

WHV – Environment preservation of the Victoria Falls Rainforest

Mosi-oa-Tunya / Victoria Falls, Hwange, Zimbabwe


 Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List since 1989

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The Mosi-oa-Tunya/Victoria Falls is the world's greatest sheet of falling water and significant worldwide for its exceptional geological and geomorphological features and active land formation processes with outstanding beauty attributed to the falls i.e. the spray, mist and rainbows. Sprays from this giant waterfall can be seen from a distance of 30 km from the Lusaka road, Zambia and 50 km from Bulawayo road, Zimbabwe. Basalts have been cut by a river system producing a series of eight spectacular gorges that serve as breeding sites for four species of endangered birds. The basalts of the Victoria Falls World Heritage property are layered unlike those of the Giants Causeway World Heritage site which are vertical and columnar.



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Project objectives: The project targets the improvement of the environmental situation and the visibility in Victoria Falls and around the Rain Forest. It also aims to encourage the volunteers, local community, and international visitors to be involved in the preservation of the site while contributing to the improvement of the waste management system.

Project activities: The volunteers will mainly be involved in the preservation activities such as reducing the menace for the site and preserving its biodiversity. They will remove the invasive plant, called Lantana Camara which weakens the other species in the forest while planting trees in the Rainforest. They will also be involved in the development of sustainable and practical eco-system management for the site. On the other hand, the volunteers will run awareness raising events such as publishing stories and articles in different media channels; holding a writing, drawing, and art competition with UNESCO ASPNET Schools; and building a network.



Partners: UNESCO/NATCOM, Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate, and Ministry of Tourism and Hospitality industry.