

WHV – World Heritage and Climate Action, A Story Telling Initiative Around Mt Rwenzori

Rwenzori Mountains National Park, Uganda

PROJECT DATES

Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1994)

25 September 05 October 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 to build on the success of the previous World Heritage Volunteers activities from 2024 on the link between indigenous knowledge and climate action. It aims at organising a story telling initiative among different communities around Mt Rwenzori, exploring the indigenous practices being utilized by communities to reduce the impacts of climate change on Mt Rwenzori. The project will also be used an opportunity to raise awareness on climate action amongst the local communities in the area.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will begin by organizing community visits and scheduling appropriate times to engage with local residents. This initial phase will also allow them to gain a general understanding of the communities and their cultural context. Following this, they will visit five selected communities to assess their awareness of climate change and explore whether any indigenous practices are being used to mitigate its effects. After the community visits, the volunteers will compile and analyze the information gathered to identify key insights and patterns. To conclude the program, they will have the opportunity to visit a cultural center and participate in a short hike.

PARTNERS - UNESCO Project Office Uganda, Uganda National Commission for UNESCO, identified youth groups in Kasese.

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