

WHV – Area de Conservación Guanacaste-Heritage Ambassadors

Area de Conservación Guanacaste, Costa Rica

Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1999, 2004)

PROJECT DATES

03 - 14 November 2024

THE SITE - The Area de Conservación Guanacaste comprises 147,000 hectares of land and sea in the Northwest of Costa Rica. Encompassing several contiguous protected areas of various categories, the property is a mosaic of diverse ecosystems. A striking feature of Area de Conservación Guanacaste is the wealth of ecosystem and habitat diversity, all connected through an uninterrupted gradient from the Pacific Ocean across the highest peaks to the lowlands on the Caribbean side. Beyond the distinction into land and sea, the many landscape and forest types comprise mangroves, lowland rainforest, premontane and montane humid forest, cloud forest, as well as oak forests and savannahs with evergreen gallery forests along the many water courses. The property is globally important for the conservation of tropical biological diversity as one of the finest examples of a continuous and well-protected altitudinal transect in the Neotropics along a series of marine and terrestrial ecosystems.

OBJECTIVES - The project represents an important opportunity to welcome volunteers and engage them to support the management of the Site, while providing them with information and training that will help them develop as a group of "ambassadors" of the World Heritage site and disseminate in their communities the value of this designation.

ACTIVITIES - Volunteers will participate in the maintenance of tourist trails to facilitate the site visits, and they will install informative and interpretive signs along the paths. They will also take part in the waste collection actions at the Naranjo beach, run environmental education activities and support the management for the reparation work of the Corrales de Piedra.

PARTNERS - National System of Conservation Areas (SINAC), Guanacaste Conservation Area (ACG); Park Research Program Coordinator; cooks, bus drivers, park rangers in different sectors of the park.

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