GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT No. 51 OF 2019

The National Heritage Conservation Commission Act
(Laws, Volume 12, Cap. 173)

The National Heritage Conservation Commission
(Mukuku Bridge) (National Monument) (Provisional
Declaration) Order, 2019

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 (Mukuku Bridge) (National Monument)
(Provisional Declaration) Order, 2019.

2. The Monument described in the Schedule is provisionally
decleared a national monument for a period of eighteen months from
the date this Order comes into operation.

Title

Provisional
declaration
of national
monument
MUKUKU BRIDGE

LOCATION

The Mukuku Bridge is located in the Samfya District of Luapula Province on the Serenje-Mansa Road. It lies on latitude 12°06’4”S and longitude 29°49’20”E around a common border of two districts namely Samfya in Luapula Province and Chitambo in Central Province.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The bridge whose construction was done under the auspices of the Zambia-China Economic Programme and commissioned on 19th August 1983 by Dr Kenneth Kaunda, Zambia’s First Republican President, represents an outstanding engineering feat covering a distance of 2.8 kilometres making it the longest bridge in Zambia and is only comparable to Catemba Bridge in Mozambique with a length of 3 kilometres being the longest in Southern Africa. This bridge has withstood the harsh conditions created by impacts of climate change in a major flood plain environment in Zambia during its construction and post-construction periods thereby surviving structural failure. It is also iconic as it remains a testimony of Dr Kaunda’s and his United National Independence Party (UNIP)’s landmark contribution to Zambia’s national development considering that it is a major link to Luapula, Central and Northern Provinces.

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Bridge is defined by a generally linear plan defined by point A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H running from the Samfya side of the bridge in south-east direction to the Chitambo side in Central Province.

This plan has been deposited in the offices of the Surveyor-General and the Executive Director, National Heritage Conservation Commission.

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