibar.
- Provide training in conservation for craftspeople
- Raise awareness within the EU about modern-day slavery.



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