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WHV – Copainala

◆ WH Tentative List – the Churches in the Zoque Province, Chiapas, Mexico

This programme were designed to raise the awareness of volunteers and locals about the importance of restoration and to improve the knowledge and the understanding about the intangible heritage. Several workshops on different themes were organized to show the main techniques of conservation and to identify the deteriorations’ causes at the WH sites.

Classes in traditional dances, music and toy making were organized and local language, Zoque, were thought. Also a theatre about Guignol was played to provide opportunity for the people with traditional knowledge to express themselves and for others to experience and familiarize themselves with locals’ intangible heritage. As a result, participants could understand local culture more deeply. Explanation about intangible elements of heritages such as local stories and legends about monuments helped participants to understand the origins of heritages such as churches of the Zoque route.

Everyday two volunteers shared their experience with local media Xecopa, Radio Zoque, Tzotzil. Therefore the news about programme were also advertised to not only Chiapas but also neighbouring regions such as Tabasco, Veracruz and Oaxaca.

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