

Timeline of the processes involved in developing the nomination dossier for the inscription of the Eastern Arc Mountain Forests on the List of World Heritage Sites

1997: The Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism Honourable Mrs Zakia Hamdani Meghji (MP) calls for the Eastern Arc Mountains to be a World Heritage Site. With oversight from the Permanent Secretary, Mr Philemon L. Luhanjo, the Ministry proceed with conceptualization of the Conservation and Management of the Eastern Arc Mountains Forests Project.

2004: The Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism launch the Conservation and Management of the Eastern Arc Mountains Forests project with financial support from UNDP / GEF. An indicator for the success of the project was the inclusion of the Eastern Arc Mountains on the World Heritage List.

2004 – 2009: Awareness raising and detailed stakeholder consultation with community members, local government, private sector and civil society organizations on the nomination of the Eastern Arc Mountains as a World Heritage Site. MNRT prepare the nomination dossier.

2010: Nomination Dossier submitted to UNESCO signed by the Director of Antiquities, the Designated National Authority for the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

2011: Nomination Dossier accepted by the World Heritage Centre as complete. External Evaluation by IUCN initiated.