

Group of Monuments at Hampi, India

Cultural site inscribed in 1986

The austere, grandiose site of Hampi was the last capital of the last great Hindu Kingdom of Vijayanagar. Its fabulously rich princes built Dravidian temples and palaces which won the admiration of travellers between the 14th and 16th centuries. Conquered by the Deccan Muslim confederacy in 1565, the city was pillaged over a period of six months before being abandoned.



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<u>Project objectives:</u> Targeting long-term actions, the WHV-Hampi project aims not only to raise awareness about heritage but also to get local community involved in conservation activities.

<u>Project activities:</u> Aside cleaning activities at 2 sites, mango and coconut saplings will be planted in a plant nursery and then taken care of by local children. A drawing competition which will be exhibited in an open gallery will be set up by the volunteers who will also plan a Craft Bazaar event about local food and handicrafts and lead awareness walks and street plays.

<u>Partners:</u> The 2 regional offices of Archaeological Survey of India based in Bangalore and Hampi are the main institutional partners providing permissions, information and contacts to facilitate the implementation of this project.

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