

"World Heritage Volunteers - "Patrimonito Voluntary Action 2011"



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

Cultural site inscribed in 1994

These 14 monasteries stand on the slopes of Popocatepetl, to the south-east of Mexico City. One of them is the ex-convent of Yecapixtla built in the 16th century. They are in an excellent state of conservation and are good examples of the architectural style adopted by the first missionaries – Franciscans, Dominicans and Augustinians – who converted the indigenous populations to Christianity in the early 16th century. They also represent an example of a new architectural concept with open spaces of renewed importance.



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Project objectives: The main aim of the project is to raise awareness about the Ocuituco site and intangible heritage.

Project activities: The message about the importance of conserving the Ocuituco site will be conveyed via restoration and cleaning work with the help of professional restorers and artistic activities (puppets, drawing, painting) about world tangible and intangible heritage. Photos of the activities will be exhibited on the occasion of the closing event.

Partners: The WHV-Ocuituco project will benefit from the material and organisational support of the Parish of Ocuituco, the INAH Morelos, the Municipality of Ocuituco and the Morelos Institute of Culture.

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