

**SAFETY AND EDUCATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE  
CULTURAL HERITAGE IN HONDURAS  
Antiquities Task Force (CAFT)**

**Technical Progress Report**

March 31, 2023

**1. Información General:**

<b>Project Name:</b>	SAFETY AND EDUCATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN HONDURAS		
<b>COUNTRY:</b>	Honduras	<b>Cities:</b>	Tegucigalpa, Trujillo, Omoa, Comayagua, Talgua en Catacamas y Copán Ruinas.
<b>Name of Federal Agency:</b>	U.S. Departments of State, Antiquities Task Force (CAFT)		
<b>Amount Requested :</b>	\$ 81,362.60	<b>Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):</b>	DHPMW9U7PCC3
<b>Name of the Implementer:</b>			
Instituto Hondureño de Antropología e Historia			
<b>Start Date</b>	October 1, 2022	<b>Closing Date Estimated:</b>	September 1, 2024

**2. Narrative description of progress:**

The objectives to be achieved are:

1. Prepare, through a collaboration between IHAH staff and national and foreign experts, a model SECURITY PLAN FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES AND IHAH MUSEUMS, which cultural heritage administrators and staff working in heritage sites and museums can use as a template to implement protection and security measures for their respective sites.
2. Preserve cultural heritage in heritage sites and museum collections through the acquisition and installation of comprehensive security systems, beginning with a pilot at the Regional Center for Archaeological Research and the Visitors Center of the Mayan Site of Copan.
3. Involve communities in the protection of cultural heritage sites, museums, and their collections, as well as related authorities and site administrators, to prevent damage, destruction and illicit trafficking.

The places involved are, The Old Presidential House site in Tegucigalpa, At the Santa Barbara Fortress site in Trujillo, At the El Puente Archaeological Park site, At the Talgua Caves Eco-Archaeological Park site in Olancho, the San Fernando of Omoa Fortress in Omoa, Comayagua Museum in Comayagua and the Copán Archaeological Park, specifically the CRIA Regional Center for Archaeological Research and the ticket sales area of the Visitors Center, which is located in the Maya Site of Copan.

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The activities carried out in the project during the second quarter have been the following:

1. Acquisition of the necessary materials to give the Little Archaeologists workshops and the Heritage Protectors workshops. They were quoted and purchased according to the legal regulations of the country for the acquisition of inputs, the necessary quotes were made, acquiring quality materials.
2. Design and layout of the visibility material and invitations to the workshops as well as the programs containing the activities to be carried out.
3. Preparation of presentations on cultural heritage, including its illicit traffic; Archaeology, The Importance of the Archaeologist and How to Protect Your Cultural Heritage. Each presentation is adapted to the existing cultural heritage in each area in which the workshop is taught.
4. Coordination with the Sub-Regional Office of the Fortaleza San Fernando de Omoa, the Municipality of Pimienta and the Casa de la Cultura Santiago-Pimienta to carry out the workshops. Initially this region was not included in the proposal, however the new goals of the current management and the request and interest of the Cultural Resources Guard of the Santiago Pimienta House of Culture led to the incorporation of the Cerro Palenque Archaeological site in this project.
5. Two workshops were given at the San Fernando de Omoa Fortress, the one for Little Archaeologists with boys and girls from schools and the one for Heritage Protectors in which members of the Omoa community, Chamber of Tourism, Municipality and others were involved.
6. In the urban center of the municipality of Pimienta and in the community of Santiago, two Little Archaeologists workshops were held with boys and girls from educational centers and from a comprehensive support center for minors at social risk. This initiative was achieved with the support of the Adela Mendez Cultural Resource Guard of the Santiago community, and the practical work of the workshop was carried out at the Cerro Palenque Archeological site around which the protection work will be carried out.
7. The workshops were given by Archaeologist Ramón Nieto, Omoa Subregional Representative Gerardo Johnson and Regional Promotion and Coordination Deputy Manager Martha Patricia Cardona.

In the area of Pimienta and Santiago they were offered by the Archaeologist Ramón Nieto, the Graduate Martha Patricia Cardona, the Sub regional Isabel Perdomo and the Cultural Resource Guard Adela Méndez.

**3 Attachments:**

- Documents of presentations on cultural heritage for the Workshops of Little Archaeologists
- Documents containing presentations for the Cultural Heritage Protectors Workshops
- Visibility material.
- Invitations and workshop programs

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- Links to Facebook pages of the Municipality of Pimienta and the Casa de la Cultura Santiago-Pimienta in which the activity was published.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile/100083258174985/search/?q=peque%C3%B1os%20arqueologos>

<https://www.facebook.com/casadelacultura.santiagopimienta.5>

Links to facebook pages of the Honduran Institute of Anthropology and History to promote the activity.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile/100064452711282/search/?q=peque%C3%B1os%20arqueologos>

- Newsletters published on social networks and printed on institutional whiteboards.
- Workshop attendance lists.
- Photographs.