

WHV – Tsavo National Park and Chyulu Hills Programme

Tsavo Parks and Chyulu Hills Complex, Kenya

Natural property inscribed on the Tentative list (2010)

PROJECT DATES

14 July - 24 July 2023

THE SITE - The park has the largest single population of African elephants now estimated at over 14,000. Kisumu Cave Complex found in the Chyulu hills includes extensive lava flows that have created some spectacular craters and hills, and it includes what is currently considered to be the second largest lava cave in the world. In order to protect this rich biodiversity, Tsavo National Park was established in 1948 covering an area of over 20,806 square kilometres, including the most critical habitats essential for the survival of viable animal and plant populations.

OBJECTIVES - The project's main objectives are to raise awareness of the preservation and promotion of the site; to encourage local and international volunteers to get involved and strengthen their skills on heritage and wildlife protection; to develop strong cooperation between different stakeholders.

ACTIVITIES - Under the guidance of the Tsavo National Park rangers, the volunteers will learn how to monitor the wildlife and the native ecosystem and help the recording and documentation of the number of flora and fauna during activities such as guided tours and game drives. They will reach out to the local communities and share the knowledge they have gained on heritage and wildlife protection measures, and human-wildlife conflict. Some other hands-on activities will include the maintenance of the caves and infrastructure (e.g. fences and camera traps) in the Park.

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