



**Peace mission:** artist Wolfgang Von Schwarzenfeld, who is in Cape Town to find a home for his giant stone, which will form part of the Global Stone Project. The German artist is travelling around the world on his home-made yacht, Pegasus. DENZIL MA

## World peace is German artist's touchstone

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**IN THE** harbour at the Royal Cape Yacht Club is a three-mast schooner, Pegasus, with bright orange sails.

It is here on a special mission. Its owner, German artist Wolfgang Krakauer von Schwarzenfeld, built it 30 years ago and has used it to conduct charters and sail around the world.

Four years ago, Von Schwarzenfeld decided to make his own personal contribution to world peace.

As an artist who is sensitive to the fragility both of human existence and

He said he also wanted to make an appeal for world peace and global unity that would be pro-nature and permanent.

Von Schwarzenfeld decided to use the medium of stone.

The Global Stone project will see the positioning of five gigantic stones weighing about 30 tons each, on five continents in such a way as to represent the pentagram of the five-pointed figure of man.

Von Schwarzenfeld himself has travelled to each continent on his home-made yacht to seek suitable rocks and to arrange for their transport and optimal positioning.

placed in the Tiergarten near the Brandenburg Gate, the German parliament and the Holocaust Memorial in Berlin.

The five stones in Berlin will reflect the Sun in such a way as to represent the pentagram – a universal symbol of mankind – every year on the 21st of June, the winter solstice.

The five stones on five continents represent the “five steps towards peace”, namely awakening (Europe), hope (Africa), forgiveness (Asia), love (America) and peace (Australia).

Von Schwarzenfeld is in Cape Town, where he hopes to find the best possible location for the Africa stone, which was obtained from a quarry near Brits

But the idea of the stones was to symbolise humanity's quest for peace through understanding and communication.

“I chose Africa as the third continent, and particularly South Africa because of the enormous achievement in putting an end to apartheid and breaking the chain of revenge and retaliation,” Von Schwarzenfeld said.

“I also chose these stones because they transcend the burden of history and the past and look forwards towards peace.”

A site for the Cape Town stone has yet to be chosen but a location near the National Museum in the Comp