

WHV – Preservation and Cleaning of the Rock Art Paintings in Kondoa Rock Arts Site

Kondoa Rock-Art Sites, United Republic of Tanzania

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2006 05/08/2019 - 14/08/2019

On the eastern slopes of the Masai escarpment bordering the Great Rift Valley are natural rock shelters, overhanging slabs of sedimentary rocks fragmented by rift faults, whose vertical planes have been used for rock paintings for at least two millennia. The spectacular collection of images from over 150 shelters over 2,336 km².

Project objectives:

The project aims to raise awareness among young people and mobilize their active engagement in the promotion and conservation of World Heritage, as well as to draw attention from researchers and local governments on the current state of conservation of the site.

Project activities:

The volunteers will participate in various hands-on activities, including cleaning the surface of the rock art paintings, building paths for the tourists in the site and documenting and promoting the art paintings. Furthermore, they will develop a bilingual educational curriculum for the schools and communication plans for the local communities. They will also carry out information sessions for communities in order to raise their awareness about the importance of World Heritage and encourage them to take part in preserving and conserving the site.

Partners:

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