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A message from our General Secretary

2022 year of Growth



First of all we are very grateful for the year 2022 for everything God has done for SOA TANZANIA. This year wasn't easy one but we managed to make incredible impacts via the amazing dream team of SOA TANZANIA, we hosted trainings, conducted restoration projects, clean ups and attended international meet ups like COP 27 and UN ocean conference.

We managed to increase empowerment among youth and local coastal communities in ocean conservations and sustainable blue economy, we are growing and we are so excited to grow further in 2023

Special thanks should be given to our amazing partners and sea sponsors, our mentors and members for working so hard in our mission to empowering YOUTH and Local Coastal communities in Ocean conservations and sustainable blue economy



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who we are

Sustainable Ocean Alliance TANZANIA (SOA TANZANIA) is a registered YOUTH led NGO with a national registration number OONGO/R/3106 under NGO Act No.24 of 2002 of the united republic of Tanzania and an official hub of an international NGO known Sustainable Ocean Alliance (SOA).



VISION

To become the substantial Youth ocean activist group furnishing innovative ocean solutions in encouraging sustainable use of the marine natural resources in the coastal water bodies of Tanzania

MISSION

We empower Youth and local coastal communities in Ocean conservations and sustainable blue economy, creating a health and sustainable Ocean for this and the next generation

WHAT WE DO

1. We promote marine ecosystem restoration and conservation (mangroves, sea grass and coral reefs)
2. We advocate on sustainable use of ocean's natural resources and on sustainable blue economy (aquaculture, Mari culture and fisheries)
3. We raise awareness on marine pollution and conservations
4. We conduct research as a means to construct innovative ocean solutions
5. We innovate solutions to oceanic pressing problems in Tanzania
6. We empower young people and local coastal communities in sustainable blue economy.



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2022 IN NUMBERS



5000+ **50**

Kg Waste collected
during our ocean clean
ups

People Trained during our
ocean BootCamp 2022

200

People educated on
seagrass monitoring,
conservation and
restoration

100

Mangroves planted

500+

Hectares of mangrove
areas in Tanzania
mapped

20000+

People reached via our
media platforms

1000 **100**

Kg of Carbon removed

Youth members became
ocean leaders

10

Coastal communities
empowered



By Ailars, Frank and Nancy

SOA TANZANIA at the UN Ocean Conference 2022 and Youth Innovation Forum, Portugal

About

This year 3 ocean leaders from Tanzania, Mr. Frank Mirobo (hub leader for SOA ZANZIBAR), Ms. Nancy Iraba (Ocean leader) and Ailars David (hub leader for SOA TANZANIA), attended the UN ocean conference and the Youth and innovation forum in Lisbon, Portugal, thanks to the support from Sustainable ocean alliance (SOA) as this couldn't have been possible without them.

Learn more here: <https://www.soalliance.org/soablog/recap-united-nations-ocean-conference-youth-and-innovation-forum>



Nancy: "I had never once thought I could ever attend a such conference for the ocean and also been given a seat in a same panel discussion and speaking with people like Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General"

Frank: "I made connections that I had never had ever before and was so inspiring to learn and share experiences on ocean works, this help and energizes to know we are not alone"



Ailars "I am touched beyond words with how SOA functions to help youth get seat to attend important meeting like the UN ocean conference to me this life changing opportunity to connect and work together with other people across nations"



By Paul Matonya

OUR OCEAN BOOTCAMP 2022

About

SOA TANZANIA managed to hold a boot camp training which aimed at providing ocean literacy and capacity building to Tanzanian Youth. This training covered topics on; ocean conservation, Ocean innovation and Sustainable Blue economy, ocean policies and campaigns and how to engage with SOA Alliance network. During this training people learned a lot of issues concerning ocean problems and also there were a program which included discussion in which every person contributed ideas on creating ocean solutions. 50 young Tanzanians were engaged in this training and it was real productive one.

Project Impact

50 Young Tanzanians have been trained during Our Ocean BootCamp 2022 and it has enabled them to build skills in different issues concerning solving ocean challenges.

Watch a recap video
of our Ocean
BootCamp 2022

<https://youtu.be/I4GyeQEmpBw>



By Ailars David

SOA TANZANIA at COP 27, Egypt

AILARS DAVID, our hub leader attended the COP 27 as SOA delegate from Africa, representing youth asks in African for change and for the better future for our ocean and climate for this and the next generation. Thanks to SOA (Sustainable Ocean Alliance for support youth to attending important international meetings and like COP 27

While at COP 27, AILARS was one of the panelist at the Blue carbon event where he presented the our work in mangroves and seagrass restoration, moreover he was connected to many other climate activists and ocean networks



"COP27 left me amazed by the historical agreements, commitments, and changes it has made which were never once seen in any of the previous COPs. We cheered for what was agreed upon as it sounds really promising, but what we are truly looking forward to are the implementations of those commitments that were made as that is the only meaning of success this COP."

They also made a unique record for having an Ocean Pavilion which could showcase the role of our ocean in fighting climate change. It was so energizing to see countries like Chile supporting the fight against deep seabed mining and different entities supporting the restoration of our blue carbon ecosystem" AILARS

READ MORE:

<https://www.soalliance.org/soablog/reflections-cop27>



"We need youth at the table of every decision-making room to actually engage with leaders to hear directly from the future generation that is inheriting our planet."

AILARS DAVID
HUB LEADER OF SOA TANZANIA



By Emmanuel Kato

E FLOW TRAINING ON CAPACITY BUILDING ON ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS ASSESSMENT IN WIO COUNTRIES

About

This training was organized and led by Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and WIOMSA with the objective to build capacity of EFlows in the WIO region countries and develop a team of local scientists and managers and informed stakeholders with experience to run and implement their own EFlows.

Water is a very essential in our environment as it supports life of every living thing, but this important component seems like is well managed that is why different problems faces the living. Also scientists and the community has a very low capacity when it comes control of EFlows therefore this training will be able to address this problem and hence it will help to build capacity to scientists, managers, stakeholders and the community on how to control their EFlows and be able the water resources.

As an ocean leader and co founder of SOA TANZANIA i was so thrilled to share with other scientists our work and learn from them on how we can protect our aquatic water bodies



Impact

70 people (scientists, Academia, Students, stakeholders and managers) were trained



MANGROVE RESTORATION PROJECT

ABOUT

As part of SOA TANZANIA BLUE CARBON PROJECT this 2022, we invested in scaling our carbon projects, planning and finding partners for our blue carbon projects, our target is to be able to restore more than 3000 hectares of mangroves by 2030, a project which will benefit more than 3000,000 households in Tanzania via carbon credit market and various blue economy project which will be developed by SOA TANZANIA and the local coastal community to improve their livelihood and our ocean health and sustainability.

IMPACT

In 2022 we managed to map more than 1000 hectares of mangroves sites which needs restoration and managed to establish partnership with the Oceancy to work on planting mangroves. We managed to plant 100 mangroves in Zanzibar and collected 2000 seeds for 2023 planting season. This makes a total of 15400 mangroves we have planted so far ever since we started.



By Ailars, Paul, Livinus and Rukio

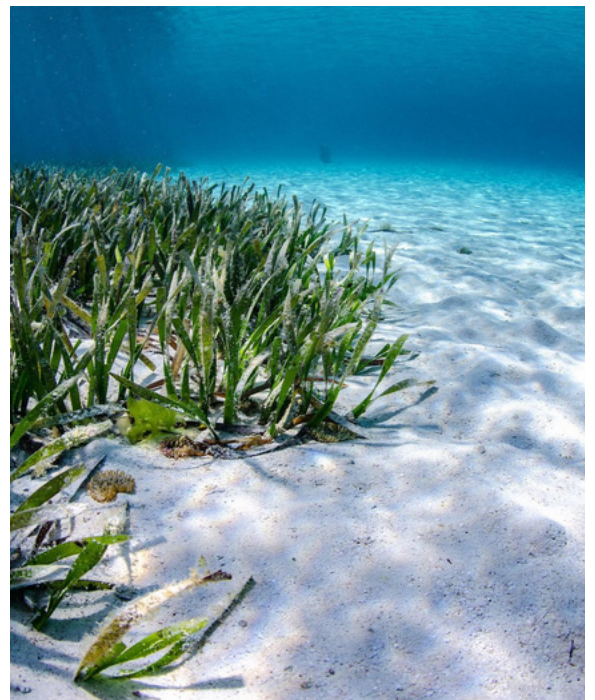
SEAGRASS RESTORATION PROJECT

Seagrass are one of the most overlooked marine ecosystems but are crucial important to our ocean and livelihoods, thanks to our sea supporters SOA, in 2021 we managed to launch our seagrass restoration project which targets at making seagrass a familiar habitat to all while monitoring and restoring seagrass meadows in the Tanzanian coastline.

Watch our impact video here: https://youtu.be/toIR_2ucrqw

Lean more on seagrass restoration research in Tanzania here:

<https://blog.wiomsa.net/2021/07/22/wiomsa-sciencenews-seagrass-restoration-successful-in-tanzania/#:~:text=Through%20the%20Marine%20and%20Coastal%20Science%20for%20Management,the%20plug%20and%20the%20sprigs%20method%20of%20restoration>



In 2022, we managed to plant seagrass in collaboration with the University of Dar es salaam and the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Network, WIOMSA (who funded the project), more than 50 people including local coastal communities were trained on seagrass restoration methodology and conservation. As SOA TANZANIA we are committed to restore and protect seagrass for our ocean and the people's livelihood.



By Paul, Shadya, Nasra and Emanuel

OUR OCEAN CLEAN UPS

World ocean day
2022 and

World Clean up day
2022

80 people involved

5000+ Kg of
waste collected



Among the challenges that oceans face you will not leave pollution especially plastics which affects the ocean for a very long time.

There have been so many campaigns globally on how we can end plastic pollution to our ocean environment, one of those campaigns is through clean-ups. SOA TANZANIA has been engaging with various beach clean-ups along Tanzanian coasts of Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar.

In this year 2022 we have conducted two beach clean ups during World ocean day in June and the one during World clean-up day in September. These clean ups involved different partners and stakeholders who have shown a greater concern in saving our mother from plastics pollution



By Amrani and Benjamin

BLUE ECONOMY

One of our objective in SOA TANZANIA is to empower YOUTH and the Local coastal communities in sustainable blue economy, ensuring that we have a sustainable use of our ocean natural resources, SOA TANZANIA has youth with educational backgrounds in Aquaculture (Fish farming) and fisheries, moreover all of our conservation projects are developed to also have community development projects to improve sustainable utilization of our ocean natural resources

In 2022, we managed to develop a scaling plan for our blue economy projects and provided consultancy to 10 fish farmers.

In Tanzania more than 3 million people depends on the ocean for their livelihood, we need sustainable blue economy to fight against overfishing, improve our local community livelihood and restore the health and sustainability of our ocean.



Meet Our Team

Soa Tanzania is a youth led NGO with 11 permanent staffs and 100 members working on a common mission empowering YOUTH and Local Coastal communities to restore our Ocean.



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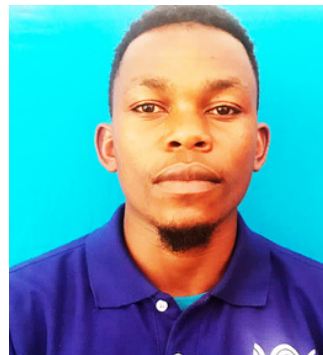
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PROJECT OFFICER



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Meet Our Advisory Board

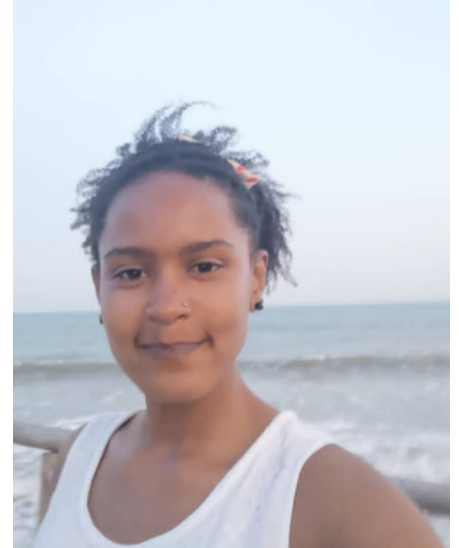
SOA TANZANIA' s Advisory board is a team people with over 10 YEARS of experience in ocean science, conservation and projects who works to mentor us and guide us in our works



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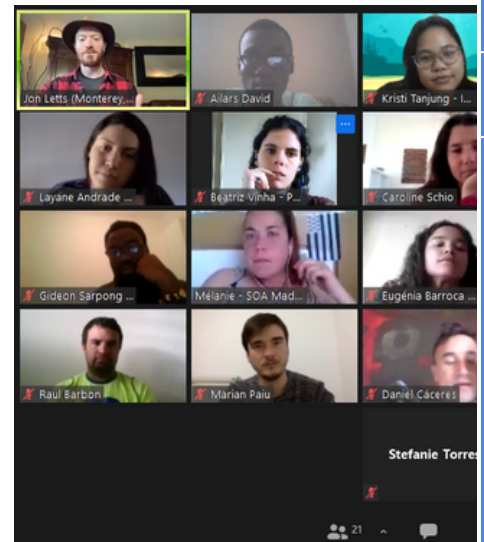
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with over 70 mentors

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Thank you to all our
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**Gearing up for 2023 to
#SAVE OUR OCEAN.....!**

