

WHV- 'Kamchatka World Heritage Volunteers Volcanoes of Kamchatka, Russian Federation

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This is one of the most outstanding volcanic regions in the world, with a high density of active volcanoes, a variety of types, and a wide range of related features. The five sites included in the serial designation group together the majority of volcanic features of the Kamchatka peninsula. The interplay of active volcanoes and glaciers forms a dynamic landscape of great beauty.

Project objectives

The main objective of the project is to encourage the local and national authorities, civil society, economic sector, as well as both the local and international volunteers, to get involved in the implementation of concrete actions for the preservation of the Volcanoes of Kamchatka World Heritage property. This would be achieved by helping in designing, developing and running conservation and awareness measures such as sustainable tourism schemes and informative conservation activities

Project activities

The volunteers will assist the site management in trail-building and maintenance by preparing a Code of Conduct document and installing navigation signs and heritage interpretation boards in the prominent locations. They will also work on the re-installation of the exhibition at the visitor centre in Esso village by replacing old wallboards, installing new stands and renewing herbarium collections with insects' samples, volcanic stones, etc.

The volunteers will design and run a pilot workshop on sustainable tourism for members of the tourism industry, as part of the awareness activities. They will also join the "Volcanoes Day", which is an annual event organized in partnership with regional authorities, to promote knowledge about volcanoes and nature parks as well as to talk about conservation of natural heritage. During this event, the Volunteers will make a presentation on the preservation of World Heritage sites in their countries.

Partners

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Kamchatskiy Krai; Agency for Tourism and External Relations of the Kamchatskiy Krai.