

WHV - Restoration of the Great Zimbabwe National Monument

Great Zimbabwe National Monument, Zimbabwe

Cultural property inscribed on the List of World Heritage since 1986

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The ruins of Great Zimbabwe – the capital of the Queen of Sheba, according to an age-old legend – are a unique testimony to the Bantu civilization of the Shona between the 11th and 15th centuries. The city, which covers an area of nearly 80 ha, was an important trading centre and was renowned from the Middle Ages onwards.

Project objectives:

The project aims to contributing to the restoration of the shona village through practical activities and the increase of awareness on cultural heritage among the young people and the local community.

Project activities:

Moulding, building, production of art work and handcrafts-making are some of the hands-on activities that are included in the project. Volunteers will be able to learn from skilled local handworkers on how to restore the ancient monuments and will work together to create pathways in order to protect the area from fire. Furthermore, they will raise awareness among the local population via press conferences and will exchange cultures through sharing for example their gastronomy.

Partners:

Ministry of Rural Development and Culture Heritage; Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate; Ministry of Tourism and Hospitality industry

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