

WHV – Autonomiser les communautés locales et engager les jeunes à s'approprier de la valeur civilisationnelle exceptionnelle des Cercles Mégalithiques de la Sénégambie

Stone Circles of Senegambia, Senegal

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List since 2006

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The inscribed site corresponds to four large groups of megalithic circles located in the extreme western part of West Africa, between the River Gambia and the River Senegal. These sites, Wassu and Kerbatch in Gambia, and Wanar and Sine Ngayene in Senegal, represent an extraordinary concentration of more than 1,000 stone circles and related tumuli spread over a territory of 100 km wide and 350 km in length, along the River Gambia.

Project objectives:

The project aims to contribute to the preservation of the Sine Ngayène site; to raise the awareness of the local communities and the volunteers on the challenges of its preservation and to increase its visibility both locally and internationally.

Project activities:

The volunteers will be involved in hands-on conservation work, including renovation of the archaeological excavation room, the construction of a toilet for visitors, installation of signages, and so on, with the assistance and support of the site management authorities. In addition, the volunteers will support the production of audio-visual promotional materials, develop a visitors' program, run workshops with local community leaders to understand their perception and vision of the site, and aid the training of young people as local guides.

Partners:

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