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Grade 1:.....  
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## National Heritage Site Nomination Form

This form precedes the submission of the 'Nomination Document' and is designed to assist with the grading of heritage resources in terms Section 3(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, as part of the process of declaration as a National Heritage Site (Section 27). Nominated heritage resources that are of special national significance will be graded as Grade 1 and considered for National Heritage Site status.

### Proposed National Heritage Site Tuan Dea Koasa and Tuan Ismail Dea Malela, Simon's Town

**Brief Statement of Significance:**

For hundreds of years, residents of Simonstown had known of the existence of two holy shrines situated just above Runciman's Drive. There in the forest clearing above Goede Gift, people from far and wide came to pay their respects. In the early years of Simonstown the community was a small and concentrated one – all living within the immediate proximity of the two shrines. Typical of all Kramats, the area has always been enveloped in an aura of calm and tranquility. An ambience heightened by the sound of a full stream running along the length of the shrines and down to the mosque where it collects to form a small pool (Mountain 2004:172).

For some time there was a lack of knowledge about the identities of the persons buried in these graves. It was only earlier this century that a translation of a kitaab, passed from generation to generation, revealed from any definite certainty the identity of the Auliyah buried here. Written in ancient Sumbawanese, the kitaab identifies these Auliyah as Imam Abdul Karriem bin Imam Jalil bin Imam ismail of Sumbawa in Indonesia. (aka – Tuan Ismail Dea Malela and Tuan Dea Koasa). They were exiled to the Cape of Good Hope by the Dutch East India Company in 1786. In 1969, a second part of the "mystery" was put to rest by a UCT student, a certain Mr Muller who conducted his theses on the Muslim community in Cape Town, and specifically this area in Simonstown. His research findings revealed what oral history had claimed for centuries – that Tuan Ismail Dea Malela and his son, Tuan Dea Koasa are of royal descent. His research cites the



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Kitaab as the most valuable piece of evidence linking the families of the Dea royal family in Pemangong, Sumbawa, Indonesia and Sultan Kaharuddin to the Dea royal family in Simonstown (<http://www.simonstown.com/museum/sthm.htm>). A combination of research and Kitaab revealed a family tree that stretched to Sumbawa, Java. Like so many men of his time, Tuan Ismail Dea Malela was brought to these shores in 1779 as a political exile. Strangely, his birthplace in Pemangong and Simonstown has similar demographic and other features. Both Kramats are surrounded by stories of inexplicable spiritual happenings. The most often retold, that of a severe fire in 1940's that roared across the mountain ranges destroying everything in its wake. Miraculously, the fire leapfrogged the area of the burial sites burning its way around the shrines. On every occasion a veldt fire has swooped through the area since then, the shrines have been left completely unscathed. This singular phenomenon is said to be more than enough evidence that the persons buried at these shrines are indeed of great spiritual ancestry (MJC 2001:21).

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**Name of Property:** Tuan Dea Koasa and Tuan Ismail Dea Malela  
**Street Number and Street:** Dolphin way  
**Suburb:** Simonskloof  
**Town:** Cape Town  
**District:** Western Cape

#### **Cadastral Information**

**Erf/ Farm Number:** Erf 1177, 1178:  
**Registration Division:** Simonstown, Cape Town  
**Longitude:** 18°25'58.2"E  
**Latitude:** 34°11'44.8"S  
**Map Reference**  
**Recording Method**



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## Type of Resource

- Place
- Structure
- Archaeological Site
- Palaeontological Site
- Geological Feature
- Grave

Do moveable objects relating to the site form part of the Nomination?

Serial nomination (Is more than one site being nominated as part of a 'Joint Nomination')

**Note: this is the first site to be considered as part of a serial nomination**

*(For serial nominations, complete one form for each site, supply additional details about the information relating to the relation of the sites, and the management and phasing of proposed nomination be attached).*

Sphere of Significance	High	Med	Low
International	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provincial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Specialist group or community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## What other similar sites may be compared to the site? How does the site compare to these sites?

Examples of kramats similar to Sheik Yusuf Kramat are to be found in Macassar, Indonesia.

*(Please expand on separate sheet)*

### Owner:

1177, 1178: Mohamedian Congregation

*(If state-owned; responsible department and official position of contact)*

Postal Address Telephone: Fax: E-Mail Web Page Contact Person

- \* Expanded statement of significance; *(Refer specifically to significance criteria listed below)*
- \* Motivation for declaration as a Provincial Heritage Site, including potential, threats and vulnerabilities;
- \* Short history of the place;
- \* Physical description of the heritage resource;
- \* Locality plan (map) and Site Plan;
- \* Photographs and plans;
- \*\* List of moveable objects relating to site that are proposed as part of nomination, or for archaeological or palaeontological site ;list of repositories where these are housed;
- \*\* Bibliography of documentation relating to the heritage resource;
- \*\* Statement of current protections and restrictions (e.g. previous national monument; register of immoveable property; conservation area; current zoning; servitudes);
- \*\* List any heritage organizations consulted and their comments on the proposed nomination.
- \*\*\* Site plan (with proposed site boundaries);
- \*\*\* Conservation or management plans (send immediately if any exist);
- \*\*\* Heritage Agreement (if required).

*(Please supply those marked (\*) with this nomination form, as well as any others that are already available. Those marked (\*\*) will be requested when the proposal first goes to HWC Council for endorsement (Tentative List of Provincial Heritage Sites). Those marked (\*\*\*) will be required when the Nomination goes to the following Council Meeting for approval as a Provincial Heritage Site).*



