

## WHV – Crossroads of Culture

### Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda

### PROJECT DATES

Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1994)

01 May - 15 November 2024

**THE SITE** - Located in south-western Uganda, at the junction of the plain and mountain forests, Bwindi Park covers 32,000 ha and is known for its exceptional biodiversity, with more than 160 species of trees and over 100 species of ferns. Many types of birds and butterflies can also be found there, as well as many endangered species, including the mountain gorilla. As a key site for biodiversity on the continent, the species richness occurring in this site can be considered as a superlative natural phenomenon.

**OBJECTIVES** - The project aims at promoting capacity building in sustainable economic and heritage management, running creative digital awareness and promotional campaigns, organizing community service and community-led initiatives to protect the environment and heritage, developing business boot camps for economic initiatives that sustainably use culture and heritage, and creating creative advocacy platforms for pro-conservation policies and the protection of heritage, culture, and the environment. The project's focus on the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is deeply rooted in its dual significance as a biodiversity hotspot and a cultural treasure trove.

**ACTIVITIES** - Volunteers will help facilitate knowledge exchange among diverse cultural groups, engage local communities in tree planting for biodiversity conservation, provide youth with training in traditional arts and social media, host digital dialogues with experts on conservation and heritage preservation, and create a digital story to raise awareness about Bwindi's significance and conservation efforts.

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