

WHV – Fort Jesus

Fort Jesus, Mombasa, Kenya

PROJECT DATES

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage list (2011)

01 August - 14 August 2023

THE SITE - The Fort, built by the Portuguese in 1593-1596 to the designs of Giovanni Battista Cairati to protect the port of Mombasa, is one of the most outstanding and well preserved examples of 16th Portuguese military fortification and a landmark in the history of this type of construction.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims at raising awareness about the need to protect and promote the Fort Jesus property by the direct involvement of young people, volunteers, local communities, and concerned authorities. It aims at facilitating stakeholder participation and allowing young people to learn skills, basic preservation and conservation techniques and raise their capacity as future decision-makers and global active citizens for strengthened sustainable cooperation and development.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will participate in various awareness raising activities focusing on the promotion and preservation of the site, including running classroom programmes related to World Heritage in the primary schools located around Fort Jesus. Participants will organize public talks and facilitate capacity building workshops for the local community; they will undertake hands-on actions such as site cleaning, garbage collection and linkage to recycling facilities, and tree planting. They will also organize games in schools to promote World Heritage and will assist the work done in the local schools, hospitals and surrounding institutions.

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