

WHV – Living Heritage! Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the San Agustin and Isnos Archaeological Parks as World Heritage through Awareness and Social Appropriation

San Agustin Archaeological Park, Colombia

PROJECT DATES

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1995)

01 September – 30 December 2025

THE SITE - The largest group of religious monuments and megalithic sculptures in South America stands in a wild, spectacular landscape. Gods and mythical animals are skilfully represented in styles ranging from abstract to realist. These works of art display the creativity and imagination of a northern Andean culture that flourished from the 1st to the 8th century.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims at celebrating the 30th anniversary of the San Agustín and Isnos Archaeological Parks as a World Heritage site by promoting awareness and social appropriation of this heritage.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will actively contribute to celebrating the 30th anniversary of the San Agustín and Isnos Archaeological Parks through a blend of awareness-raising and hands-on activities. Awareness-raising activities are designed to engage the community and promote understanding of the parks' value and heritage. These include educational workshops, talks, and cultural events aimed at different age groups, using various communication methods to maximize reach. Hands-on activities directly involve participants in the celebration and preservation efforts, such as collaborative projects with local artisans, the creation of artistic and cultural products inspired by the parks, and activities that encourage interaction with the archaeological site. Both types of activities emphasize community participation, cultural exchange, and the creation of lasting products that showcase the heritage of the San Agustín and Isnos Archaeological Parks.

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