

WHV – Saving Forests for a Climate-Safe World

Rainforests of the Atsinanana, Madagascar

PROJECT DATES

Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2007)
and on the List of World Heritage in Danger (2010)

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THE SITE - The Rainforests of the Atsinanana comprise six national parks distributed along the eastern part of the island. These relict forests are critically important for maintaining ongoing ecological processes necessary for the survival of Madagascar's unique biodiversity, which reflects the island's geological history. Having completed its separation from all other land masses more than 60 million years ago, Madagascar's plant and animal life evolved in isolation. The rainforests are inscribed for their importance to both ecological and biological processes as well as their biodiversity and the threatened species they support. Many species are rare and threatened especially primates and lemurs.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims to promote World Heritage education among local communities and to strengthen climate action for site preservation and community resilience at World Heritage properties.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will participate in awareness raising, education and communication activities on World Heritage and climate change at the local community level. They will contribute to the dissemination of alternative reforestation and agro-ecology techniques based on site protection and community resilience.

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