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WHV – Copainala

◆ WH Tentative List – the Churches in the Zoque Province, Chiapas, Mexico

This programme were designed to raise the awariness of volunteers and locals about the importance of restoration and to improve the knowledge and the understanding about the intangible heritage. Several workshops on different themes were organized to show the main techniques of conservation and to identify the deteriorations' causes at the WH sites.



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Classes in traditional dances, music and toy making were organized and local language, Zoque, were thought . Also a theatre about Guignol was played to

provide opportunity for the people with traditional knoweldge to express themselves and for others to experience and familiarize themselves with locals' intangible heritage. As a result, participants could understand local culture more deeply. Explanation about intangible elements of heritages such as local stories and legends about monuments helped participants to understands the origins of heritages such as churches of the Zoque route

Everyday two volunteers shared their experience with local media Xecopa, Radio Zoque, Tzotzil. Therefore the news about programme were also advertised to not only Chiapas but also negibouring regions such as Tabasco, Veracruz and Oaxaca.

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Sources: for the description of the World Heritage site: UNESCO World Heritage List, <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list>

For the description of the activities: www.whvolunteers.org and www.ccivs.org