

WHV – The Historic Town of Gedi

The Historic Town of Gedi, Kenya

Cultural property inscribed on the Tentative List (2010)

PROJECT DATES

07 August - 27 August 2023

THE SITE - Gedi dates back from the 15th century, and through careful preservation most of the original foundations can still be seen today. The historic town presents us with evidence of the development of an architectural complex consisting of mosques, palaces, and living quarters that were protected with two stone walls around it making it a unique landscape at this period in history. It is an outstanding testimony to the social and economic structure of the inhabitants of Gedi around the 13th century AD, one of the most prosperous Swahili city states before its decline in the 18th Century.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims at supporting conservation and education activities relating to the protection and preservation of Gedi Ruins Monument and its interconnection with Arabuko-Sokoke Forest, involving local communities and young people and demonstrating that the historic town of Gedi can provide new and unexpected income sources.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will support conservation and education activities in the wider framework of the peoples' livelihood- biodiversity conservation initiative of Kipepeo Butterfly Project to promote nature-based products. They will work in connection with the Arabuko-Sokoke project with the objective of helping develop positive attitudes among local people towards conservation of the forest and of the Historic town of Gedi as possible sources of income. Sustainable tourism and marketing of nature-based products has significantly helped reducing the threats faced by the forest from unsustainable use by local communities seeking out a living to meet their basic needs.

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