WHV – Kakamega Rainforest and Isukuti Dance - Natural and Cultural Heritage Programme

The Kakemega Forest, Kenya

Site inscribed on a tentative list since 2010 04/08/2018 – 18/08/2018

Kakamega Forest is a mid-altitude tropical rainforest, the easternmost outlier of the Congo Basin forests. Its West African affinities are unique in Kenya, and the forest contains many species found nowhere else in the country.

Project objectives:

The project’s principal objective is to raise awareness on Kenya’s cultural and natural heritage among the volunteers and locals. Moreover, the project will tackle promote gender equality and sustainable cooperation between the volunteers, institutions and local communities to preserve cultural heritage.

Project activities:

The volunteers will discover the forest guided by local guides and monitor the fauna and flora to learn about biodiversity and cultivation techniques. They will go in schools to share knowledge with local students on World Heritage preservation. The volunteers will go to the heart of the rainforest to maintain tree nursery facilities, assist in the farming of butterflies and facilitate the construction of traditional houses. The volunteers will also get to know the Isukuti dance, and contribute its transmission to the local youth.

Partners:

Kakamega Forest Reserve, Kenya National Commission for UNESCO, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa

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