

WHV – GHNP

Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area, India

PROJECT DATES

Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2014)

19 August - 01 September 2024

02 - 15 September 2024

THE SITE - This National Park in the western part of the Himalayan Mountains in the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh is characterized by high alpine peaks, alpine meadows and riverine forests. The 90,540 ha property includes the upper mountain glacial and snow meltwater sources of several rivers, and the catchments of water supplies that are vital to millions of downstream users. The GHNP protects the monsoon-affected forests and alpine meadows of the Himalayan front ranges. It is part of the Himalaya biodiversity hotspot and includes twenty-five forest types along with a rich assemblage of fauna species, several of which are threatened. This gives the site outstanding significance for biodiversity conservation.

OBJECTIVES - The project, implemented by one of the historic partners of the Initiative, aims at building a network of active stakeholders and sensitise the local youth and the students on the Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area for the preservation of biodiversity.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will engage with students from the local communities and schools and will be involved in creating thematic mural paintings to raise awareness about climate change impact on the Park, preparing promotional materials for visitors and planting trees at the local forest nursery.

PARTNERS - Archeological Survey of India, Environmental department of Himachal Pradesh, Sainj Government School and College, Sainj Town Panchayath, Gaddi community leaders, Trekking Guide Association.

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