

WHV - Kilwa in US, Conserve Kilwa Kisiwani for **Future Generation**

Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara, Tanzania

Cultural property inscribed on the List of World 09/07/2018 – 29/07/2018 Heritage since 1981

The remains of two great East African ports admired by early European explorers are situated on two small islands near the coast. From the 13th - 16th century, much of the trade in the Indian Ocean passed through the hands of merchants of Kilwa.

Project objectives:

The project will encourage young people and local communities to engage themselves in the conservation and promotion of Kilwa Kisiwani. Additionally, the project intends to actively contribute to the maintenance and preservation of the site and provide the occasion for volunteers to share skills and experiences in regards to World Heritage.

Project activities:

The project will include various workshops and events (e.g. story-telling, discussions, a writing contest, and a charity walk) which will improve the volunteers' communication skills, and provide them with with opportunities to interact and get inspired by the locals, and to get a deeper understanding of the site. With the help of the local communities, the volunteers will also clean of pathways, plant trees and get involved in the restoration of stone walls under the guidance of the site management authorities.

Partners:

Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Government of Kilwa

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