

# WHV - Fujian *Tulou* World Heritage Preservation and Promotion

## Fujian *Tulou*, China

Cultural property inscribed on the  
World Heritage List in 2008

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Fujian *Tulou* is a property of 46 buildings constructed between the fifteenth and twentieth centuries over 120 km in the south-west of Fujian province. Set amongst rice, tea and tobacco fields, the *Tulou* are earthen houses. Several storeys high, they are built along an inward-looking, circular or square floor plan as housing for up to 800 people each. They were built for defence purposes around a central open courtyard and housed a whole clan, functioning as village units.

### Project objectives:

The project, taking place for the second time in the framework of the WHV after the successful 2018 experience, aims to protect, preserve and promote the *Tulou*'s background, history, culture and architecture. Working mostly on a *Tulou* designated to be an international youth centre, the project also has the objective of enhancing international exchanges, and promoting sustainable tourism and development.

### Project activities:

The volunteers will be involved in experiential learning activities and building a *Tulou* wall with natural building materials. They will collect, clean and explore the history of old artefacts from an abandoned *Tulou*, and will contribute ideas for the design of the youth centre and for the artefacts' upcycling. They will also take part in interactive *Tulou* home visits and run Changemaking discussion sessions about World Heritage with the local community.

### Partners:

Zinong Social Enterprise, Government of Yongding, Fujian Daily, Amity Foundation.

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