

WHV – Tsodilo Youth Action Camp

Tsodilo, Botswana

Cultural property inscribed on the List of World
Heritage since 2001

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With one of the highest concentrations of rock art in the world, Tsodilo has been called the "Louvre of the Desert". Over 4,500 paintings are preserved in an area of only 10 km² of the Kalahari Desert. The archaeological record of the area gives a chronological account of human activities and environmental changes over at least 100,000 years. Local communities in this hostile environment respect Tsodilo as a place of worship frequented by ancestral spirits.

Project objectives:

The project, organized for the first time, aims at improving the accessibility of the Tsodilo World Heritage site by conducting maintenance and renovation works. It also aims to raise aware of the local communities about the importance of the site, and to forge partnerships with local and/or international organisations.

Project activities:

The volunteers will participate in various activities including workshops and educational tours to broaden the participants' knowledge on conservation and preservation techniques. They will also learn about indigenous knowledge regarding the Tsodilo legends from the ethnic groups of the area. Additionally, the volunteers will work, with the help of the local communities and under the supervision of the site management authorities, on the maintenance of a 4km gravel access road to the site and the construction of a firebreak path.

Partners:

Department of National Museum and Monuments Botswana, Botswana National Commission for UNESCO, Botswana Tourism Organisation

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