

WHV – Préserver la biodiversité du Parc National Taï

Taï National Park, Côte d'Ivoire

🌿 Natural property inscribed on the
World Heritage List since 1982

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The Taï National park is one of the last major remnants of the primary tropical forest of West Africa. Its rich natural flora, and threatened mammal species such as the pygmy hippopotamus and 11 species of monkeys, are of great scientific interest.

Project objectives: The Park constitutes rich biodiversity and natural resource which support the ecosystem and daily life of local population. As deforestation has been emerging as a menace during the recent year, the main objective of project is to restore its condition and preserve it. The project aims in particular to reduce the use of firewood in villages surrounding the Park which causes deforestation of the site. It also aims to help local residents to preserve the carbon sinks of the Taï Park while raising awareness among them about the importance of its preservation.

Project activities: The volunteers will mainly be involved in the restoration of the site. They will plant trees in order to ease deforestation at the Park. They will also participate in co-construction and distribution of improved stoves (constructed with eco-friendly materials) for households in 10 villages surrounding the Park under professional guidance. The volunteers will plant trees which are important for carbon sinks preservation and have a cultural value for the local community as well while creating an eco-citizen Youth club involving the local community for the sustainability and preservation of the Park. The volunteers will take part in formation of the values of biodiversity; common natural resources management; and risk management of the World Heritage with the local population.

Partners: Ministry for environment and sustainability, Baby-Lab, Union de jeunes pour le développement de l'Ouest, Ministry of agriculture, and Park managers.