

WHV – Mobiliser les jeunes dans la promotion et la valorisation de cet extraordinaire paysage culturel et naturel du Pays bassari

Bassari Country: Bassari, Fula and Bedik Cultural Landscapes, Senegal

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List since 2012

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The site, located in south-east Senegal, includes three geographical areas: the Bassari–Salémata area, the Bedik–Bandafassi area and the Fula–Dindéfello area, each with its specific morphological traits. The Bassari, Fula and Bedik peoples settled from the 11th to the 19th centuries and developed specific cultures and habitats symbiotic with their surrounding natural environment. The Bassari landscape is marked by terraces and rice paddies, interspersed with villages, hamlets and archaeological sites. The Bedik villages are formed by dense groups of huts with steep thatched roofs.

Project objectives:

The project aims to sensitize local and international volunteers as well as the local communities on the importance of preserving and promoting the site as well as to improve its surroundings by engaging in hands-on cleaning activities.

Project activities:

The volunteers will facilitate and participate in several awareness-raising activities, such as organizing discussions and workshops with the local communities and the community leaders on their vision and perception of the site, on environmental preservation, and the effects of climate change. In addition, they will also partake in hands-on activities such as Trash Hack actions (waste sorting and recycling) and support reforestation activities.

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