

WHV - Rwenzori Mountains National Park

Rwenzori Mountains National Park, Uganda

Natural property inscribed on the List of World
Heritage since 1994

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The Rwenzori Mountains National Park covers nearly 100,000 ha in western Uganda and comprises the main part of the Rwenzori mountain chain, which includes Africa's third highest peak (Mount Margherita: 5,109 m). The region's glaciers, waterfalls and lakes make it one of Africa's most beautiful alpine areas. The park has many natural habitats of endangered species and a rich and unusual flora comprising, among other species, the giant heather.

Project objectives:

The main objective of the project is to protect the Rwenzori Mountains National Park's fauna and flora by taking actions in the buffer zone of the protected area. The project also aims at giving a better visibility for the property to the local population in order to increase their sense of ownership of the park in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and to the COP 21 Declaration.

Project activities:

The volunteers will be involved in planting endemic tree species in the buffer zone and build boundaries of the park for sustainability purposes and protection of endangered species. They will participate in establishing unpalatable crops gardens around the site to prevent primates from crossing into community gardens. The volunteers will also be engaged in sensitisation workshops, organising events for the local schools and the community.

Partners:

Uganda Wildlife Authority, Uganda Wildlife Clubs of Uganda, Uganda Tourist Board, Association of Secondary School Headteachers of Uganda, Uganda Primary School Headteacher's Association, Principal's Association of Uganda, Local Authorities, Cultural Institutions

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