

# *Sibudu Cave Heritage Park*

*- World cultural heritage on display*



# UNESCO Recognition

## Sibudu as UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site

- Sibudu is on the South African Tentative List  
(Serial nomination with Klasies River Mouth; since 1998)
- ***Outstanding Universal Value*** validated by leading scholars  
(UNESCO meeting Addis Abeba 2011)



# National Treasure

## Why is Sibudu important?



- ① Earliest arrowheads worldwide



- ② Very early shell ornaments



- ③ Uniquely complete MSA stratigraphy (~80.000 - 36.000 BC)



- ④ Outstanding organic preservation (Fauna and Flora)



- ⑤ Stillbay and Howiesons Poort

# International Treasure

## Why is Sibudu important?



*„Sibudu has produced, and is still producing, finds that explore the beginnings of what it is to be human. The site is an essential resource for understanding the origins of our own species and a place of outstanding international significance.“*

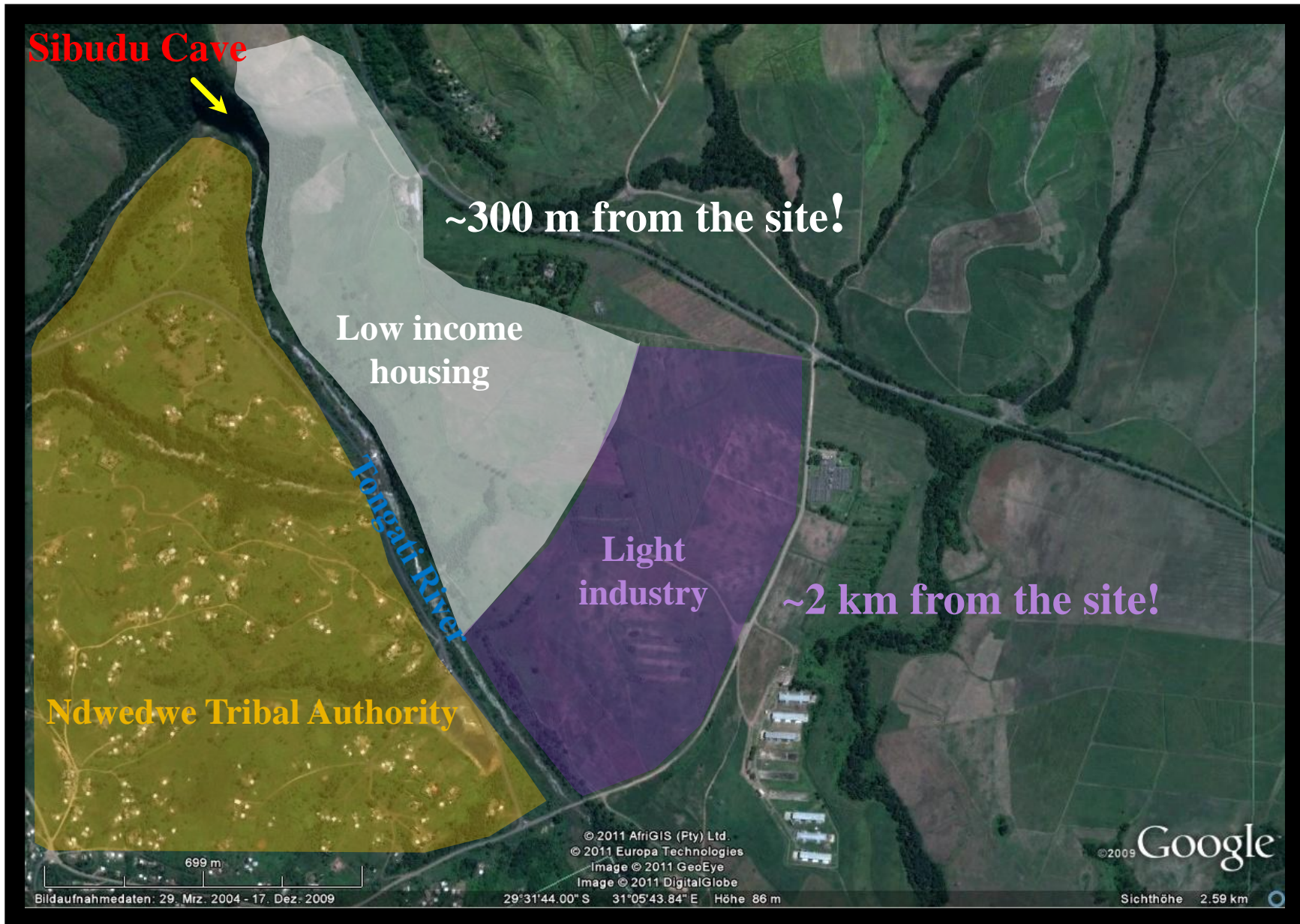
- **Peter Mitchell** (Oxford University)



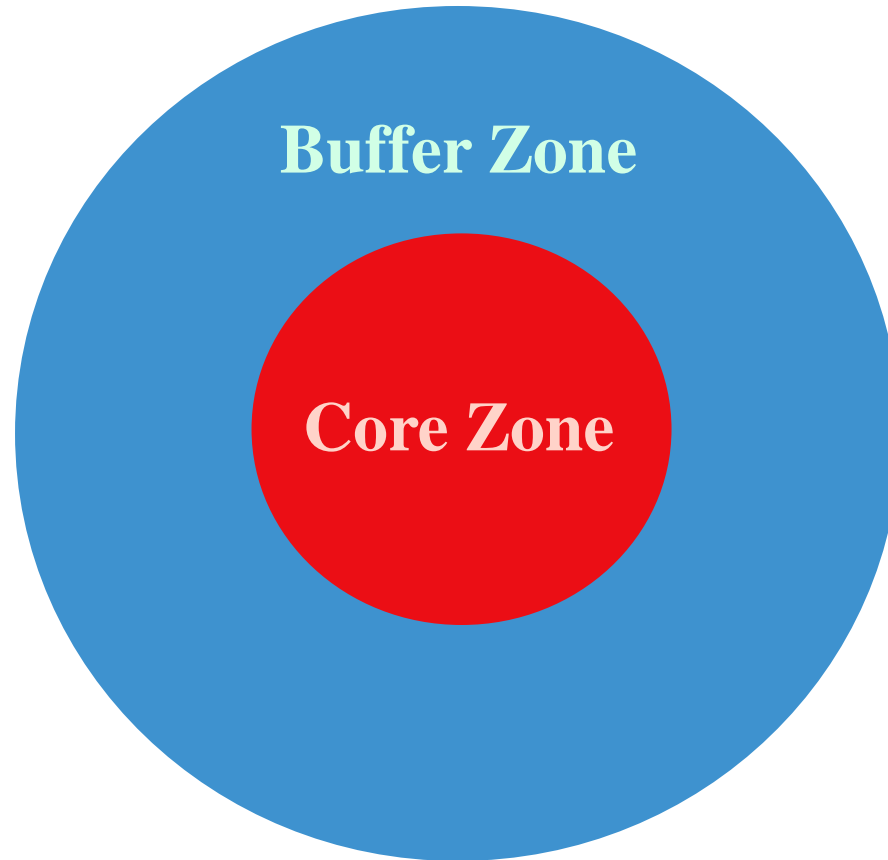
*„It is impossible to exaggerate the contribution of Sibudu to an understanding not only of the origins of living South African people, but of people throughout Africa and beyond.“*

- **Richard G. Klein** (University of Stanford, USA)

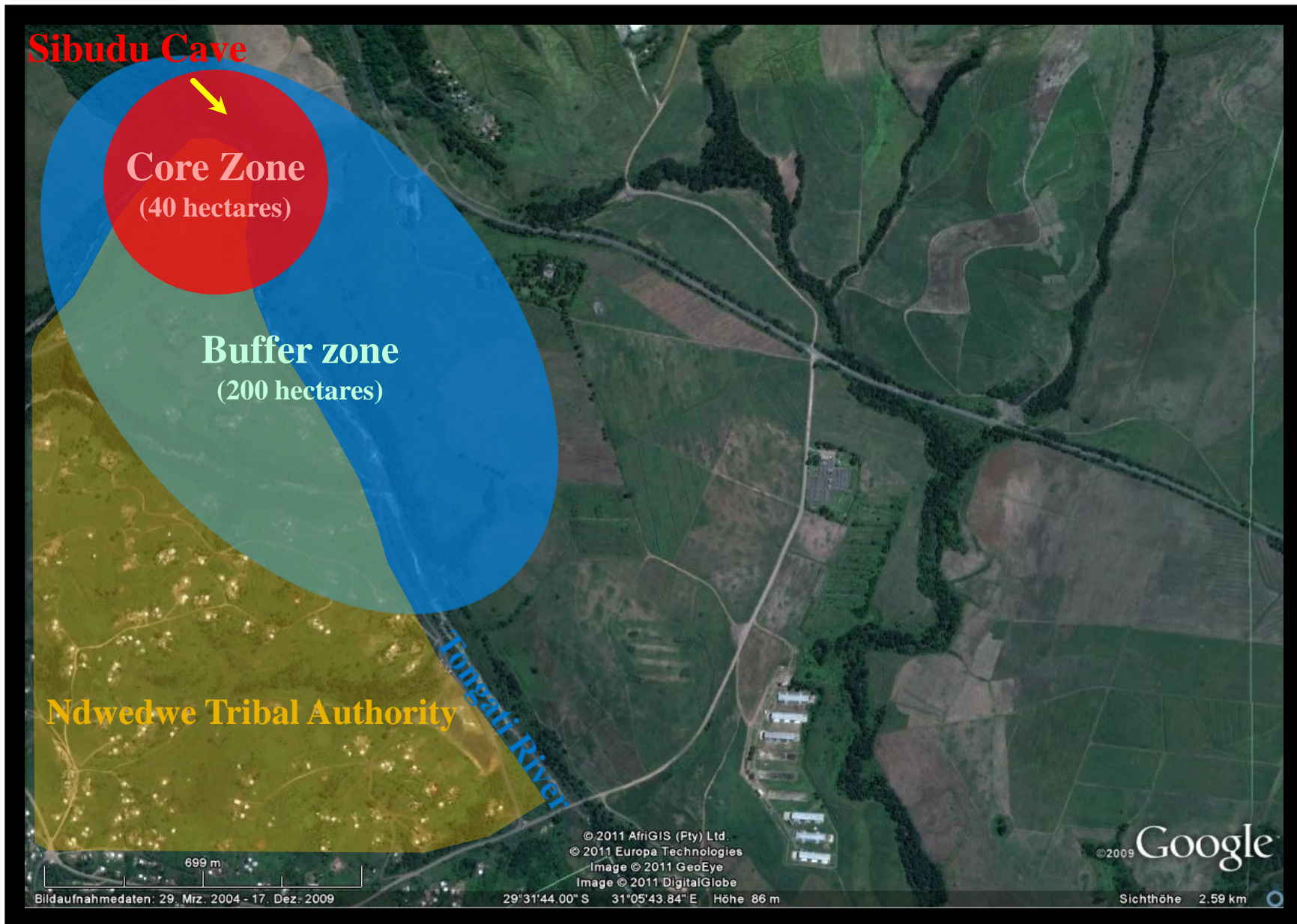
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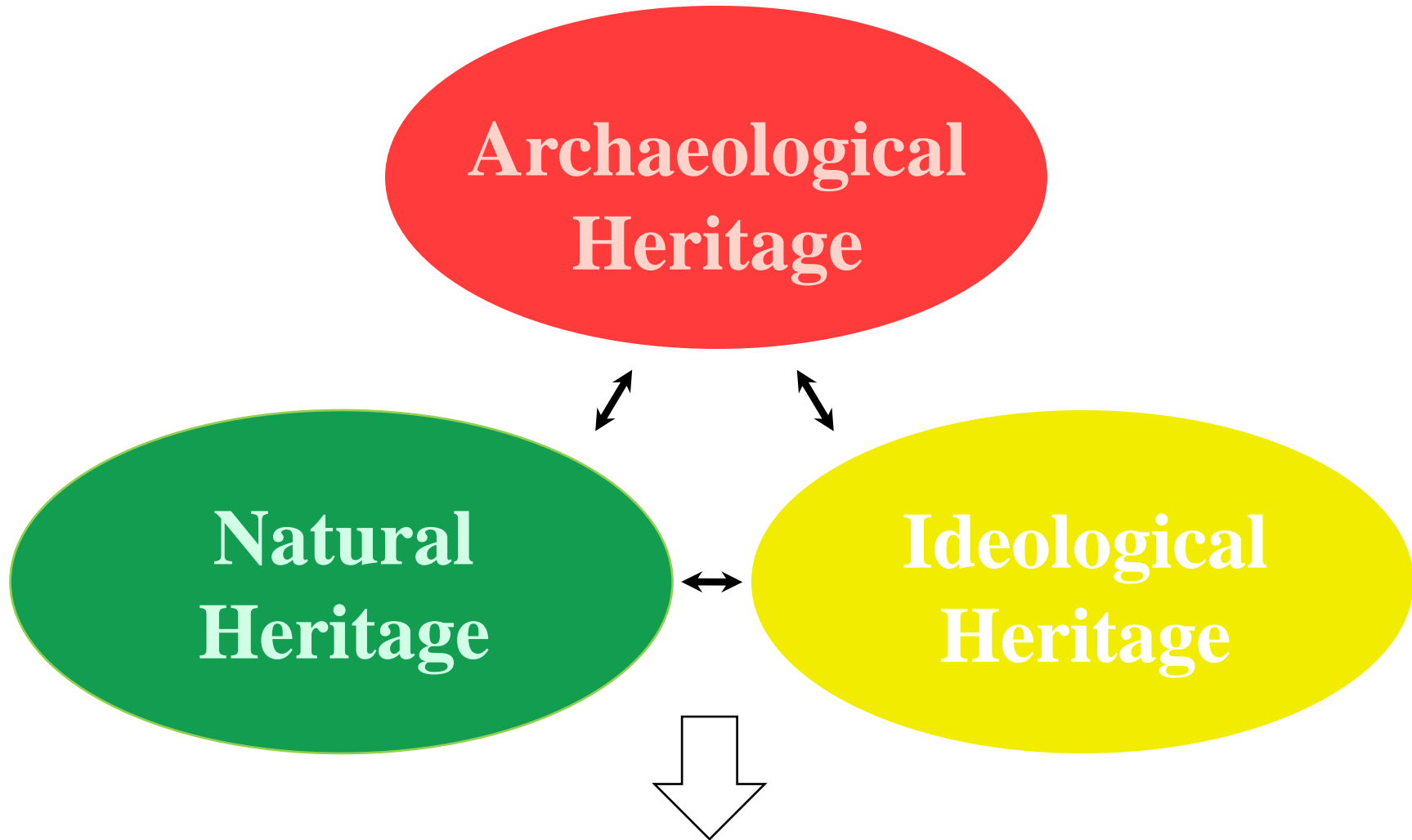


# Heritage Site



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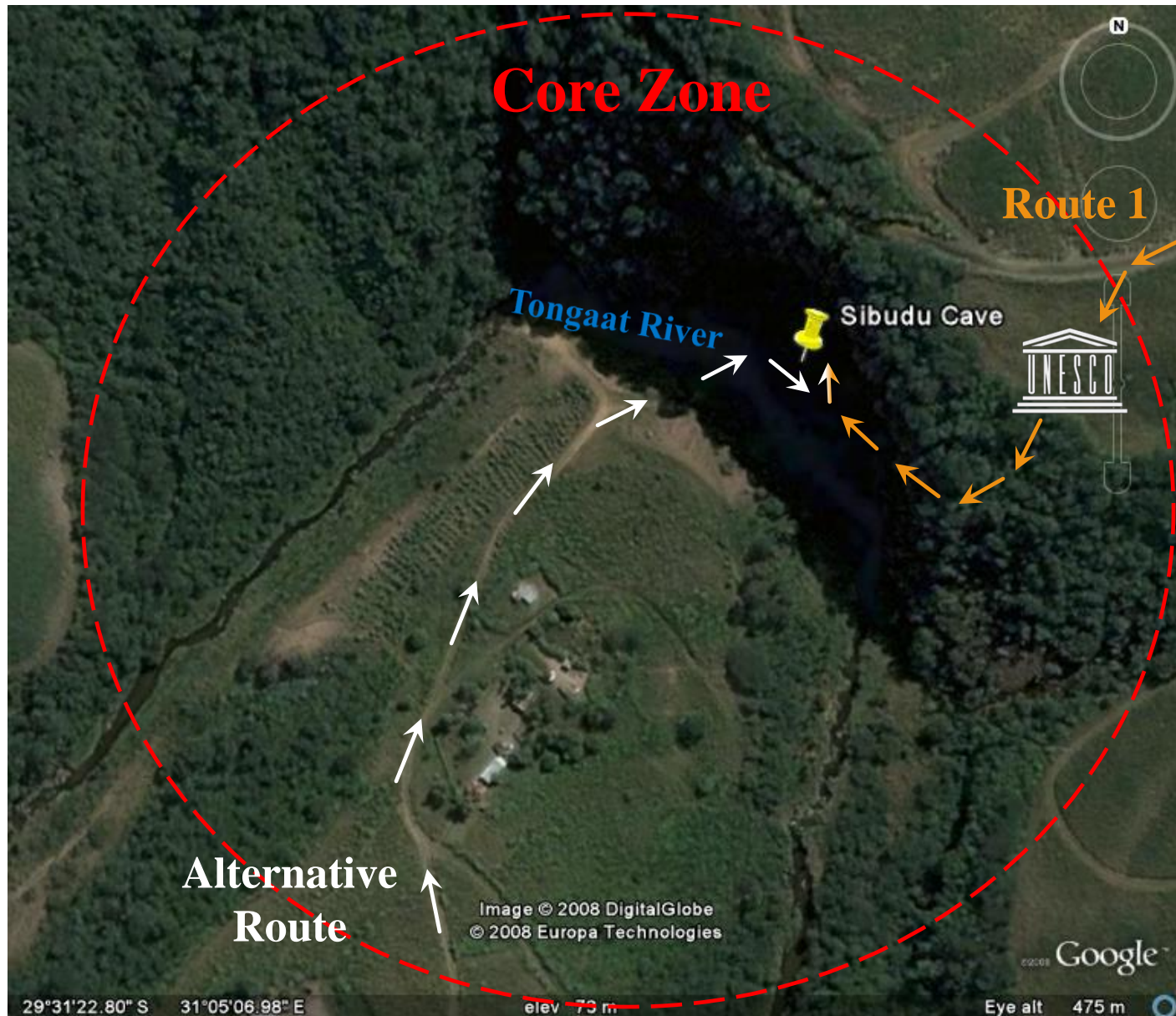


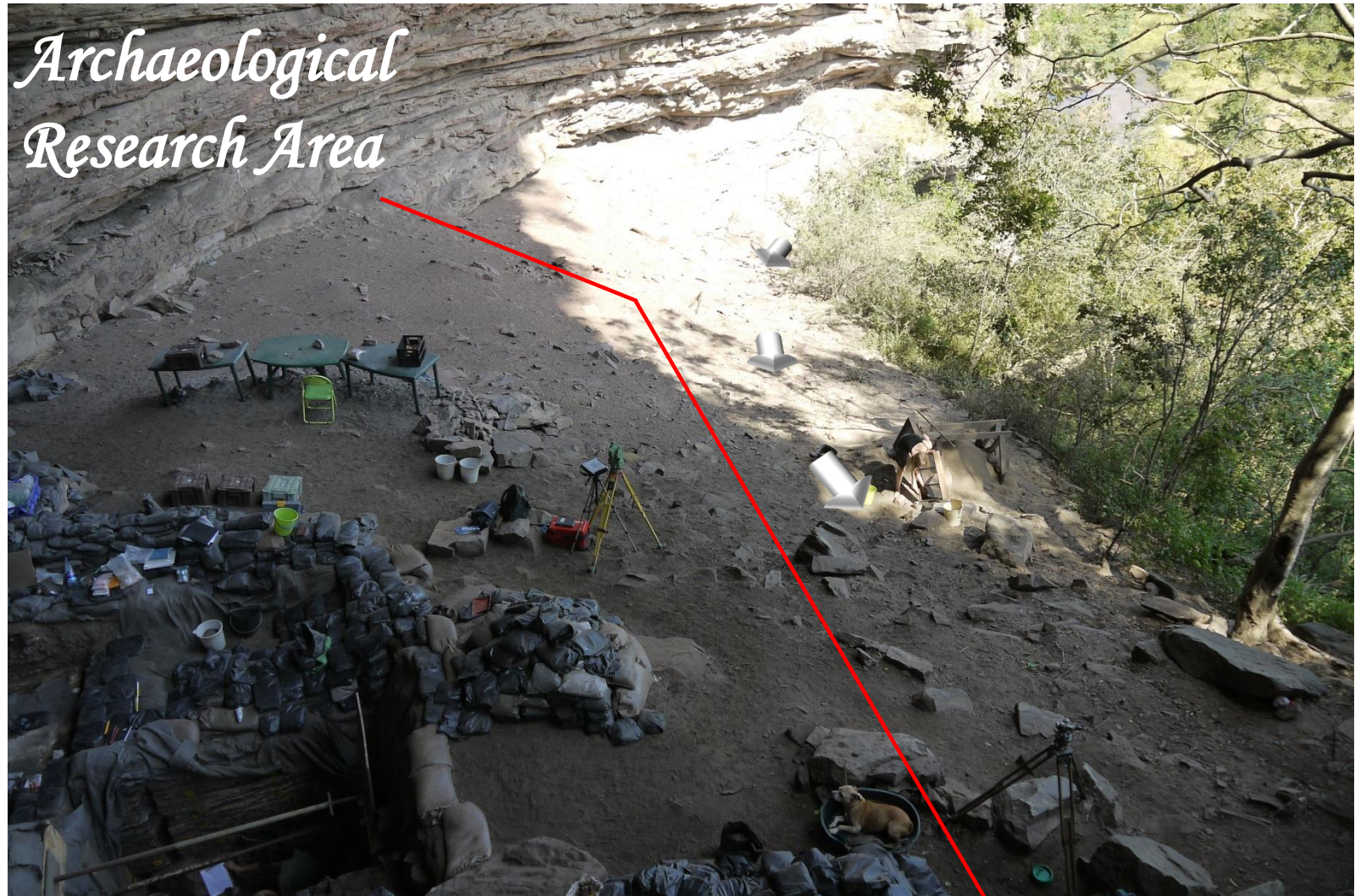


**Without Destruction!**



# Sibudu Cave Heritage Park





# Management and Implementation

## General Objectives

- Park for wider public and tourists
- Display of cultural, natural and ideological heritage

## Implementation

① Heritage Welcome Center



② Security



③ Heritage Guides



# Impact on the Region

## 1. UNESCO Cultural Heritage in KwaZulu-Natal



## 2. Worldwide prestige and reputation

## 3. Educational enrichment

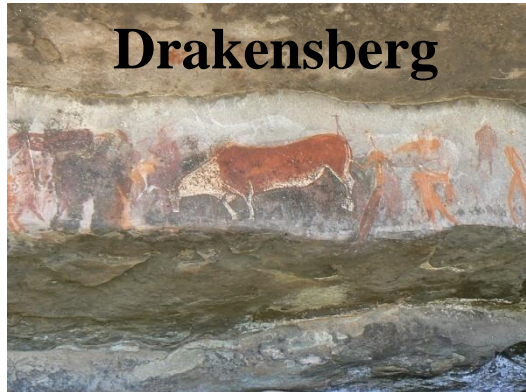


## 4. Job Creation and Local Empowerment

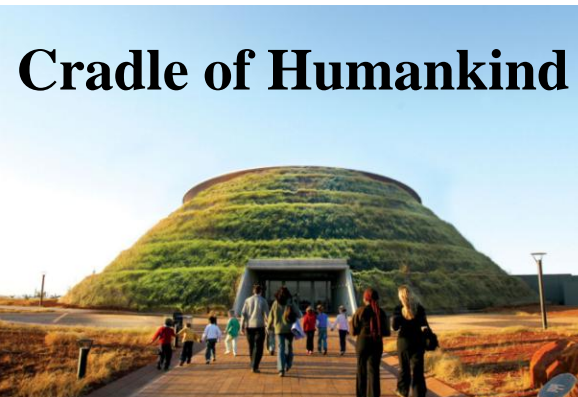
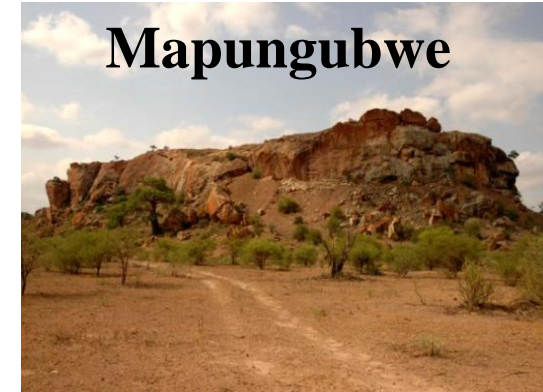
## Sibudu enters classrooms



# Cultural Heritage and Education



**World Heritage**



# Realisation



**UNESCO Support**



**International Support**



**National Support**



**Provincial Support**