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Aksum is a small city with a great memory. It has not forgotten that it was the centre of one of the most powerful states in the history of ancient Africa. In fact, the Aksumite Kingdom was one of the greatest African civilisations after Egypt and Meroe. It flourished in the 1<sup>st</sup> millennium BC and its rule encompassed part of present Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan and reached as far as part of the southern Arabian Peninsula. It had trading relationships with Mediterranean countries, the Byzantine Empire and India. Its achievements in the arts and architecture were so extraordinary that they had a profound cultural influence in the region for centuries. Evidence of this outstanding civilisation is provided by the astonishing monuments that make Aksum a city unique in the world and one of the UNESCO World Heritage sites.



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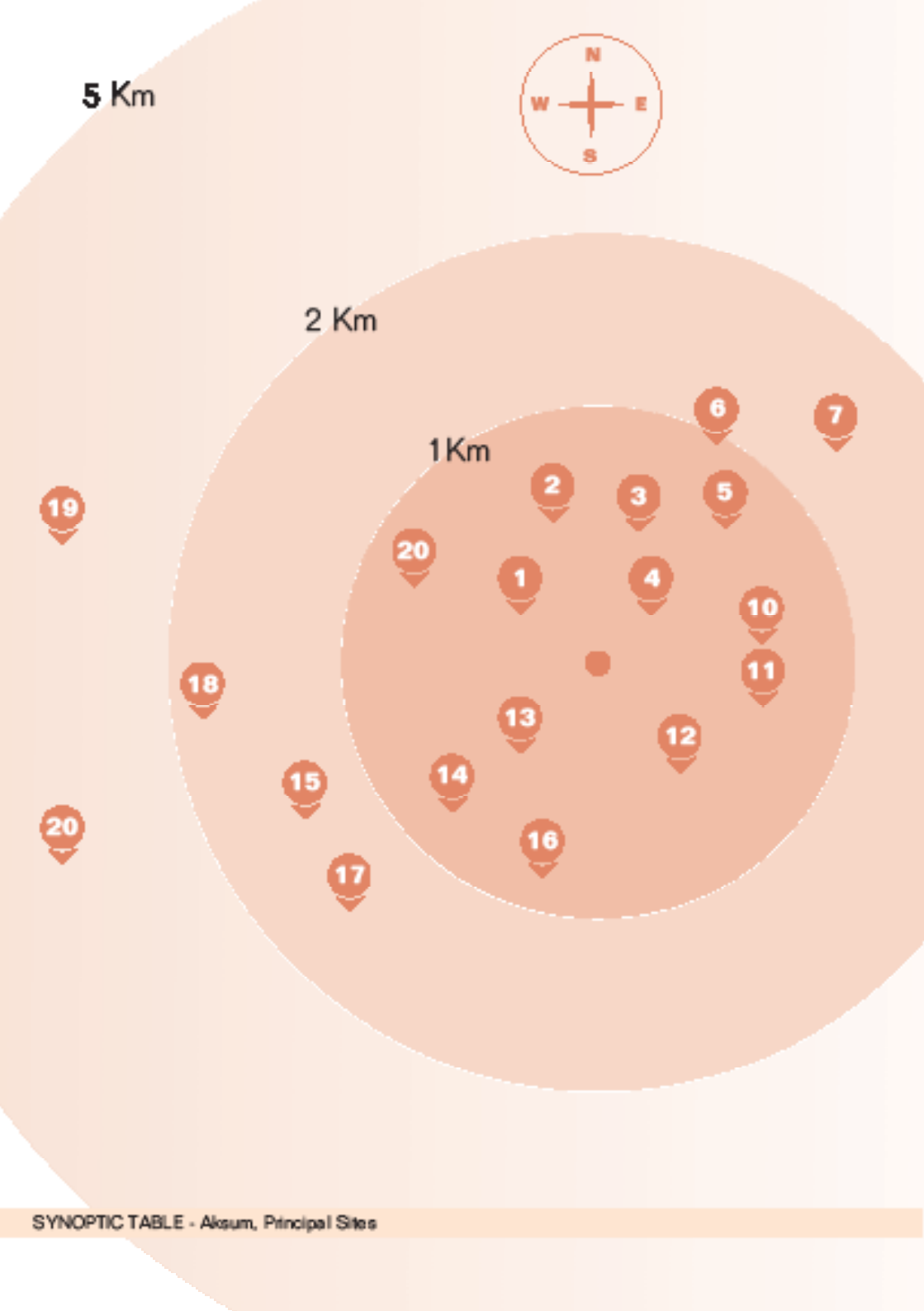
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