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SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY**DECLARATION OF TEN (10) KRAMATS IN THE “CIRCLE OF TOMBS” SITUATED AT
VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND THE CAPE PENINSULA, WESTERN CAPE AS
NATIONAL HERITAGE SITES**

By virtue of the powers vested in the South African Heritage Resources Agency, in terms of section 27 (5) of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999), SAHRA hereby declares ten Kramats as listed in the Schedule as part of the “Circle of Tombs”; Western Cape as National Heritage Sites.

Statement of Significance

“A prophecy made over 250 years ago said that there would be a “Circle of Islam” around the Cape. It is believed that this Circle is formed by the shrines of Islamic Saints, the tombs of the Auliyah (Friends of Allah) and some of South Africa’s most influential spiritual leaders.

Referred to Mazaars or Kramats, these shrines are regarded as highly sacred places that represent the advent of Islam to southern Africa; and are symbolic of the resistance against religious, social and political oppression by the Dutch, slavery and British Colonization. These are places of sanctity that provide spiritual benefits to those who visit and partake in the remembrance of the Auliyah. The Kramats inspire reverence and peace, not because of architectural achievement or aesthetic appeal, but because of the character, knowledge, and spiritual presence of those buried there. These Saints, further, contributed to shaping the cultural character of the Cape and the traditions regarding the history of these Saints have been passed from generation to generation mainly through word of mouth. Subjected to harsh forms of cruelty and torture for their roles in resisting oppression by the Dutch, and British both in Indonesia and at the Cape, the Saints never wavered and continued to teach unity and peace amongst different faiths. In keeping with these teachings many non-Muslims also visit the Kramats regularly.”

Schedule

The demarcation of the site is as follows:

SITE NAME	ERF NO / FARM NAME	TOWN	MUNICIPALITY	PROVINCE	SG DIAGRAMS
Sheikh Yusuf Kramat	Erf 1179 & 1181 Macassar	Macassar	City of Cape Town	Western Cape	2274/1913274/1913 183/1886
Tuan Dea Koasa & Tuan Ismail Dea Malela Kramats	Erf 3519, 3562 & portions of Erf 3520 Simon's Town	Simon's Town	City of Cape Town	Western Cape	GP 12747
Sheikh A ibn Muhammad Allraqi Kramat	Mowbray Cemetery	Cape Town	City of Cape Town	Western Cape	N/A
Sayed Moegsien bin Alawieal Aidarus, Kramat	Mowbray Cemetery	Cape Town	City of Cape Town	Western Cape	N/A
Sheikh Noorul Mubeen Kramat	Portion 5 of Farm Oude Kraal 902	Oudekraal	City of Cape Town	Western Cape	3906/58
Sheikh Mohamed Hassen GhaibieShah Kramat	Erf 178079 Cape Town	Cape Town	City of Cape Town	Western Cape	15445/2003
Tuan Kaape-ti-low Kramat	Erf 178079 Cape Town	Cape Town	City of Cape Town	Western Cape	15445/2003
Abdurahman Matebe Shah,	Erf 2997 & portions of 2996 Constantia	Constantia	City of Cape Town	Western Cape	1117/1905 3571/1920
Sayed Mahmud Kramat	Erf 2610 Constantia	Constantia	City of Cape Town	Western Cape	A2640/1925
Sheikh Abdul Mutalib Kramat	Erf 8557 Constantia	Constantia	City of Cape Town	Western Cape	3815/1982

The declared portions of the properties encompassing the graves of the Auliyah and their identified companions are bounded by the following coordinates:

Co-ordinates:

Kramat Name	Point	Latitude	Longitude
Sheikh Yusuf; Erf 1179, 1181 Macassar	A	-34.064278	18.750014
	B	-34.064511	18.750153
	C	-34.064525	18.750283
	D	-34.064236	18.751039
	E	-34.063939	18.751161
	F	-34.063844	18.750589
	G	-34.06415	18.75043
Tuan Dea Koasa & Tuan Ismail Dea Malela Kramats; Erf 3519, 3562 & portions 3520, Simons Town	A	-34.195794	18.432605
	B	-34.195856	18.432667
	C	-34.195948	18.432754
	D	-34.196011	18.432815
	E	-34.196019	18.432833
	F	-34.195837	18.432938
	G	-34.195741	18.432721
Sheikh A ibn Muhammad Al Iraqi Kramat; Mowbray Cemetery, Erf 27440, Cape Town	A	-33.937828	18.461824
	B	-33.937838	18.46183
	C	-33.937851	18.461808
	D	-33.937842	18.461802
Sayed Moegsien bin Alawieal Kramat; Mowbray Cemetery, Erf 27440, Cape Town	A	-33.938963	18.462985
	B	-33.939026	18.462303
	C	-33.939057	18.462975
	D	-33.938992	18.462929
Sheikh Noorul Mubeen Kramat, Portion 5 Oudekraal 902	A	-33.97779	18.367097
	B	-33.9796	18.368603
	C	-33.97977	18.368369
	D	-33.97873	18.367219
	E	-33.97836	18.367039
	F	-33.97794	18.366967
Sheikh Mohamed Hassen Ghaibie Shah Kramat, Erf 178079 Cape Town (Signal Hill)	A	-33.928306	18.394850
	B	-33.928508	18.394800
	C	-33.928453	18.394539
	D	-33.928300	18.394406
	E	-33.928217	18.394458
	F	-33.928244	18.394581
Tuan Kaape ti low Kramat; Erf 178079 Cape Town (Signal Hill)	A	-33.919692	18.399328
	B	-33.919761	18.399389
	C	-33.919808	18.399303
	D	-33.919739	18.399244
Sheikh Matebe Shah Kramat; Erf 2997 & Portions 2996, Constantia	A	-34.038300	18.415450
	B	-34.038025	18.415903
	C	-34.038197	16.416053
	D	-34.038453	18.415617
Sayed Mahmud Kramat; Erf 2610, Constantia	A	-34.035503	18.428575
	B	-34.034847	18.429823
	C	-34.035251	18.430296
	D	-24.035940	18.428989

Sheikh Abdul Mutalib Kramat; Erf 8557 Constantia	A	-34.048369	18.405581
	B	-34.048430	18.405770
	C	-34.048500	18.405550
	D	-34.048481	18.405470

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