

WHV – Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development for Increase in Tourism in Cameroon

Chefferie de Bafut, Cameroon

Site inscribed on a tentative list since 2018

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Located 22 km from Bamenda, the Chefferie de Bafut is one of the oldest traditional constructions in Cameroon. It is built out of 50 monuments bordering a sacred forest, which includes palaces, a guest house, two women quarters and places of worship.

Project objectives:

The project aims to sensitize the local population regarding La Chefferie de Bafut's importance, and to give them the opportunity to partake in its preservation. It also aims to improve the state of conservation of the site for sustainable tourism and to give the local youth a chance to better understand the World Heritage site as an attribute that belongs to them.

Project activities:

The volunteers will be involved in media workshops by creating sketches, which will be aired on television to promote cultural heritage, and carrying out radio interviews. They will also participate in excursions to better familiarise themselves with the site's history. Under the supervision of the site management authorities, the volunteers will rehabilitate the garden by pruning the trees, tilling the soils, and gardening. They will renovate a fishpond and a wall, which protects the palace of the Chefferie de Bafut.

Partners:

Achievers Unlimited, Together for Women and Children, Ministry of Arts and Culture, UNESCO regional office for Central Africa, National commission of Cameroon for UNESCO

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