

# WHV – Peace for Nature Peace for Humanity

*Mosi-oa-Tunya / Victoria Falls, Livingstone, Zambia*


 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:** After having successfully uprooted during the previous action camps the *lantana camara*, which are invasive plants threatening the local biodiversity, the current project will focus on the planting of endemic plants. It has also the objective of raising awareness toward the local community, the international and local volunteers about the importance of environment conservation. It also aims at promoting peace and the link it has with the site preservation.

**Project activities:** The volunteers will be involved in activities such as cleaning actions through "no-litter" walks around the property, renovation of the steps leading to the boiling pot (the area which at the feet of the falls), maintenance and planting of some endemic plants. The volunteers will also conduct awareness raising actions in local markets among local communities and the authorities holding talks on the importance of protecting the heritage sites around the world, promoting coexistence among the volunteers, tourist and community members. The volunteers



will also host a concert for peace and produce some videos that will be posted on social media to promote the site.

**Partners:** Ministry of Tourism and Arts, National Heritage Conservation Commission, Zambia Tourism Board, International Peace Youth Group-South Korea, Chief Mukuni, and Livingstone City Council.