

WHV – Kakamega Rain Forest & Isukuti Dance

The Kakamega Forest, Kenya

Site on a Tentative List since 2010

17/08/2022 – 27/08/2022



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 aims to raise the awareness of the local and international volunteers and the local communities about the need to protect the World Heritage site of Kakamega Forest and provide them with the tools to better understand biodiversity management. It also aims to raise the awareness of the volunteers about the Isukuti culture.

Project activities:

The volunteers will participate in forest walks and biodiversity monitoring programmes to discover the site's biodiversity, and they will share knowledge and exchange experience with local students regarding World Heritage preservation. Additionally, they will carry out hands-on activities to maintain tree and nursery facilities, assist in the farming of butterflies, and facilitate the construction of traditional houses. The project will incorporate some elements of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and provide volunteers a chance to experience it, such as the Isukuti culture and dance.

Partners:

Kenya Wildlife Service, Kakamega Forest Reserve Guide Association, Kenya National Commission for UNESCO, Kenya National Commission for UNESCO Youth Forum, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa

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