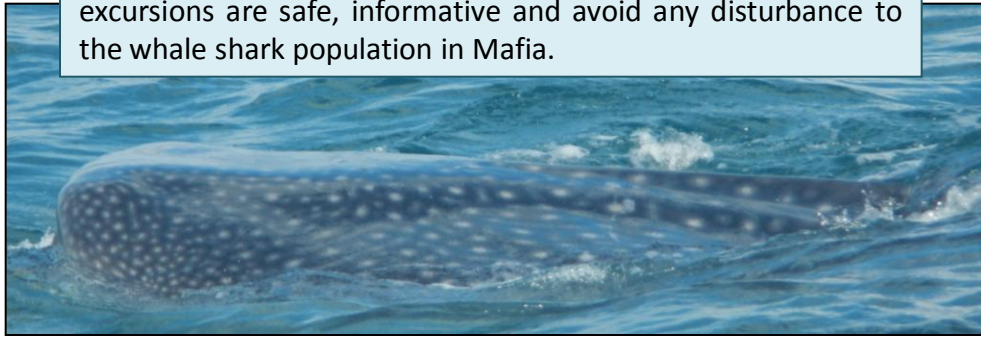


### Training for whale shark tourism sector

Sea Sense provided training to 17 tour guides and boat operators involved in whale shark excursions in Mafia Island to address concerns about **poor tourism practices**. The training focused on improving participants knowledge and understanding of whale shark biology, ecology and conservation. **Good-practice guidelines** for whale shark viewing were introduced and explained to ensure whale shark excursions are safe, informative and avoid any disturbance to the whale shark population in Mafia.



### Mobile movies

Over the past three months, Sea Sense has shown conservation films in 11 villages in four coastal districts. The films cover a range of environmental issues and are a tool for **stimulating debate** about important issues such as destructive fishing gears and the **benefits of sustainable fishing practices**. The films attracted **hundreds of community members** and inspired lively debates well in to the night!

### Born Free Foundation visits Sea Sense

It was a great opportunity to introduce Born Free to our local community partners and showcase all of our latest projects!



### Getting conservation on the political agenda

Sea Sense held a workshop for over 30 District Councilors and Ward Executive Officers in Mafia District to elicit support for improved protection of marine resources in Mafia. Mafia is a major hotspot for marine biodiversity but suffers from **high levels of resource exploitation**. Workshop discussions centered around the importance of **strong leadership** and **good governance** amongst elected representatives who have the power to influence decisions related to natural resource management.

## Knock, knock... who's there? Sea Sense!

Sea Sense embarked on a 'door-to-door' approach to awareness raising in Kilwa District where **illegal and destructive fishing practices are commonplace**. The Sea Sense team purposefully knocked on the door of one infamous fisherman who is known to slaughter sea turtles on a very regular basis.

According to Saidi, the Sea Sense Conservation Officer in Kilwa, our 'door-to-door' campaign has resulted in some positive **changes in attitudes and behaviour** amongst local fishermen and there has been a noticeable reduction in sea turtle slaughter.



## Sea Sense supports community waste management efforts

A Theatre for Development (TFD) project conducted last November in Kipumbwi village, Pangani District, has had a **lasting impact** on the community. The TFD performances tackled the issue of poor waste management and as a result, villagers now conduct a **weekly village clean-up**. In recognition of the positive steps taken by Kipumbwi villagers, Sea Sense recently provided wheelbarrows, rakes and spades to support their clean-up activities.



## Coming up in the next three months:

- Green turtle tagging programme
- Awareness campaign in migrant fisher camps
- Progress workshops for fisher associations
- Theatre for Development project
- Radio broadcast on Pangani FM

