

The African World Heritage Fund (AWHF)

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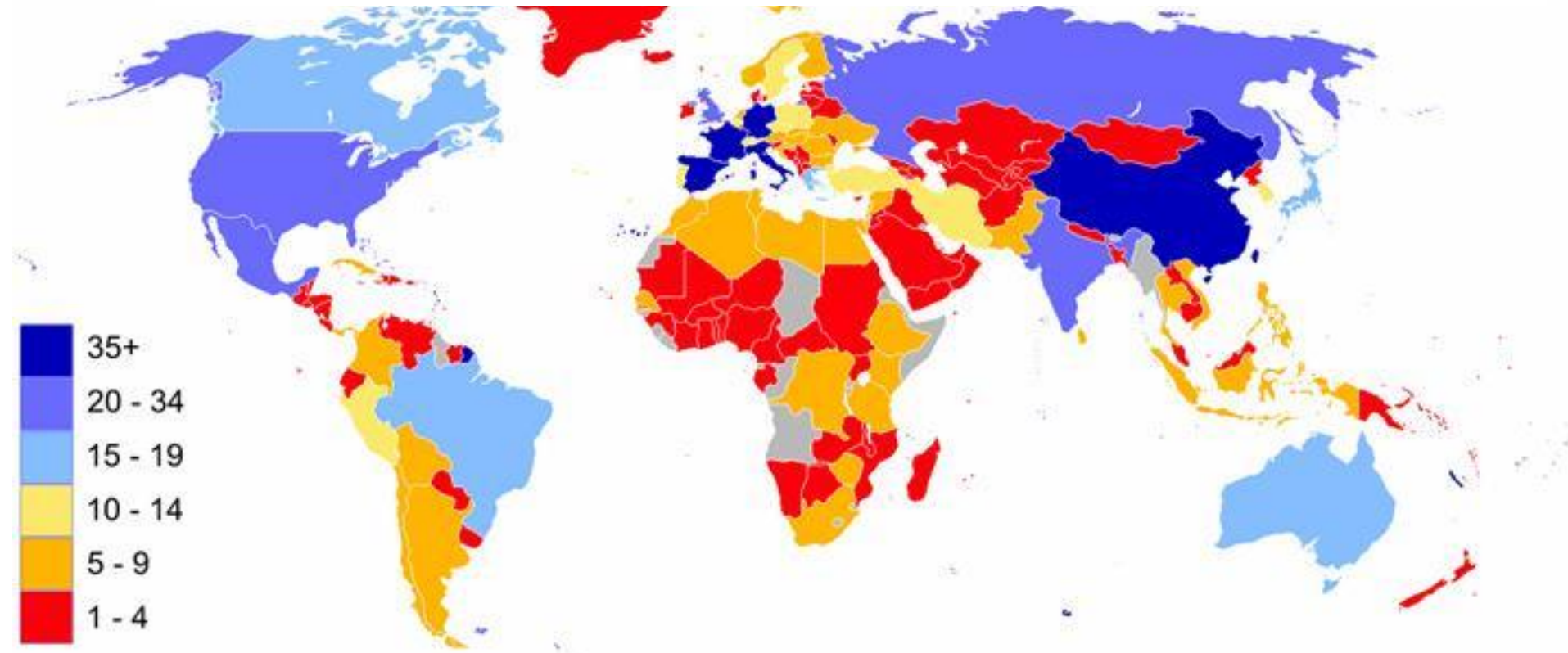
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1972 World Heritage Convention - World Heritage List

- Highest ratified convention in the world with 191 State Parties
- Africa is under-represented with only 128 of 1031 designated properties
- Africa has the highest number of properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger with 18 of 46



African World Heritage Fund

www.awhf.net

- 1. Aim:** To support the effective conservation and protection of natural and cultural heritage of Outstanding Universal Value in Africa
- 2. Launched** by African Union and African Member States of UNESCO in 2006. Became a UNESCO Category II Centre in 2008.
- 3. Programmes**
 - **Upstream processes:** Gap studies, Tentative Listing, Nomination programmes
 - **Safeguarding World Heritage:** Conservation, Management, Risk preparedness, Sustainable development
 - **Sustainability:** Sustainable tourism and entrepreneurship.
- 4. Grants:** Conservation and nomination

For more information about the activities of AWHF follow this link: <http://www.awhf.net>



STRATEGY TO IMPLEMENT WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION IN AFRICA

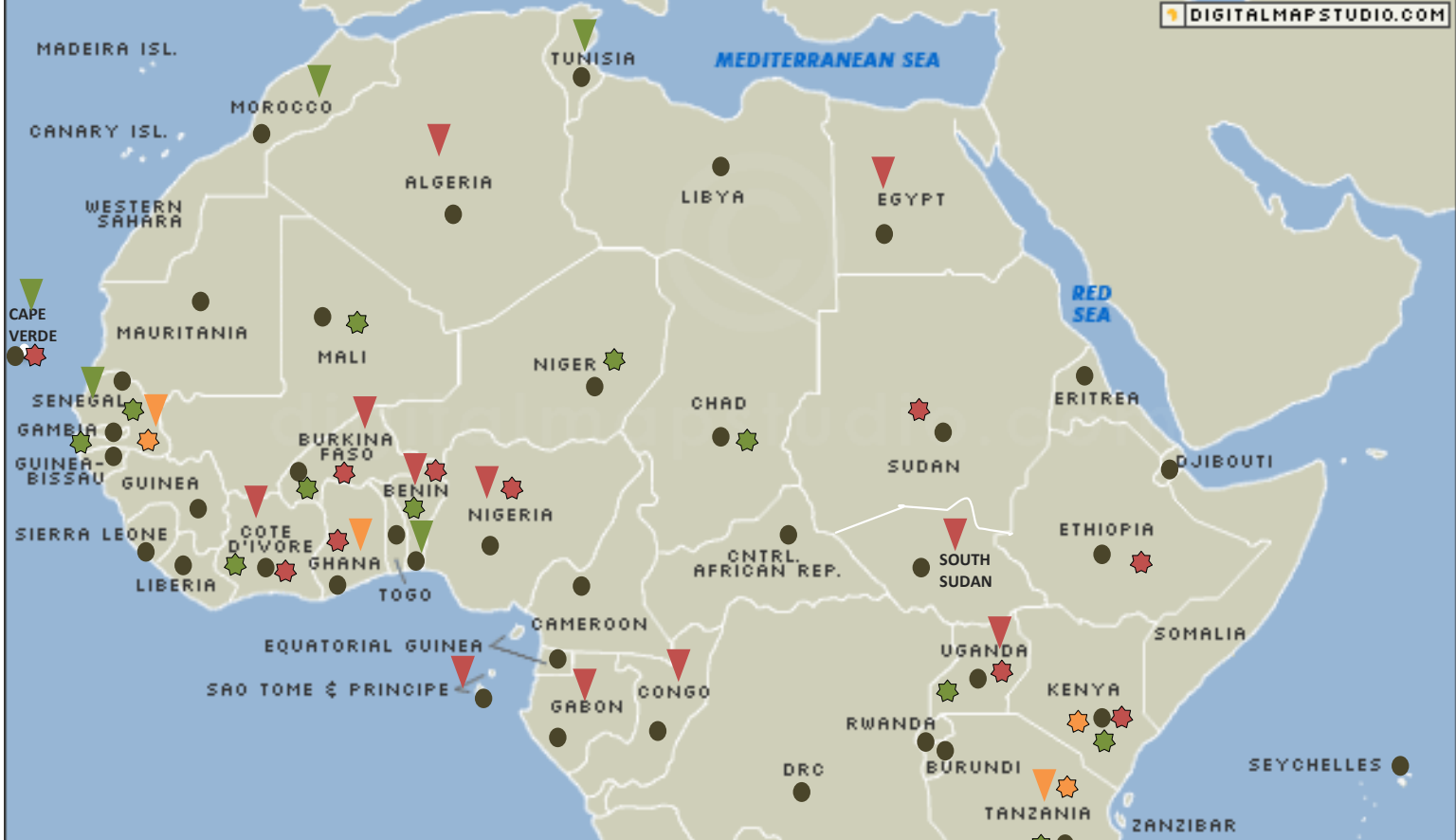
AWHF programmes

- **Upstream Processes:** Building capacity and improving the representation of African properties on the World Heritage List
- **Safeguarding World Heritage:** Preparing African States Parties to face the increasing natural and man-made threats to their properties
- **Sustainability:** Promoting heritage as a means to stimulate economic growth and improve the lives of communities



Strategic Mission of AWHF:

Through effective and sustainable management, Africa's World Heritage Sites will be catalysts in transforming Africa's image and act as a vehicle to stimulate socio-economic growth and infrastructure development on the continent.



AWHF Footprint 2008-2015



- ▼ Hosted activities
- Participated in activities
- ★ Granted assistance

Upstream Processes

Safeguarding World Heritage in Danger

Sustainability

AWHF NOMINATION GRANT

Aim: to provide support in finalizing a nomination dossier for inscription to World Heritage List

Eligibility:

- Countries/Region – Africa
- Sites on a county's tentative list
- Request for proposals and assistance is open to all African member states that have ratified the 1972 UNESCO World Heritage Convention.
- Note that only applications endorsed by the National Director in charge of cultural/natural heritage, or equivalent, will be accepted.

Budget:

- a) AWHF grant will only cover direct costs related to the project activities;
- b) Applicants should provide detailed budget in US\$ for every activity to be implemented;
- c) Applicants should indicate the State Parties' contribution to the project.

Application Procedures:

- Application form (English and French versions) can be downloaded from the AWHF website www.awhf.net.
- Applications can be submitted all year round

Evaluation and selection process:

All applications will be assessed before the final decision is made. The assessment will be based on but not limited to the following:

- a) Relevance and contribution of the project to finalizing the nomination dossier;
- b) Quality of the project proposal;
- c) Accurate and realistic budget.



Konso Cultural Landscape in Ethiopia received a nomination grant from AWHF to prepare the nomination file. The site was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2011.

AWHF CONSERVATION GRANT

Aim: to provide conservation grants to African State Parties to implement projects and activities which focus on improving the State of Conservation of World Heritage properties.

Eligibility:

- Countries/Region – Africa
- Projects activities are restricted to World Heritage Sites as declared by UNESCO.
- Project proposals MUST address challenges affecting the State of conservation of selected World Heritage property.
- Who can apply? Government institutions involved in the management and protection of World Heritage Sites.
- The application must be approved by Head/Director of heritage institution/organization accompanied by a cover letter endorsing the project.

Duration: The projects MUST be implemented within **12 months**.

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- Deadline 31st August every year (call open 1st July-31st August)

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- a) Relevance and contribution of the project to addressing the challenges at a particular World Heritage property;
- b) Quality and to what extent is the project proposal innovative;
- c) Accurate and realistic budget.



1. Lesotho: Management of Natural and Cultural Resources of Sehlabathebe National Park in Lesotho, involving the establishment of Botanical Garden and Rock Art Sites
2. South Africa: Preparation of an Integrated Disaster and Risks Plan for Robben Island World Heritage Site, South Africa
3. Cape Verde: Restoration of Santo Antonio Fort, Cidade Velha World Heritage Site in Cabo Verde

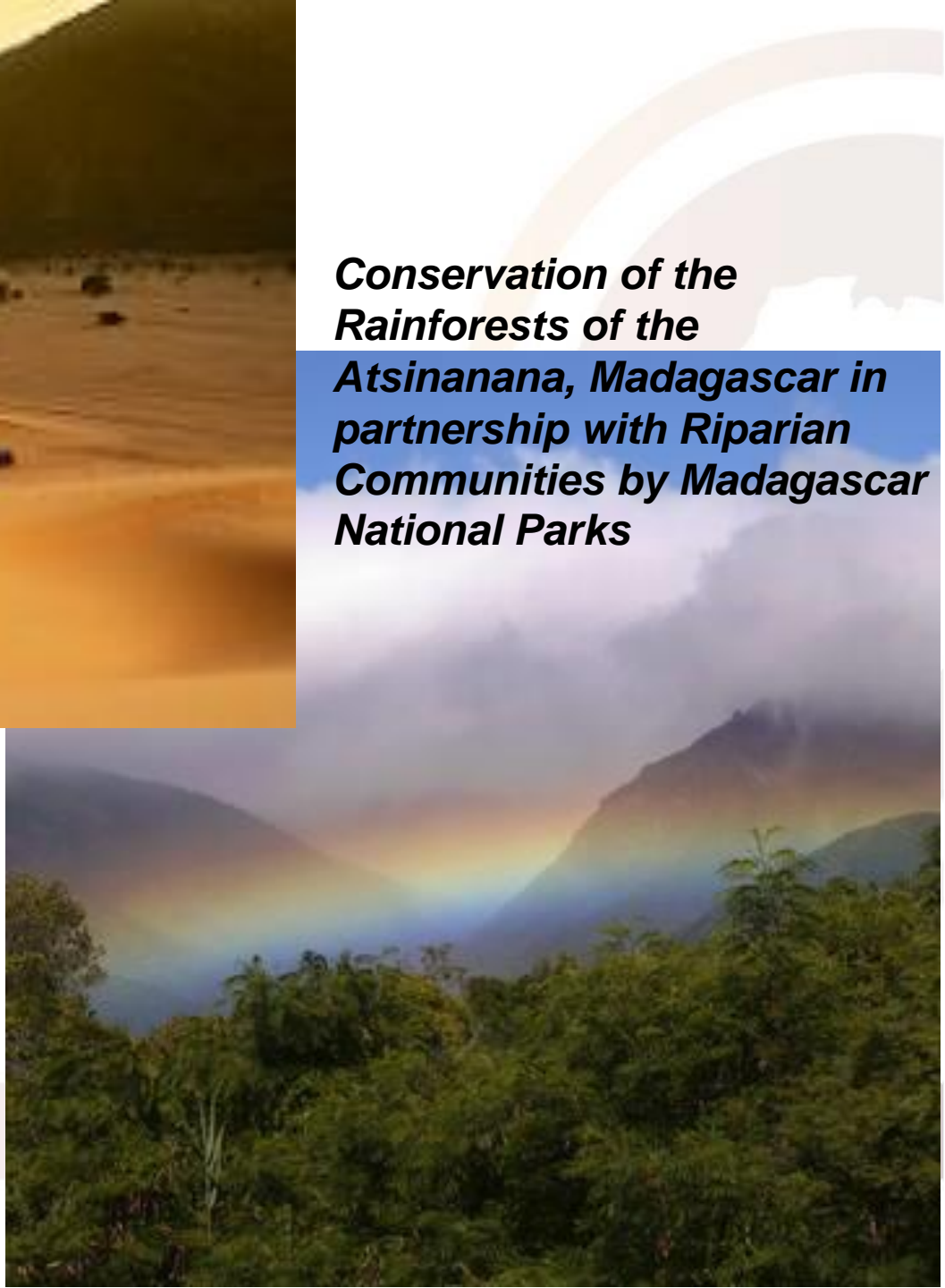


**Monitoring the Ecology of the Air
and Ténéré National Nature
Reserves in Niger by the Ministry
of Environment, Urban Safety and
Sustainable Development**

***Conservation of the
Rainforests of the
Atsinanana, Madagascar in
partnership with Riparian
Communities by Madagascar
National Parks***



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UNESCO World Heritage Centre Funding

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/funding/>

World Heritage Fund

The [World Heritage Fund](#) provides about US\$4 million annually to support activities requested by States Parties in need of [international assistance](#). The World Heritage Committee allocates funds according to the urgency of requests, priority being given to the most threatened sites.

Funds-in-Trust

Funds-in-Trust are donations given by countries to support specific projects with defined goals and objectives.

- [Flemish Funds-in-Trust](#) / [France-UNESCO Cooperation Agreement](#) / [Japanese FIT](#)
- [Netherlands Funds-in-Trust \(NFIT\)](#) / [Spanish FIT](#)

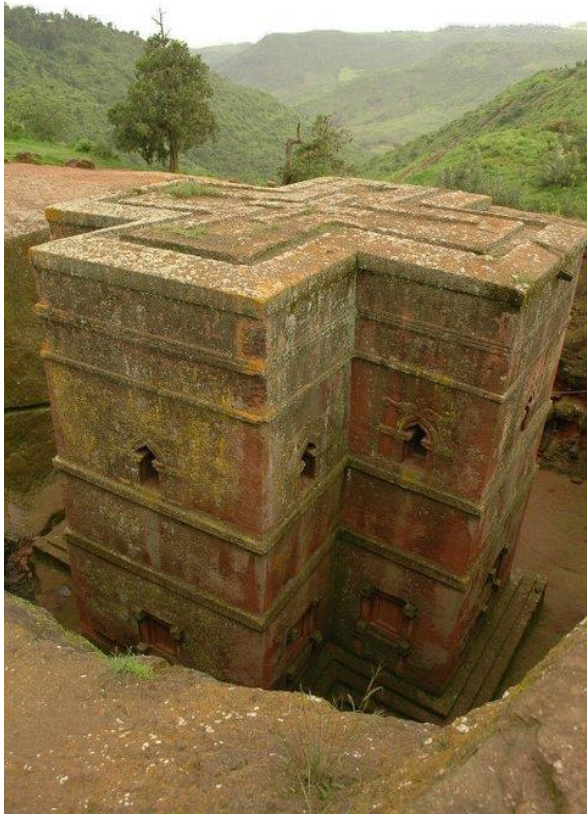
Rapid Response Facility

The Rapid Response Facility is a small grants programme jointly operated by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, the United Nations Foundation and Fauna & Flora International. It aims to protect natural World Heritage sites in times of crisis - and to do so quickly, flexibly and in real time.

RRF grants are specifically used to:

- Mobilize funds quickly to respond to emergency situations;
- Provide bridging funds in places where longer-term funding is being sought, and;
- Catalyse innovative financing mechanisms as part of long-term support programmes.





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