

WHV - Environmental Uprooting Lantana Camara

Mosi-oa-Tunya / Victoria Falls, Zambia / Zimbabwe

Natural property inscribed on the List of World
Heritage since 1989

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These are among the most spectacular waterfalls in the world. The Zambezi River, which is more than 2 km wide at this point, plunges noisily down a series of basalt gorges and raises an iridescent mist that can be seen more than 20 km away.

Project objectives:

One of the most spectacular waterfalls, Mosi-oa-Tunya / Victoria Falls, is currently suffering from the invasive lantana camara species, outcompeting the local indigenous flora and threatening the site's ecosystem. As such, the main objective of the project is to eradicate this plant and restore the balance of biodiversity.

Project activities:

Under the technical guidance of the site management authorities, the volunteers will remove the lantana camara species in an eco-friendly manner while observing the flora diversity and recognizing the various on-site species. Additionally, they will conduct on-site cleanup work and renovate a pathway which will contribute to the preservation and accessibility of the site. The volunteers will also organize awareness-raising events targeted to the local communities about the dangers of this species for the World Heritage site. Therefore, all together, they will assist in drafting a practical biodiversity management guideline to further enhance the awareness of the site and demonstrate the impact of biodiversity.

Partners:

Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate, Ministry of Local Government and Urban Development, Environment Africa, United Children of Africa, Youth Alive Livingstone (Zambia)

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