

WHV – Conservation of the Jodensavanne Heritage in Suriname

The Settlement of Joden Savanne and Cassipora Cemetery, Suriname

Site on the Tentative List since 1998

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The former settlement of Joden Savanne (Jew's Savanne) and the cemetery at Cassipora, mark an important stage in the European colonization of the Western Hemisphere. The synagogue at Joden Savanne, of which a ruin remains, is the oldest still present in the Americas. It is a reminder of pioneers of American Judaism.

Project objectives:

Being implemented for the first time this year, the project aims at raising awareness about the property, exploring contemporary measures to protect it through comprehensive archaeological surveys.

Project activities:

The volunteers will be involved in trainings on artefact processing and identification, and workshops on archaeological field technique, and they will apply the knowledge and skills learnt, in maintenance and restoration works at specific parts of the Jodensavanne settlement and Cassipora cemetery. Additionally, they will get involved in a series of awareness raising and outreach activities, like participating in daily field experience reflections, sharing educational updates about the excavation discoveries on social media, participating in guided tour visits, and exchanging with young students about the values of their local heritage.

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