

WHV - Now It Is Our Turn To Protect Them

The Caspian Shore Defensive Constructions, Azerbaijan

Cultural site inscribed on the Tentative List since
2001

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All big villages on the Absheron Peninsula historically consisted of stronghold constructions. The strongholds in the defensive system of the Absheron Peninsula, which were built at the same period, occupy a very important place in Mardakan village. The oldest of them is the Mardakan stronghold built in 1187/1188 in the period of Shirvanshahs Dynasty. In 1204, Shirvanshahs built the other stronghold called the Small Mardakan stronghold. This project will mainly focus on activities of to preserve and protect this site.

Project objectives:

The aim of the project is to support and promote stronghold constructions of the Absheron Peninsula. By means of both educational and practical experiences, we offer volunteers experiences related to the sustainable management of natural and cultural heritage. Furthermore, the project promoting the active participation of volunteers and raises awareness about the value of World Heritage in Azerbaijan, with a particular focus on the role of youth. It also raises greater awareness about the need for community participation in World Heritage preservation.

Project activities:

Volunteers will take part in a cleaning campaign in Mardakan village, especially around the Mardakan stronghold and will disseminate information about the Caspian Shore defensive constructions in order to engage the surrounding communities in protecting their cultural heritage. Both local and international volunteers will participate in the project. Volunteers will facilitate educational activities, such as giving seminars on historical and cultural sites to schools and organizing guided sessions with young people in host community to promote culture. The project aims to sensitize the international and local volunteers, as well as local community and concerned authorities about issues related to World Heritage. Volunteers are expected to visit other strongholds on Absheron Peninsula and camp around them.

Partners:

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