

# WHV – I.V.Y. Africa: Interregional Volunteer Youth for Heritage and Climate Action / MadEx-The Madagascar Experience

## Royal Hill of Ambohimanga, Madagascar

Cultural and natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2001)

## Rainforests of the Atsinanana, Madagascar

Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2007) and on the List of World Heritage in Danger (2010)

## Andrefana Dry Forests, Madagascar

Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1990)

### PROJECT DATES

14 - 30

September

2024

**TO BE CONFIRMED**

**THE SITE** - The Royal Hill of Ambohimanga consists of a royal city and burial site, and an ensemble of sacred places. It is associated with strong feelings of national identity, and has maintained its spiritual and sacred character both in ritual practice and the popular imagination for the past 500 years. The Rainforests of the Atsinanana comprise six national parks distributed along the eastern part of the island. These relict forests are critically important for maintaining ongoing ecological processes necessary for the survival of Madagascar's unique biodiversity, which reflects the island's geological history. The Andrefana Dry Forests comprise karstic landscapes and limestone uplands cut into impressive 'tsingy' peaks and a 'forest' of limestone needles, the spectacular canyon of the Manambolo river, rolling hills and high peaks. Undisturbed forests, lakes and mangrove swamps are the habitat for rare and endangered lemurs and birds.

**OBJECTIVES** - Hosted by the Malagasy National Commission to UNESCO (COMNAT) and working at the unique crossroad of natural and cultural heritage of the island, among the most affected sites by climate change threats, the capacity building event will promote and support the development of youth cooperation and volunteering efforts for heritage and climate action.

**ACTIVITIES** - The volunteers will take part in a regional capacity building and participatory action research event, which will promote and support the development of youth cooperation and volunteering efforts for heritage and climate action in Africa. With a holistic methodological blending of experts inputs, peer and experiential learning through volunteering at three different World Heritage sites in Madagascar, the activity will guarantee that participants from 17 countries and representing 25 African heritage sites highly affected by climate change will gain new knowledge, develop specific skills, and discuss different values and perspectives towards a common volunteer exchange framework for youth action for heritage preservation in Africa.

**PARTNERS** - Multi-stakeholders regional project.

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