

NATIONAL HERITAGE

War Graves Control and Maintenance Ordinance 2 of 1927.

Summary: This Ordinance provides for the control and maintenance of war graves.

Amendments: The Ordinance is amended by Proc. 17/1928. It was extended to the Rehoboth Gebiet by Proc. 12/1930.

Regulations: GN 191/1960 concerns the Graves Commission.

National Heritage Act 27 of 2004

Summary: This Act provides for the preservation and registration of places and objects of national significance. It establishes a National Heritage Council and a National Heritage Register. The Act replaces the *National Monuments Act 28 of 1969* inherited from South Africa. It came into force on 1 September 2005 (GN 105/2005, GG 3490).

Amendments: The State-owned Enterprises Governance Act 2 of 2006, which was brought into operation by Proc. 13/2006 (GG 3733), amends section 1, 4 and 7, deletes section 6 and substitutes section 18.

Regulations: Regulations, appointments and declarations made under the *National Monuments Act 28 of 1969* survive under the new law. Regulations are promulgated under the new law in GN 106/2005 (GG 3490). These regulations do not replace or repeal any regulations which may have been made in terms of the previous South African Act (and which have not been recorded here).

Declarations of national monuments and other protected areas: Heroes Acre is designated as a national monument (under the previous Act) in GN 144/2002 (GG 2801).

Grave No 171 (the Mass Grave) in the Old Location Cemetery and Omugulugwombashe are designated as national monuments in GN 118/2006 (GG 3679).

An area in and around Swakopmund is designated a conservation area by General Notice 260/2006 (GG 3688), and the demolition of any building situated for 50 years or more in this area is prohibited by GN 79/2008 (GG 4022).

Betholdt Himumuine Primary School is declared to be a heritage place in General Notice 298/2006 (GG 3714). Dorslandtrekker is declared to be a heritage place in General Notice 299/2006 (GG 3714).

Twylfelfontein is declared to be a conservation area in General Notice 20/2007 (GG 3788).

Appointments: Councils are appointed under the previous Act in GN 76/1991 (GG 232), GN 318/1996 (GG 1462), GN 270/2000 (GG 2444) and GN 20/2003 (GG 2915). Councils are appointed under this Act in GN 82/2009 (GG 4260).

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), 1945

Namibia has been a member state of this organisation since 2 November 1978.

(source: Environmental Treaties and Resource Indicators Service, <http://sedac.ciesin.org/entri>.)

Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, 1972

accession: 6 April 2000 (source: www.epi.freedom.org/whtrty.htm)

World Heritage Convention, 1975

accession: 6 April 2000 (source: www.unesco.org/whc)

UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage, 2001

(entered into force internationally on 2 January 2009)

ratification by Parliament: 11 March 2010 (source: Parliament)

ratification not registered with UNESCO as of June 2010 (source: UNESCO, www.unesco.org)

Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, 2003

(entered into force internationally on 20 April 2006)

ratification approved by Parliament: 7 November 2006

deposit: 19 September 2007; effective date: 19 December 2007

(source: UNESCO, www.unesco.org)

Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, 2005

(entered into force internationally on 18 March 2007)

deposit: 29 November 2006 (source: UNESCO, www.unesco.org)

See also **CULTURE AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS**.