

Revitalising the CAoNI project

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What is CAoNI?

The Cupertino Areas of Natural Interest is a project aimed at preserving natural locations within member states of the Cupertino Alliance. Since its introduction, it has had zero activity.

Why has it been inactive?

The number one reason given for the lack of activity is that most micronations lack large or otherwise notable natural areas, as many claim small areas.

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How can we fix the problem?

By converting CAoNI into a preservation project for heritage sites within states, we are able to include many more nations to sign up, as national monuments and buildings will become eligible.

What will change?

Any structure, natural or man-made will become eligible for submission into the project. Grading, too, will change, to a letter-number system.

A1	Natural, internationally important.	B1	Man-made, internationally important.
A2	Natural, nationally important.	B2	Man-made, nationally important.
A3	Natural, locally important.	B3	Man-made, locally important.

Furthermore, the duties required by the governor of the area will change.

For A1/B1 grade structures, proof of maintenance will need to be submitted every 4 weeks.

For A2/B2 grade structures, proof of maintenance will need to be submitted every 6 weeks.

For A3/B3 grade structures, proof of maintenance will need to be submitted every 8 weeks.

If proof of maintenance is not submitted, then there will be a 1-week period in which the governor responsible for the upkeep of the area will need to either submit the proof or reason as to why there has been nothing submitted.

Maintenance should typically include removal of litter, ensuring plants are healthy and not

overgrowing (given jurisdiction), and that local wildlife is not being disturbed.

After the 1-week grace period after a missed proof submission, the Minister of Development and Inter-State Cooperation may remove the area from the program.

The governor of the area may choose to redact their area from the project after:

5 weeks for an A1/B1 area

7 weeks for an A2/B2 area

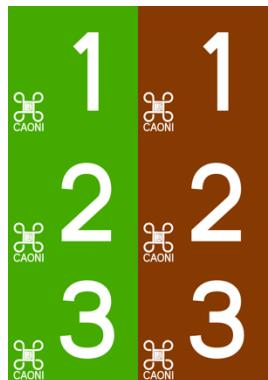
9 weeks for an A3/B3 area

Image: Turtle Island by Carson Snyder



Rebranding

In short, there will be a design rehaul of the CAoNI logo and icons, which currently all depict natural elements.



The looped square is a symbol in many countries to signify a place of interest. The redesigned logo for the CAoNI features a looped square containing a tilted, colour-shifted Cupertino Alliance logo in the centre.

New icons are to be used. The icons for the A category, given to natural areas, have a green background. The icons for the B category, given to man-made structures, have a brown background.

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