

WHV – Generational transmission of knowledge associated with the coffee cultural landscape and recognition of its best practices

Coffee Cultural Landscape of Colombia, Colombia

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2011)

PROJECT DATES

04 July - 13 July 2023

THE SITE - An exceptional example of a sustainable and productive cultural landscape that is unique and representative of a tradition that is a strong symbol for coffee growing areas worldwide - encompasses six farming landscapes, which include 18 urban centres on the foothills of the western and central ranges of the Cordillera de los Andes in the west of the country. It reflects a centennial tradition of coffee growing in small plots in the high forest and the way farmers have adapted cultivation to difficult mountain conditions. The urban areas, mainly situated on the relatively flat tops of hills above sloping coffee fields, are characterized by the architecture of the Antioquian colonization with Spanish influence. Building materials were, and remain in some areas, cob and pleated cane for the walls with clay tiles for the roofs.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims at involving young local people in the transmission and preservation of traditional techniques and knowledge involved in the artistic processes of community artisans.

ACTIVITIES - Volunteers will participate in guided visits to some of the properties converted into natural reserves or soil conservation districts that conform the coffee cultural landscape in order to identify the natural landscape of the site. They will develop experiential workshops with the bearers of patrimonial knowledge on the most representative artistic processes of the Coffee Cultural Landscape for their identification and safeguard as intangible heritage. Participants will then collect raw materials and make handicraft objects based on the traditional techniques and knowledge identified.

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