NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF KENYA

WHERE HERITAGE LIVES ON

NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF KENYA VIDEO PROGRAMMES CATALOGUE (DVD) FORMAT.

SECRETS OF LAKE BOGORIA 2008

Situated in Kenya, 120km of Nakuru town, Lake Bogoria is home to an array of natural, beautiful flora and fauna. The documentary tells more about this nature's gifts of mankind.

Duration 21 Min30 Secs

KENYA: COASTAL HERITAGE SITES2006

The Kenya Coast is one of the major tourism attractions, contributing to the country's economy. This programme highlights the Swahili culture, social economic activities and the historical sites among the Kenyan coastal lines.

Duration 80 Mins

COSTUMES AND ORNAMENTS1999

Costumes and ornaments consist of material culture that has been used for various functions in human life. They are worn during different occasions for different reasons and meaning based on age group, gender and ethnicity. The documentary highlights the costumes and ornaments in Kenya and their influence on modern dress codes.

Duration 14Min 45 Secs

MUSEUMS IN CHANGE 2008

Museums in change is a documentary that features the renovation process of the Nairobi National Museum to its current state. President Mwai Kibaki opened the expanded and refurbished new state of the art Museum in 2008. This is documented in this programme.

Duration 12 Min 3 Secs

TREASURES IN PLANTS 2006

This is a programme on traditional medicine (TM) and medicinal plants in Kenya. It highlights issues on conservation, role of medicinal plants in primary health care and sustainable livelihood, safety, efficacy and policy issues. The programme seeks to create awareness on traditional medicine as a form of healthcare.

Duration 30Min 30 Secs

FUTARI (MEDAN) 2006

Ramadhan is the tenth month on the Islamic calendar. This programme features the charitable work carried out by various Muslims welfare organizations to the less fortunate in society. Medan is the man featured Islamic organization in this documentary.

Duration 36 Min 15 Secs

NATIONAL MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE BILL 2005

Our daily deeds are dynamic part of our heritage and culture. The legislation that governs the heritage had to be reviewed from time to time to incorporate the changes in culture.

The Heritage Bill 2005 of the National Museums of Kenya was an initiative to strengthen heritage conservation in Kenya

Duration 46 Min 48 Secs

HAZINA ZA KILIMO 1998

Farming is one of the major economic activities in Kenya and contributes highly to the country's economy. This programme gives an overview of the various farming methods and livestock rearing by different communities.

Duration 60 Min 34Secs

LAMU TOWN 1997

Lamu Island is one of the major tourism attractions in Kenya for its rich Swahili culture, narrow streets and historical sites including five museums.

It has since been declared a UNESCO World heritage site. The programmme gives an outlook of the town, its people and their way of life.

Duration 22Min 20 Secs

WORLD PRESS PHOTO'S 1997

World press photo was founded in the Netherlands in 1955. It promotes and supports photography work all over the world. The programme covers Kenya as the first African country to have this exhibition.

Duration 13Min 48 Secs

ATHLETICS: OUR HERITAGE ,OUR PRIDE 2004

Kenya has established herself as a permanent fountain of talents in sports and particularly in athletics. This begun when Kenya Amateur Athletics Association (KAAA) was established in 1950.

This programme celebrates Kenya's past glory, appreciates our current success and focuses on the future of athletics as sustainable career for development. Athletics is also part of our heritage.

Duration 46 Min 48Secs

ELMOLO: KENYA'S HIDDEN TREASURERS 1999

Kenya has more than forty ethnic groups spread out all over the country and is rich in cultural diversity. The smallest of these communities is the Elmolo who live on the Eastern shores of Lake Turkana near Loiyangalani. This short documentary explains the mythical origins of the Elmolo, their activities, shrines and the spurs of mulugo from their oral literature.

Duration 18Min 29Secs

CATHERINE NDEREBA – THE MARATHONER 2004

Catherine Ndereba, a Kenyan athlete represented the country internationally in 1995 and rose steadily to win the 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005 Boston marathons. In the 2001 Chicago marathon, Ndereba set the world marathon record at 2hrs 18min 47secs. This short piece is a celebration of her achievements.

Duration 7Min

SAFARI 2002

This is a musical video with three songs namely:-

1. Safari
2. Changes
3. Kanyama

The songs praise Kenya's rich natural heritage. The need for environmental conservation and sustainable development is emphasized. This video exposes the potential in ecotourism besides the wildlife attraction.

Duration 5Min 49Secs

GIRL GUIDES 2003

This programme features the State House Girls high school ranger's demonstrating activities done by the girl guides all over the country. The activities includes, flag raising, flag folding, matching, recital of the national anthem and the loyalty pledge and other entertainment activities. The girl guide movement celebrates our National heritage

Duration 8Min 50 Secs

UNVEILING OF KIMATHI STATUE 2008

The unveiling of the statue of former freedom fighter and Kenya hero Dedan Kimathi was a historical event that was graced by the Mau Mau war veterans and the widow of the slain freedom hero Mukami. This programme is a documentation of the occasion which was hosted by H.E. President Mwai Kibaki

Duration 14Min 27Secs

ESARBICA 2006

Esarbica stands for Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Branch of the International Council on Achierves. It was formed in 1968 by the international council on archives for the purpose of sharing information and development on archival areas. The documentary features live proceedings of the executive board meeting held 2006.

Duration 37Min 52Secs

OUR CITIES: THE BIG THREE 2004

The three big cities in Kenya are Nairobi, Kisumu and Mombasa . The programme highlights the day to day activities within these cities.

Duration 16Min 20Secs

MICKE BOIT - TWO LAPS CHAMPION 2004

Mike Boit was born and raised in Kapsabet the 800m Olympic bronze medalist came into the time light internationally in 1972 when he won his first Bronze in Europe and since then he has maintained his position. This video celebrates his achievements.

Duratiion 12 Min

THE HERBALIST TODAY (BEST PRACTICES) 2004

The use of herbs related mineral and animal substances for medicinal purposes as opposed to modern medicine has been with humanity since time immemorial. This documentary covers the medicinal plants and the traditional witchdoctors in practice and the process of making herbal medicine.

Duration 17Min 20Secs

INTAGIBLE HERITAGE 2004

Museums are an important cultural exchange and development of mutual understanding, corporation and peace among people. Since 1977 the world celebrates international museums day on 18th May.

This day was set aside to inform people about their cultural heritage. This is a documentary on the cultural intangible heritage in our country, which includes stories, dances, artifacts, trees and activities like huts thatching.

Duration 14Min

LAMU MAULIDI 2007

Lamu is an island in the Kenyan coastal region. It is rich in Swahili culture and has been declared by the UNESCO as a heritage site.

Lamu Maulidi, an islamic fete is one of the biggest festivals celebrated in the town. This programme is an overview of the activities one would see during the festival.

Duration 60Min

WASWAHILI WA JUMBA LA MTWANA 2002

This is a programme which gives the viewer an overview of the Swahili people, their origin and culture and why some of their urban settlements are abandoned.

Duration 27Min

HIDDEN TREASURES 2006

This programme is on Karen Blixen Museum, a historical heritage monument world renown. It is a house Museum and custodian of Karen Blixen's material exhibits. The documentary explores the history of the Blixen house Museum, Karen Blixen's life, her farm and the artifacts therein.

Duration 18Min 30Secs

THE EL MOLO AND THEIR CULTURE 2010

The smallest and most threatened ethnic groups in Kenya today, the EL Molo inhabit a bay to the North of Loiyangalani in Marsabit district, in the Eastern show of Lake Turkana. This documentary showcases their unique way of life despite outside influences.

Duration 23 Min 41 Secs

COMPLETE SWAHILI SONGS AND DANCES

This programme highlights the Swahili cultural songs and dances performed during weddings, circumcisions, child birth and harvesting ceremonies. They are a common feature during the Lamu cultural and Maulidi festivals held annually.

Duration 55 Min

TREASURES OF KENYA CONTAINERS 1999

This program features different traditional containers from different communities in Kenya. The program is a series of productions under the title *Treasures of Kenya*. The different containers are important as Kenyan cultural and heritage assets used as vessels to store different goods.

Duration 18Min

SANDALWOOD 2008

Sandalwood is the name of the fragrant and precious woods found mainly in the Baringo area. These woods are often used for the essential oil it contains. These trees are heavy and yellow in color as well as fine- grained. Sandalwood has been valued and treasured for many years for its fragrance, carvings, and medical and religious qualities.

This is an endangered species and is given legal protection under the laws of Kenya. This film highlights its importance and need for its conservation as natural Kenyan heritage.

Durattion 18Min

ANAMORO 2006

Africa is said to be the cradle of mankind with early man believed to have been discovered in Turkana, Kenya. The evolution of man from the ancient Anthropithecus to dryopithecus, Homo erectus to the modern man has come along with many discoveries and adaptation.

This documentary is a dramatized version of the evolutionary process of the ancient man and his social economic activities.

Duration 40Min

COELECANTH 2005

The Coelecanth is a fish caught on 26th April 2001 on the Kenyan Coastline. Named Coelacanth because it possessed a hollow spine. Fossil records of the Coelacanth abruptly end about 70 million years ago, leading us to believe that the fish was extinct.

The programme shows the scientific world that there is still a lot of work to be done before we can completely understand the world we live in.

A steady stream of the fish has been discovered along the African coast and initial genetic testing indicated that these were similar to the ones found the Comoros. Thus, it was thought that the fishes simply drifted to Africa.

Duration 40Min

KENYAN WORLD HERITAGE SITES DISCOVERY 2010

Kenya has four UNESCO World Heritage sites which include Mt. Kenya Natural site, Lake Turkana Pre-historic site, Lamu town and the Kaya Sacred forests (Kaya's). This short feature takes you through a journey of discovery of these important sites.

Duration 10 Min

KAREN BLIXEN MUSEUMAT 25 YEARS 2010

The Karen Blixen House Museum is of importance since it was here that the first highland coffee was planted by a royal lineage Dutch-Karen Blixen whose life the Museum exhibits

Duraton 12 Min

SAMPLED SWAHILI SONGS AND DANCES 2010

The Swahili culture is best celebrated in song and dance especially during cultural festivals. This film is a compressed version of Swahili songs and dances.

Duration 10 Min 18 Secs

NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF KENYA 1910-2010:A CENTURY OF COMPLETE METAMORPHOSIS 2010

The National Museum of Kenya as a Natural and Cultural heritage institution celebrated 100 years of Heritage conservation in 2010. This short film depicts the 100 year journey of the metamorphosis of the Museum

Duration 18 Mins

EVOLUTION OF A COASTLINE 2002

This documentary showcases the influence the Swahili culture has had on the Eastern coast of Africa. From Mogadishu to Mozambique the Swahili civilization rose and continues to have an impact on the region to date.

Duration 24 Min

OSUTUA 1997

The Maasai are mainly pastoralists and live in Manyatta and they love making peace and they have many ways of doing it within their families and clans. The Maasai always fight in style where they use different weapons including the spear, sword and the shield. Found in Maasai, the word Osutua means peace. This film captures it all.

Duration 17 Min 30 Secs

TURKANA WEDDING 2009

The Turkana community has a rich cultural heritage. One of the most exciting cultural events among the Turkana is the marriage ceremony.Traditionally, the Turkana girls are married off at the age of 15-20. The wedding itself may take a couple of days and is notably the most important event in the Turukana social calendar.

Duration 18 Min

RENDILLE 2010

The Rendille have a diversified culture which with several cultural occasions, among them being the Sorio or feast of the new moon.The Sorio celebration in the Rendille community is performed at the sighting of the new moon and is marked by various activities such as goat slaughtering and some as dangerous as hippo hunting among other activities.

Duration 14 Mins

OLD IS GOLD 2000

Mombasa and Lamu Islands house old towns within them. The buildings depict the original Swahili Architectural designs. These designs form part of the unique Kenyan heritage that is preserved by the National Museums of Kenya for posterity. This program shows the preservation efforts towards the survival of this important heritage of the Kenyan Coast.

Duration 24 Min

ILLMUGET 2004

The Samburu community has a rich cultural attachment to their ceremonies. Morans are the male initiated graduates into adulthood and are the soldiers of the community.
This programme, *Ilmuget lalaimnget* is an initiation ceremony from male childhood to adulthood (*moranism*) which happens once in every fourteen years.

Duration 39 Min

HISTORY OF KENYA SERIES MAU MAU' THE UNSUNG HEROES' 2010

The history of Kenya is a permanent exhibition at the National Museums of Kenya featuring in the Nairobi National Museum.

This future focuses on the active roles played by the ordinary citizens during the Mau Mau uprising of 1952 to 1960 involving the native Kenyans and the mighty British army particularly in the region around mount Kenya and the Aberdares.

Duration 30 Min

JOMO KENYATTA (POLITICAL INFLUENCE) 2010

This future explores the political influence Jomo Kenyatta had as the first President of the Republic of Kenya. The film features Kenyatta early life, education entry into politics, freedom struggle up to attainment of Kenya's independence and slightly later.

Duration 7Min 29 Secs

RAMOGI ACHIENG ONEKO 'POLITICAL INFLUENCE' 2010

This feature explores the life and times of Ramogi Achieng Oneko from his own perspective in an interview. It focuses on his early life, education involvement in Kenyan politics, detention, freedom, struggle and post independence governments opposition politics and his retirement.

Duration 8 Min 10 Secs

A FOR AFRICA EXHIBITION SERIES 'GRAND PARENTS', 'LANGUAGES', 'TONTINE' 2010

This is a series of features done by the A for Africa temporary Exhibition in the Nairobi National Museum. The Exhibition features the A to Z of Anglophone Africa with all alphabets having the same meaning in both English and French

Duration 16 Min

KHANGA *'THE CLOTHE THAT REVEALS'* 2011

The Khanga (Leso) as a garment has symbolic and cultural place in the lives of Kenyans. However, whatever purpose it is used for differs from one community to the other. This is an exhibition film for the Khanga (Leso) temporary Exhibition.

Duration 12 Min 30 Secs

LAMU: 'THE HIDDEN HERITAGE' 2011

Lamu County is made up of four main Islands,
Manda, Pate, Kiwaayu and Lamu itself. Lamu was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1997 and thus has touristic value. This film is an expose' and discovery of the culture and heritage of Lamu

Duration 15 Min 16 Secs

KENYAN COASTLINE 'CULTURE AND HERITAGE' 2011

The journey to discover the Kenyan Coastal Culture and Heritage begins in Mombasa and goes through Mijikenda to Shimoni and ends in Lamu. This film highlights the culture and heritage, the historical sites, monuments and the museums in the Coastal region.

Duration 20 Min

NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF KENYA CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 'THE CLIMAX' 2011

The National Museums of Kenya was established in 1910 then as the East African National History Society. It has since grown to what it is today.

This film is the climax of the 100 years Celebrations of the milestones it has achieved over the 100 years of its existence and its vision for the next century climaxed with the launch of an endowment fund.

Duration 20 Min

URBAN MONUMENTS 2006

Buildings are part of our heritage. Kenya is endowed with a rich architectural history. Unfortunately, quite a number of the old buildings are being replaced with modern mega structures. However, some are still well maintained as part of our heritage. This feature documents such buildings in Nairobi, their historical importance and unique features.

Duration 6 Min 46 Secs

ENKIPATA 2010

The Maasai of East Africa have maintained their cultural values through several generations, despite influence from Christianity and Western ways of life. The life of a Maasai is structured hierarchically from birth to death. This documentary highlights a real festival ceremony marking the graduation from one level to the next.

Duration 35 Min

THE RAMSAR INTERGOVERNMENTAL TREATY *A KENYAN PERSPECTIVE'2011*

The Ramsar Convention, an Intergovermental treaty ratified in 1971 to safequard and decrease loss of Wetland habitat. This documentary features Kenya's conservation milestones on its Wetlands of international importance to the convention that Kenya is signatory to.

These wetlands include Lake Nakuru, Naivasha, Elementaita, Bogoria and Baringo.

Duration 44 Min 49 Secs

A bridge to peaceful coexistence 2011

Culture, a way of life can be used to resolve inter-Community conflict. The lake Turkana region is drought- prone and competition for scarce water and pasture by the pastoralist nomadic communities there has always been a cause of conflict among other cultural beliefs.

This film showcases how cultural festivals apart from celebrating the region's rich culture can be used to make peace.

Duration 20 Min

KENYA World Heritage sites 2011

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Music and of the Lake Victoria Basin2012

This film gives an overview of the music and its uses as a means of communication in the Lake Victoria Basin region.

Duration 18 Min

Tero buru luo customary ceremony 2012

This short film is a customary celebration of the death of a prominent person in the Luo community. This three day ceremony involves assembling and the slaughter of animals which culminates into feasting and consumption of the local brew. Traditional music and dance accompanies the ritual.

Duration 17.30 Mins

Legends of the Lake Victoria Basin 2012

This film gives memories of the myths and wonders of the Lake Victoria Basin. The lake basin stretching from South Nyanza to Western Kenya has myths and legends that explain their past.

Duration 24 Min

Mau mau 'the memories' 2012

This film is a reminiscent of what happened when the mau mau fought for independence and how the government today recognizes and celebrates these heroes and heroines of this great Nation- Kenya

Duration 27 Min

AFRICA: Celebrating Unity in Cultural diversity 2012

This is a documentary that celebrates the African unity in cultural diversity. Africa has a lot of cultural similarities despite the vast geographical spread. Language is one of them where we have the Anglophone and Francophone Africa.

This diversity was celebrated in an exhibition dubbed 'A' for Africa opened in 2010 for one year at the Nairobi National Museum in Kenya-An English speaking country. It went to Burkina Faso- A French speaking country. This documentary narrates the Diversity in this exhibition.

Duration 27.30 Min

MAASAI PASTORALISM: "AN AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE OF KENYA" 2012

This documentary features Maasai pastoral way of life as a sustainable utilization of environment as recognized by FAO, the UN agency dealing with food security.

The government of Kenya and FAO under the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) project initiative selected Oldonyonyokie and Olkeri areas of Kajiado County in Southern Kenya as they are highly representative of a functional Maasai pastoral system.

The program takes you through some sustainable uses of plants, coexistence of the Maasai with wildlife, some cultural ceremonies and cultural sites as recognized and supported by GIAHS initiative.

Duration 30 Min.

PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH:
INTEGRATING COMMUNITIES INTO RESEARCH 2012

Kenyan wetlands cover about 3% of the country's land surface area and constitute a substantial portion of the country's water resources.

This documentary highlights participatory research integrating communities to finding sustainable solutions to their environmental problems.

Duration:27 Min

KISWAHILI SCHOLARSHIP 'RISSEA's
CONTRIBUTION TO SWAHILI HERITAGE' 2012

This program features the NATIONAL MUSEUMS of KENYA's RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF SWAHILI STUDIES OF EASTERN AFRICA'S (RISSEA's) contribution to research on Swahili culture and Kiswahili language development.

Kiswahili is a lingua franca in most of Eastern Africa and one of the official languages of the AU and UN.

As a result the international community is seeking scholarship from East Africa and RISSEA is best placed to do that. This feature highlights RISSEA's efforts to Kiswahili language development and preservation of Swahili cultural heritage.

Duration:17 Min.18'

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