

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.

Title

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

Provisional  
declaration  
of national  
monument

## SCHEDULE

*(Paragraph 2)*

### 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 land mark 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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