

WHV – NYERO ROCK ART SITE

Nyero and other hunter-gatherer geometric rock art sites in eastern Uganda, Uganda

PROJECT DATES

19 June - 28 June 2023

Cultural property inscribed on the Tentative List (1997)

THE SITE - The Nyero Rockpaintings site is a three tiered rockshelters with primitive paintings on their inner surfaces. Archaeologically the site is of a Later Iron Age period. The makers of the paintings cannot be traced but the ingenuity in which they were painted demonstrates a high degree of appreciation of their aesthetic values.

OBJECTIVES - As a follow-up project, it aims to consolidate the partnership and actively mobilize young people, the local community and different stakeholders in the preservation and promotion of the site; to engage the Government ministries to explore undocumented heritage around the site; to equip volunteers with digital literacy knowledge and skills for sustainable heritage conservation.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will partake in various hands-on activities, including tree planting, Trash Action and clean-up, which would improve the environmental protection and hygiene conditions. After participating in an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) training, volunteers will obtain an increased knowledge and skills to promote and preserve heritage through digital formats. They will then support in the organization of different awareness-raising actions targeting young people and the general public, such as local radio talk shows, storytelling on heritage and cultural conservation, music, dance and drama competition, intercommunity sports and annual cultural galas, capacity building of school heritage and cultural clubs.

PARTNERS - National Forestry Authority, Uganda Red Cross Society, Plascon Paints, Coca-Cola and Pepsi cola companies, Kumi local government, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Nobility Tours & Travel Company, Total Energies Uganda

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