

## WHV – Save Western Ghats

### Western Ghats, India

Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2012)

### PROJECT DATES

October/November 2024 (tbc)

**THE SITE** - Older than the Himalaya mountains, the mountain chain of the Western Ghats represents geomorphic features of immense importance with unique biophysical and ecological processes. The site's high montane forest ecosystems influence the Indian monsoon weather pattern. It also has an exceptionally high level of biological diversity and endemism and is recognized as one of the world's eight 'hottest hotspots' of biological diversity.

**OBJECTIVES** - Implemented for the third time, the project aims at raising awareness about the Western Ghats and at helping the younger generations understanding the importance of preserving this natural World Heritage Site while developing sustainable approaches towards their socio-economic interdependence with the mountains ecosystem.

**ACTIVITIES** - The volunteers will focus on up-cycling available local resources, starting an urban forest and working with 'eco-warriors' to save the Mangalavanam mangrove vegetation in the Western Ghats communities. They will plant a Tulsi garden and work with students to create herbal essences and hand-wash soaps to be used at the schools, raising awareness and taking concrete action about the sustainability of the natural resources in the Western Ghats.

**PARTNERS** - Local schools.

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