

# WHV - Western Ghats (Agumbe)

## Western Ghats, India

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Older than the Himalaya mountains, the mountain chain of the Western Ghats represents geomorphic features of immense importance with unique biophysical and ecological processes. The site's high montane forest ecosystems influence the Indian monsoon weather pattern. It also has an exceptionally high level of biological diversity and endemism and is recognized as one of the world's eight 'hottest hotspots' of biological diversity.

### Project objectives:

The project, which is in its second year, will focus on public awareness and information's dissemination of biodiversity to pupils, who reside in the villages of the site's buffer area. The project's aim is to make the students more involved into the forest's conservation.

### Project activities:

The volunteers will engage in the plantation of fruit trees with the support of the state's Forest department, using Indian traditional tools and methods. They will prepare demonstration materials to be presented in schools and local community to guarantee 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) Shimoga, Forest Department Agumbe.

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