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Mapungubwe Cultural Landscape, Limpopo

Declared a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, Mapungubwe – “place of the stone of wisdom” – was South Africa’s first kingdom, and developed into the subcontinent’s largest realm, lasting for 400 years before it was abandoned in the 14th century. Its highly sophisticated people traded gold and ivory with China, India and Egypt. The site lies on the open savannah of the Mapungubwe National Park, at the confluence of the Limpopo and Shashe Rivers in the province of Limpopo.

South Africa has eight world heritage sites: the Fossil Hominid Sites of South Africa, iSimangaliso Wetland Park, Robben Island, uKhahlamba/Drakensberg Park, Cape Floral Region Protected Areas, Vredefort Dome, Richtersveld Cultural and Botanical Landscape and Mapungubwe Cultural Landscape.





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