

"World Heritage Volunteers - "Patrimonito Voluntary Action 2011"



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Churches in the Zoque province, Chiapas, Mexico

Mexico's Tentative List 2001 Cultural site

Eight churches were built in the 16th century under the guidance of Dominican friars whose goal was to evangelise the Zoque people, a culture which was heir to one of the most ancient cultures in Mesoamerica. The building project was originally of European design, but it soon acquired local features of Mexican Colonial art. The Convent of Santo Domingo Tecpatán is now the focal point of efforts to recover the use of the Zoque language.



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Project objectives: The project aims to preserve the site as historic building and as key site for the Zoque language protection.

Project activities: the volunteers will be involved in very practical renovation activities such as restoration under the supervision of experts and gardens cleaning. They will also run environmental and cultural workshops with dance, painting and new technologies activities.

Partners: The INAH Chiapas, the Municipality of Copainala, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Mexican Institute of Youth will be the main partners of the WHV-Copainala project and will provide material, human and promotional resources.

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