

WHV – Increase Youth Engagement in the Conservation and Sustainable Development of World Heritage Sites in the Great Lakes Region of Central Africa

Kahuzi-Biega National Park, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Natural property inscribed on the List of World
Heritage in danger since 1980

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As a vast area of primary tropical forest dominated by two spectacular extinct volcanoes, Kahuzi and Biega, the park has a diverse and abundant fauna, including one of the last groups of eastern lowland gorillas.

Project objectives:

The project aims at sensitizing and supporting local communities regarding the conservation and protection of the endangered site of Kahuzi-Biega National Park. It will also promote youth involvement, especially young women, in the sustainable development of site.

Project activities:

The volunteers will participate in workshops focused on reflecting and analyzing on the challenges faced by the site in order to create promotional tools to raise awareness among locals and to share knowledge about the site's preservation. Additionally, the volunteers will plant trees and assist in improving signposting in deforested areas. Under the supervision of the site management authorities, they will assist the park's guards in the monitoring of the gorilla activities, and ensure the maintenance of the guards' station of Tshiavanga.

Partners:

Parc National de Kahuzi-Biega, Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Dev.,
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