

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

## The Kakamega Forest, Kenya

Site inscribed on the Tentative List since 2010

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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 regarding Kenya's cultural and natural heritage among volunteers and locals. Moreover, various activities will be aimed at addressing gender inequality, as it is a major issue in western Kenya. More pedagogically related activities will focus on strengthening sustainable cooperation between institutions and locals, with the intention of providing students with first-hand knowledge and skills pertaining to the preservation of cultural heritage.

### Project activities:

Volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in an array of activities ranging from pedagogically focused forest walks and biodiversity monitoring programmes for volunteers to discover the site's biodiversity, to school outreach programmes, giving volunteers the occasion to share knowledge with local students regarding world heritage preservation. Additionally, more hands-on activities will plunge volunteers into the heart of the rainforest in an effort to maintain tree and nursery facilities, assist in the farming of butterflies and facilitate the construction of traditional houses.

### Partners:

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

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