

# WHV – The Eco-agents: Together for a healed Island of Mozambique Site

## Island of Mozambique, Mozambique

## PROJECT DATES

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1991)

15 August - 29 August 2023

**THE SITE** - The fortified city of Mozambique is located on this island, a former Portuguese trading post on the route to India. Its remarkable architectural unity is due to the consistent use, since the sixteenth century, of the same building techniques, building materials (stone or macuti) and decorative principles. The town and the fortifications on the Island of Mozambique are an outstanding example of an architecture in which local traditions, Portuguese influences and, to a somewhat lesser extent, Indian and Arab influences are all interwoven. The Island of Mozambique bears important witness to the establishment and development of the Portuguese maritime routes between Western Europe and the Indian sub-continent and thence all of Asia.

**OBJECTIVES** - As a follow-up project for preservation and protection of the World Heritage site, it targets the promotion of intercultural activities among the youth, volunteers and local communities. The project will also foster collaboration of non-profit organisations through trainings on human resources and preservation of local habits and customs.

**ACTIVITIES** - The project intends to raise awareness among the local communities, volunteers and young people on matters regarding World Heritage, and also sensitize them concerning erosion prevention at the World Heritage site. Relying on the successful experiences in 2019 and 2021, the project aims to consolidate what has already been put in ground in the former experiences to grant great engagement contribution for the preservation and protection through debates and non-formal education workshops. With the facilitation of volunteers, the project foresees to provide training to participants, preparation of about 4000 mangrove plants seedlings to be planted around the areas affected by erosion and to create a youth mobilisation group in the affected area.

**PARTNERS** - Local Government or authorities (Environmental Sector), Island of Mozambique Conservation Office (GACIM) District Government of the Island of Mozambique, District Youth Council, National Youth Council, Association of UniLurio University Students.

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