

# WHV – Volunteers for Stari Grad Plain

## Stari Grad Plain, Croatia

Cultural property inscribed on the List of World  
Heritage since 2008

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Stari Grad Plain on the Adriatic island of Hvar is a cultural landscape that has remained practically intact since Ionian Greeks from Paros first colonized it in the 4th century BC. The original agricultural activity of this fertile plain, mainly centring on grapes and olives, has been maintained since Greek times to the present. The site is also a natural reserve. The landscape features ancient stone walls and trims, or small stone shelters, and bears testimony to the ancient geometrical system of land division used by the ancient Greeks, the chora which has remained virtually intact over 24 centuries.

### Project objectives:

The project aims at promoting the World Heritage property through the active participation of the volunteers in restoration work along with the local community, and at raising awareness about heritage preservation.

### Project activities:

The volunteers will support the reconstruction of the dry-stone walls that were ruined or removed when the landing field was built, under the supervision of experts. The goal of the project is to restore them by using the traditional building technology and to achieve particularly, the complete restoration of a plot of land called striga (ancient Greek), as in the time of the Greek colonisation and division of Stari Grad Plain. The volunteers will also engage in planting Mediterranean plants by the walls: olives on the north side along the main road, and lavenders or immortelles on the east and west side.

### Partners:

“Dragodid” organisation; Directorate for the protection of cultural heritage; Croatian Commission for UNESCO

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