

WHV – Tana Delta and Forests Complex Conservation Initiative

Tana Delta and Forests Complex, Kenya

PROJECT DATES

Natural property inscribed on the Tentative List (2010)

01 June – 14 June 2025

THE SITE - The Tana delta and the Tana forest which include the Boni, Dondori, Lunghi, Lower Tana Forest, Lango ya Samba Witu forest and the Tana delta provide unique ecosystem that is the Northern limit of Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forests biodiversity hotspot. The Tana Delta is the name loosely given to the floodplain ecosystem of the lower Tana River, a vast wetland complex on the Kenyan coast. Tana Forests are riparian forests along the meandering course of the lower Tana River, some 350km east of Nairobi and 240km north of Mombasa.

OBJECTIVES - The project is a conservation initiative aiming to preserve and restore the site's unique ecosystem, enhance local capacity in sustainable development, promote global awareness, develop ecotourism infrastructures and safeguard cultural traditions around the Tana Delta and Forests Complex.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will carry out workshops on biodiversity conservation, including lectures on sustainable farming and fishing, wetland restoration and wildlife protection, and will contribute to social media campaigns and cultural heritage documentation actions.

PARTNERS – UNESCO Regional Office; National Museums of Kenya; Kenya Forest Service (KFS); Local Community Groups.

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