

WHV - Strategizing & Securing UN SDGs 13 - 15: Climate Change Adaptation Action Camp

Papahanamokuakea and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, United States

Mixed and cultural properties inscribed on the
List of World Heritage since 2010 and 1987

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Papahānaumokuākea is a vast and isolated linear cluster of small, low lying islands and atolls. It is surrounded by the ocean, roughly 250 km to the northwest of the main Hawaiian Archipelago and extends over some 1931 km. The area has deep cosmological and traditional significance for living Native Hawaiian culture, as an ancestral environment, as an embodiment of the Hawaiian concept of kinship between people and the natural world, and as the place where it is believed that life originates and to where the spirits return after death.

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park contains two of the most active volcanoes in the world, Mauna Loa (4,170 m high) and Kilauea (1,250 m high), both of which tower over the Pacific Ocean. Volcanic eruptions have created a constantly changing landscape, and the lava flows reveal surprising geological formations. Rare birds and endemic species can be found there, as well as forests of giant ferns.

Project objectives:

The project will provide opportunities for Hawaiian youth to interact with international guests to Malama Honu and Aloha Aina through interactive activities set in the classroom and at the World Heritage sites in Hawaii.

Project activities:

The volunteers will visit both sites and implement Indigenous Philosophy of Ma Ka Hane Ka Ike ("In the Action that is where knowledge is") sharing wisdom and cultural values. They will coordinate beach clean ups, collect plastic from the ocean shore and remove invasive species in order for Indigenous fauna to flourish. The volunteers will also be involved in discussions and awareness raising activities about climate change.

Partners:

Schools for Peace Hawai'i, Amnesty International Hawaii, The GOOD Group

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