

## GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 27 OF 2023

**The National Heritage Conservation Commission Act**  
(Laws, Volume 12, Cap 173)**The National Heritage Conservation Commission**  
**(Ng'wena Village) (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 (Ng'wena Village) (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)

NG'WENA VILLAGE

LOCATION

The site is located at 09° 59' 22" S, 31° 41' 00" E (UTM: 0355699, 8895452) in Mungwi District of Northern Province, in Chitimukulu Area, the Headquarters of the Bemba Kingdoms of Northern and Muchinga Provinces.

The site is defined by the circular 17th - 19th Century war trenches located to the north of the confluence of the Milando and Kalungu Rivers, with the riverine areas characterised by dambos while the central area is composed of secondary miombo woodlands.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The circular 17th - 19th Century war trenches characterise the centre of the old Ng'wena Village, the founding village of Ulubemba. The village, named after the clan totem (crocodile) of the Chitimukulu Royals, marked the end of the Bemba migration from the Congo Basin.

From Ng'wena Village and through conquest of surrounding ethnic groups, Ulubemba grew to forty-three semi-autonomous kingdoms. The colonial Government amalgamated the forty-three Bemba kingdoms into eighteen native reserves which were subsequently named chiefdoms.

The mid-18th Century Bemba-Ngoni wars at Ng'wena Village birthed the peace-preserving Bemba-Ngoni tribal cousinship known by the Bemba people as Bunungwe and by Ngoni people as Chimbuya.

Every year in August, all the Bemba Kingdoms gather at the centre of the Ng'wena Village for Ukusefya pa Ng'wena Ceremony which means, festivities at the old Ng'wena Village. Through the ceremony, Bemba people celebrate and re-enact their founding history and pay homage to the Chitimukulu, the ritualistic and political head of the present-day Bemba Kingdom.

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The described area measuring approximately 707 hectares, is shown on a plan marked red, and 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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