

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

The Kakemega Forest, Kenya

Site on the Tentative List since 2010

04/08/2021 – 14/08/2021



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 main objective is to raise the awareness of the local communities about the need to protect Kakamega Forest as a World Heritage property, as well as to encourage the locals to preserve, promote and conserve their Isukuti culture through the involvement of local and international volunteers.

Project activities:

The volunteers will participate in an array of activities ranging from pedagogically focused forest walks and biodiversity monitoring programmes for volunteers, to discovering the site's biodiversity and 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. Local communities will be involved in the performance and teaching of the Isukuti culture and dance.

Partners:

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

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