

WHV – Proposed Conservation and Repair Works on Ussher Fort

Forts and Castles, Volta, Greater Accra, Central and Western Regions, Ghana

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1979)

PROJECT DATES

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THE SITE - These fortified trading posts, founded between 1482 and 1786, and spanning a distance of approximately 500 km along the coast of Ghana between Keta in the east and Beyin in the west, were links in the trading routes established by the Portuguese in many areas of the world during their era of great maritime exploration. The castles and forts were built and occupied at different times by traders from Portugal, Spain, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Germany and Britain. They served the gold trade of European chartered companies. Latterly they played a significant part in the developing slave trade, and therefore in the history of the Americas, and, subsequently, in the 19th century, in the suppression of that trade.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims at contributing to preserve the Outstanding Universal Values of the property through conservation works, site interpretation and visitors satisfaction improvements at Ussher Fort.

ACTIVITIES - Volunteers will work under the guidance of the site management authority and specialists for the rehabilitation of the stone wall and painting part of the façade at Ussher Fort; they will also run public educational activities and film shows to raise awareness about the heritage site among the local community.

PARTNERS - Ussher Town Fisher Folks and Community Youth.

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