

WHV – Interpretation and Presentation of World Heritage Sites Associated with Memory of recent Conflicts in Africa

Rwenzori Mountains National Park, Uganda

PROJECT DATES

Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1994)

15 August – 25 August 2025

THE SITE - The Rwenzori Mountains National Park covers nearly 100,000 ha in western Uganda and comprises the main part of the Rwenzori Mountain chain, which includes Africa's third highest peak (Mount Margherita: 5,109 m). The region's glaciers, waterfalls and lakes make it one of Africa's most beautiful alpine areas. The park has many natural habitats of endangered species and a rich and unusual flora comprising, among other species, the giant heather.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims at enhancing community engagement, addressing conservation challenges, promoting sustainability, and advocating for the preservation of the Rwenzori Mountains National Park. It seeks to foster local ownership of heritage, support conservation efforts, raise awareness about the vulnerabilities of World Heritage sites, integrate conservation with community livelihoods, build partnerships with other organizations, and promote safety and responsible tourism.

ACTIVITIES – The volunteers will participate in a wide range of awareness raising activities including community workshops, school educational programs, public awareness events (like clean-up drives and nature walks), social media campaigns, and collaborative art projects such as murals and sculptures. These activities aim to increase awareness of the park's ecological and cultural significance and promote sustainable practices. They will also undertake hands-on activities including eco-training and peace workshops, designed to enhance skills in sustainable land management, peace-building, biodiversity conservation, and eco-friendly tourism.

PARTNERS – Uganda Commission for UNESCO; Uganda Wildlife Authority; Kasese District Local Government; Musingika Foundation; Schools.

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