

# WHV – Strengthening the capacities of local young people for conservation and management of the Quirimbas Archipelago Heritage

## The Quirimbas Archipelago, Mozambique

## PROJECT DATES

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**THE SITE** - The Quirimbas Archipelago, a cultural and natural heritage in northern Mozambique, consists of 31 islands stretching south from Cape Delgado for approximately 200 miles. These islands, running along the coast, are partly linked to the coast by sand bars, coral reefs, mangroves and water rich in marine life. Of special interest are the Islands of Ibo, and to a less extent, Quisiva and Matemo, that are old Portuguese settlements with pre-colonial Swahili settlements. The site is an outstanding illustration of the phases of a particular culture that brought together and homogenized disparate elements of the cultures of Africa, the Arab region, India, and Europe over more than a millennium.

**OBJECTIVES** - The project aims to build the capacities of institutions, communities, and youth to value and conserve the natural, historical, and cultural heritage of the Quirimbas archipelago. It seeks to raise awareness, provide practical tools for heritage conservation, engage various stakeholders in conservation activities, promote traditional knowledge, train in environmental communication, strengthen local culture, and enhance collaboration among international and local stakeholders for heritage preservation.

**ACTIVITIES** - The project includes workshops on world heritage nomination, natural resource management, disaster risk management, and conservation of mangroves, as well as human rights and gender issues. Awareness-raising activities will focus on the conservation of Ibo Island's heritage, environmental debates, and presentations by volunteers. Practical activities include invasive plant removal, plastic clean-up campaigns, recycling projects, and community compost bin construction, complemented by cultural exchanges and field visits to historical sites and solid waste management initiatives.

**PARTNERS** - Governo do Distrito de Ibo/Ibo Administration, Quirimbas National Park/Biosphere Reserve, Serviço Distrital de Educação, Juventude e Tecnologia/ Youth and Education authority in Ibo District; Arch. Midia Trust, Ibo Foundation, Direção Provincial da Cultura e Turismo de Cabo Delgado; Community leaders, Conselho Comunitario de Pesca (CCP), Comité de Gestão de Recursos Naturais (CGRNM), Associação de Naturais e Amigos de Quirimba (ANAQ), Comité de Gestão de Água e Saneamento /Local Water Committee, Associação de Guias de Turismo de Ibo; Ibo Island lodge, MitiMiwiri, Pastelaria e Restaurant Sukiri Na Munyo, Baptista investimentos Lda, Construtora da Magos Lda.

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