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WHV – Ocuituco

◆ Earliest 16th-Century Monasteries on the Slopes of Popocatepetl, Morelos, Mexico

Through the programme international volunteers and local people exchanged their opinions about WH sites and also helped restoring the fountain and the mermaids' sculptures in the ex-convent of Ocuituco. Cleaning and maintenance activities were performed by 20 local people under the supervision of the archaeologists from The National Institute of Anthropology and History.

Around 80 people from the local community participated in the project. 15 to 20 young people from Ocuituco participated in cleaning and maintenance activities. They also had discussion with local residences to raise interest and awareness of the importance of preserving WH.



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Volunteers were also involved in social activities that helped strengthening volunteers' understanding of local culture. For instance, local families provided 2 special traditional meals to volunteers to show their gratitude. Volunteers also visited 6 famous local sites and they participated in the biggest religious festival of the town.

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[World Heritage Volunteers – "Patrimonito Voluntary Action 2011"](#)

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