

WHV – Youth participation in combating Climate Change

Mosi-oa-Tunya / Victoria Falls, Zambia/Zimbabwe

PROJECT DATES

Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1989)

15 October - 25 October 2025

THE SITE - The Mosi-oa-Tunya/Victoria Falls is the world's greatest sheet of falling water and significant worldwide for its exceptional geological and geomorphological features and active land formation processes with outstanding beauty attributed to the falls. Eight spectacular gorges of igneous origin (i.e. comprising basalts) and several islands in the core zone serve as breeding sites for four endangered and migratory bird species, such as the Taita Falcon and Black Eagle. The Mosi-oa-Tunya/Victoria Falls and associated eight steep sided gorges have been formed through the changing waterfall positions over a geological time scale. The gorges are an outstanding example of river capture and the erosive forces of the water still continue to sculpture the hard basalts.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims at contributing to the fight against Climate Change that is affecting the area of Mosi-oa-Tunya / Victoria Falls, both in Zambia and Zimbabwe, showing the public the effects of pollution in its different forms and raising public awareness about the existing Climate Smart Tourism initiatives.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will run trainings and Climate Change education activities with the local communities, utilising both traditional and modern media. Under the guidance and supervision of the experts and professionals from the site management authorities, they will also learn about the site's nature conservation and the control of invasive species at the Falls.

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