

# WHV – The Great Himalayan National Park

## Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area, India

Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage 28/08/2017 – 10/09/2017 List since 2014

This National Park in the western part of the Himalayan Mountains in the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh is characterized by high alpine peaks, alpine meadows and riverine forests. The property includes the upper mountain glacial and snow meltwater sources of several rivers, and the catchments of water supplies that are vital to millions of downstream users. It is part of the Himalaya biodiversity hotspot and includes twenty-five forest types along with a rich assemblage of fauna species, several of which are threatened.

## Project objectives:

The project, implemented for the first time, aims at raising awareness on the need to preserve the biodiversity of the western Himalaya, and counts on the long experience of the implementing organization in working with communities and authorities in the region.

### **Project activities:**

The volunteers will prepare demonstration materials to be presented in schools and local communities in the site's buffer zone, which coincides with the areas of greatest human pressure for the Park. The workshops will guarantee greater outreach and active participation among the local inhabitants and sensitize them to maintaining the biodiversity in the area.

### Partners:

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) Kullu Himachal Pradesh, Forest Department and National Park authorities, School authorities.

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