

World Heritage Volunteers 2015

Project Description

Title	World Heritage Volunteers Keeping on landscaping and caring for Vernazza
Site	Portovenere, Cinque Terre and the Islands (Palmaria, Tino and Tinetto)
Status	Cultural site inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1997
Project location	Vernazza, La Spezia, Italy
Project dates	09 July 2015 to 19 July 2015
Site description	The Ligurian coast between Cinque Terre and Portovenere is a cultural landscape of great scenic and cultural value. The layout and disposition of the small towns and the shaping of the surrounding landscape, overcoming the disadvantages of a steep, uneven terrain, encapsulate the continuous history of human settlement in this region over the past millennium.
Project objectives	During october 2011 "Cinque Terre" were swept away by landslides and floods cause the strong rains with big damages to the houses and the agricultural grounds terraced cultivated in vineyards and sustained by dry wall. Different farmers abandoned the care of the grounds and the vineyards. Some of these grounds have been given by the owners to the association "Tu quoque" to preserve the agricultural and historical patrimony of the territory. The project therefore foresees the reconstruction of dry wall of such grounds. The association invites national and international volunteers who will actively learn how to rebuilt the famous dry stone walls incorporating also the intangible knowledge, become a good working and supportive team and act as sensible educators about the terraced landscape issues towards tourists as well as local people.
Project activities	The volunteers will collaborate with local masters of dry wall building to clear and sort the materials, firstly in small groups of two persons and once learnt the process they can be involved in the positioning of the materials for the construction of the dry wall and the preservation of the cultures from abandonment. There will be a survey to tourists and local inhabitants on how much they are aware of the issue of the dry stone walls to make them aware of the importance of terraced landscapes at local and worldwide scale.
Organisation	Tu Quoque
Partners	Local parish; ITLA (International Terraced Landscape Alliance) and its Italian branch; IBO (International Building Organization)
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