



# WHV – Jeunesse engagée pour la conservation durable de la basse vallée de l'Ouémé

# Basse vallée de l'Ouémé, Benin

Site on a Tentative List since 2020

03/10/2022 - 17/10/2022

The "Basse vallée de l'Ouémé" is a set of terrestrial and coastal/marine ecosystems specific to the Dahomey Gap with species of interest and a set of villages built on the water (lacustrine site) in huts on stilts with a very original architecture and where the *Tofin* and *Ouém*è communities inhabit.

## **Project objectives:**

Being implemented for the first time this year, the project aims to contribute to the sustainable conservation of the site through concrete hands-on activities, and conduct an awareness campaign on the importance of the site.

### **Project activities:**

The volunteers will visit the site and conceptualise new ecotourism routes and participate in reforestation activities through tree planting. They will join and facilitate five awareness-raising sessions, including diverse discussions on biosphere reserves for women's groups and schools, the biodiversity (fauna and flora) and cultural richness of the Basse vallée de l'Ouémé, and roles and responsibilities of the different actors in the preservation of the site, along with the participation of the site manager and local authorities. They will also share relevant content about the site on social media.

### Partners:

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