

WHV – Mount Kenya National Park

Mount Kenya National Park/Natural Forest, Kenya

PROJECT DATES

Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1997, 2013)

05 - 16 August 2024

THE SITE - At 5,199 m, Mount Kenya is the second highest peak in Africa. It is an ancient extinct volcano, which during its period of activity (3.1-2.6 million years ago) is thought to have risen to 6,500 m. There are 12 remnant glaciers on the mountain, all receding rapidly, and four secondary peaks that sit at the head of the U-shaped glacial valleys. With its rugged glacier-clad summits and forested middle slopes, Mount Kenya is one of the most impressive landscapes in East Africa. The evolution and ecology of its afro-alpine flora provide an outstanding example of ecological and biological processes. Through the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy and Ngare Ndare Forest Reserve, the property also incorporates lower lying scenic foothills and arid habitats of high biodiversity, situated in the ecological transition zone between the mountain ecosystem and the semi-arid savanna grasslands. The area also lies within the traditional migrating route of the African elephant population.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims at contributing to the conservation efforts of Mount Kenya unique combination of natural beauty, diverse ecosystems, and rich cultural significance, supporting sustainable development and promoting the cultural heritage of the local communities.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will develop and implement educational programs, support the establishment of interactive visitor centers, conduct youth workshops and organize community engagement events. They will also launch digital campaigns and maintain a social media presence, collectively enhancing local and global awareness and engagement for the sustainable preservation of Mount Kenya National Park. They will facilitate hands-on activities that empower local communities to actively participate in conservation efforts, such as tree planting, waste management, and sustainable resource use.

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