

WHV – Rescuing the legacy and heritage of Corcovado National Park Reserve

*Corcovado National Park and Isla del Caño Biological Reserve,
Costa Rica*

Site inscribed on a Tentative List since 2003

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Project objectives: After the government declared Corcovado National Park as a national natural reserve, a number of people have dislocated from the site and lost their sense of belonging, ownership, and reason to cherish and preserve the site. As the farms around the site are closely linked to the site by the same water system from the rivers that flow through the park, one of the main objectives of the project is to raise awareness among the farmers about their daily actions such as using toxic agronomic products that affects the natural environment. It also aims to encourage them to develop a sustainable and eco-friendly agriculture system.

Project activities: The volunteers will survey on farmers' knowledge level on the toxicity of agrochemicals. They will also learn how to detect its abuse. After that, they will be involved in different activities related to the local environment protection such as producing a biological soap; exploring the forest for seeds searching which will be distributed among the farmers later; planting bamboo crops to make them available for the biochar production in the future; and collecting microorganisms for soils restoration from the mountain.

Partners: Concejo Tecnico Local, ADI La Palma and ADI Puerto Jimenez, INDER (Instituto de desarrollo rural), and Minaet (Ministerio de Ambiente y Energía).