

WHV – Area de Conservación Guanacaste-Heritage Ambassadors

Area de Conservación Guanacaste, Costa Rica

Natural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1999, 2004)

PROJECT DATES

01 - 12 September 2025

THE SITE - The Area de Conservación Guanacaste comprises 147,000 hectares of land and sea in the Northwest of Costa Rica. Encompassing several contiguous protected areas of various categories, the property is a mosaic of diverse ecosystems. A striking feature of Area de Conservación Guanacaste is the wealth of ecosystem and habitat diversity, all connected through an uninterrupted gradient from the Pacific Ocean across the highest peaks to the lowlands on the Caribbean side. Beyond the distinction into land and sea, the many landscape and forest types comprise mangroves, lowland rainforest, premontane and montane humid forest, cloud forest, as well as oak forests and savannahs with evergreen gallery forests along the many water courses. The property is globally important for the conservation of tropical biological diversity as one of the finest examples of a continuous and well-protected altitudinal transect in the Neotropics along a series of marine and terrestrial ecosystems.

OBJECTIVES - The project represents an important opportunity to welcome volunteers and engage them to support the management of the Site, while providing them with information and training that will help them develop as a group of "ambassadors" of the World Heritage site and disseminate in their communities the value of this designation.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will support the maintenance of tourist trails to improve accessibility for visitors and assist with the installation of informative, directional, and interpretive signage throughout the area. They will also participate in talks and field trips led by the Fire Management and Biological Education Programs, enhancing their understanding of local conservation efforts. Additionally, they will take part in workshops and discussions on topics such as the history of the Guanacaste Conservation Area (ACG), the concept of Biodevelopment, the significance of the ACG as a natural heritage site, and approaches to tourism management within a heritage context.

PARTNERS - Guanacaste Conservation Area (ACG)

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