

V. Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

Yes, the Kingdom of Tonga has an intangible cultural heritage items on the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Inscribed item

The Lakalaka (Sung Speech Dances) was proclaimed as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2003. The funding agency for this was UNESCO and Japanese funding in Trust for the Preservation and Promotion of Intangible Cultural Heritage. This was implemented by the Tonga Traditions Committee and the Ministry of Education, Women's Affairs and Culture.

Ma'ulu'ulu (sitting dance)



Sitting dance (ma'ulu'ulu) by primary school students



Sitting dance (ma'ulu'ulu) by students of Tonga Institute of Education, May 2011 in celebration of Her Majesty's 85th birthday.

Lakalaka by Primary School



Lakalaka by Kolovai Primary school students

Lakalaka: Secondary School



Lakalaka by Tonga High School students during Education Day in celebrating Her Majesty's 85th birthday on Friday 27 May, 2011 at Teufaiva Playground