

"World Heritage Volunteers - "Patrimoine Volontaire Action 2011"



WHV – Aného-Glidji, TOGO
1 – 11 September 2011

Aného-Glidji agglomeration, TOGO

Togo's Tentative List 2000 cultural site

Birthplace of the Guin community, Aného is a town in southeastern Togo situated 45 km east of the capital Lomé, between the Atlantic Ocean and Lake Togo in Maritime Region. Historically it was known under the name Little Popo and it had a Portuguese slave market. It later became the first German capital of Togo in the 1880s. It gradually declined in importance after the capital was transferred to Lomé in 1897, a decline exacerbated by coastal erosion. The town's main industries are farming and fishing, while it is still a centre for voodoo. Notable buildings include Aneho Protestant Church built in 1895 and Aneho Peter and Paul Church, cathedral of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Aného, dating from 1898.



© CCIVS

Togo's tentative List 2000 Cultural site

Project objectives: The main objective is to sensitize the local community to promote activities related to Guin heritage and cultural traditions. It also aims to raise awareness of authorities, civil society, leaders and local population regarding World Heritage preservation.

Project activities: The volunteers will clean up the Guin sites and temples and distribute flyers to increase local community awareness to preserve sites, organize a radio programme, participate in traditional ceremonies, visit sites and support the Glidji forest. They will also hold meetings and roundtables with governmental authorities and civil society members. The *Adventures of Patrimoine and World Heritage* will be projected for young people and will be followed by exchanges on the importance of preservation of the Aného-Glidji agglomeration.

Partners: Collaboration with several national and local partners as the Ministry of Art and Culture, Ministry of Environment and Forest Resources, Ministry of primary, secondary and literacy Education, Heritage Management, City of Aného and Prefect of Lakes will be sought to facilitate the implementation, activities and access to the sites by the volunteers.

Les Amis de la Terre-Togo

Contact: MENSAH Amehowolo

cymens14@yahoo.fr

