

Developing Sustainable Livelihoods

To reduce pressure on critical marine resources, Sea Sense works closely with local communities to develop alternatives to unsustainable fishing practices that threaten the survival of endangered sea turtles and dugongs. In November, Sea Sense organised a week long training programme for a group of women in Juani Island, Mafia District, who produce handicrafts for sale to visitors to the island. A weaving specialist from Dar es Salaam, trained a group of 40 women in the art of cutting, dying and weaving local grasses into beautiful bags and baskets.



Women in Juani Island show off their new products

The training caused a lot of excitement and interest in the village with large crowds gathering around to watch the women at work. The women have since received training from Mafia District Council in entrepreneurial skills including marketing, pricing and management of revenue. The project is helping to generate important revenue for the community and is supporting Sea Sense efforts to engage the wider community in marine conservation and protection.

Young Ambassadors for Marine Conservation



IST students during the beach clean up with some of the collected rubbish.

On International Beach Clean Up Day in September, a group of students from IST Secondary School in Dar es Salaam helped Sea Sense to conduct a beach clean up in Visikini in Temeke District. Many bags of rubbish were collected including lots of plastics which are extremely harmful to sea turtles and other marine life.

A group of students from Dar International Academy are working closely with Sea Sense as part of their Community and Service programme. They have been busy cleaning beaches near to Dar es Salaam and promoting the Sea Sense 'Adopt a Turtle Nest' initiative to help raise vital funds for turtle conservation.

