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CONFERENCE PAPER ABSTRACT

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TITLE OF PAPER:	Mapping Intangible Heritage: Diverse Communities share their Sense of Place
THEME:	<i>Theme 3: Diverse Communities - Intangible Heritage</i>
PAPER ABSTRACT:	
<p>This paper will present 'cultural mapping', an internationally recognised approach for a cultural group to record its heritage within a landscape, whether urban or rural: their traditions, practices, stories, connections—their sense of place, their cultural identity. The community mapping method can assist cultural continuity with change, and also assists diverse cultures to share their cultural connections across shared landscapes, within common spaces. Importantly, cultural mapping not only sustains a cultural group's sense of identity within surrounding wider cultural diversity, but feeds into broader planning decisions.</p> <p>This paper will outline the cultural mapping process, as well as case studies that are exemplars. Examples demonstrate how this process has been adopted and applied, including in Canada and Australia, both how diverse communities [re]connect with their particular tangible and intangible heritage within a shared space, but also how such knowledge can to inform government policy in heritage protection and planning decisions at the local level. The paper's critique of the cultural mapping process, including diverse communities' views of their experience with it, can inform others, for aspects of the process are identified that may be more useful to some communities than others.</p>	
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