

WHV – NYERO ROCK ART SITE

Nyero and other hunter-gatherer geometric rock art sites in eastern Uganda, Uganda

PROJECT DATES

16 - 26 September 2024

Cultural property inscribed on the Tentative List (1997)

THE SITE - The Nyero Rockpaintings site is a three tiered rockshelters with primitive paintings on their inner surfaces. Archaeologically the site is of a Later Iron Age period. The makers of the paintings cannot be traced but the ingenuity in which they were painted demonstrates a high degree of appreciation of their aesthetic values.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims to raise awareness about heritage site conservation, promote intangible cultural heritage, build youth capacity in ICT and innovation, enhance climate change adaptation and tourism, develop creative industries, and document heritage sites in Uganda.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will contribute to restore the site's ecosystem by planting 4,000 indigenous trees, and will implement educational activities empowering site management committees, developing youth synergies between local and international volunteers, and raising the local community awareness through various activities. Additionally, the project will partner with Kumi University to train volunteers in ICT and heritage documentation, paint five outreach schools and health centers, and provide ICT and creative entrepreneurship training to 100 local youth each.

PARTNERS - Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, National Forestry Authority, Kumi District local government, Kumi University, Kansai Plascon Paints, Nobility Tours & Travel Company.

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