



SOA
TANZANIA

ABOUT US
SOA is a leading NGO and SOA has been empowering youth and local people communities in Ocean conservation and sustainable livelihoods.

OUR MISSION
To provide and support the youth and women and women in the coastal and marine environment.



Annual Report

2023

2023 Impact Report

Restore our Ocean's health

Sustainable Ocean Alliance TANZANIA



A message from our Founder and Hub Leader 2023 year of ocean actions



As we bid farewell to 2023, gratitude fills our hearts for the blessings that have shaped SOA TANZANIA's journey. This year, despite its challenges, saw remarkable impacts orchestrated by the incredible dream team. From hosting transformative training sessions to spearheading restoration projects, engaging in community clean-ups, and participating in prestigious international gatherings like COP 28, our collective efforts have been a testament to resilience and dedication.

In particular, we celebrate the amplified empowerment instilled among the youth and local coastal communities in ocean conservation and sustainable blue economy practices. The growth experienced in 2023 fuels our excitement, and as we express our heartfelt thanks to partners, sea sponsors, mentors, and members, we eagerly anticipate further expansion in 2024. Together, we stand united on the threshold of a future where SOA TANZANIA's impact continues to grow and thrive.



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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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2023 IN NUMBERS

5000kg

Kg Waste collected during our ocean clean ups

246

Members of SOA Tanzania (Young Ocean Leaders)

3000

Mangroves planted

0.5Kmsq

of adopted seagrass areas for monitoring, conservation and restoration

30

People Trained during our ocean BootCamp 2023

2000+

People reached via our media platforms

4000+Kg

of Carbon removed

3000Ha

of mangrove areas in Tanzania adopted

20

Coastal community members empowered



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2020-2023 IN NUMBERS

55,000kg

Kg Waste collected during our ocean clean ups

246

Members of SOA Tanzania (Young Ocean Leaders)

18,500

Mangroves planted

0.5Kmsq

of adopted seagrass areas for monitoring, conservation and restoration

80

People Trained during our ocean BootCamp program

2000+

People reached via our media platforms

4000+Kg

of Carbon removed

3000Ha

of mangrove areas in Tanzania adopted

20

Coastal community members empowered



By Paul, Livinus and Nasra

OUR OCEAN BOOTCAMP 2023

About

Our Ocean Bootcamp Program, a capacity-building initiative, witnessed substantial growth in 2023. Out of 154 applicants, 30 youth were selected for the 3rd cohort, receiving training in project development, implementation, and monitoring.

On November 25th, 2023, the fellows, along with 4 SOA Tanzania staff and 5 local coastal community members, planted 1,000 mangroves in our adopted mangrove site in Bagamoyo, Tanzania.

Project Impact

30

Young Tanzanians have been trained during Our Ocean BootCamp 2023

Watch a recap video of our Ocean BootCamp 2023

https://youtube.com/shorts/E09c6NAEfHY?si=jKC5nSHv_96BmO1X



By Ailars David

SOA TANZANIA at COP 28, Dubai-UAE

The 28th Conference of the Parties (COP 28) in Dubai marked a pivotal moment in global climate discussions. SOA Tanzania was represented by our founder and hub leader, Mr. Ailars David, whose attendance was made possible by SOA.

COP 28 witnessed substantial progress, including a commitment of over 100 million USD towards the Loss and Damage Fund. Nature-based solutions, such as the Mangrove Breakthrough, received significant financial backing. The commitment of the United Arab Emirates to plant a million mangroves by 2030 and Indonesia's plan to establish the world's first Mangrove Research Center signal global recognition of the indispensable role mangroves play in climate change mitigation.



CONFERENCE, IT WAS A TURNING POINT IN THE GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE.”

**AILARS DAVID,
SOA TANZANIA**



“In one word, my experience at COP28 in Dubai can only be described as TRANSFORMATIVE. Nearly 200 countries came together to forge a historic agreement, signaling a groundbreaking shift away from fossil fuels. The ambitious targets set for renewable energy, including the goal to triple renewable energy by 2030 and reduce methane emissions, showcase a collective commitment to combating climate change on an unprecedented scale.” Ailars David

READ MORE:

<https://www.soalliance.org/soablog/reflections-cop28>



By Ailars, Paul and Nasra

MANGROVE RESTORATION PROJECT

ABOUT

Recognizing the crucial role of mangroves in blue carbon ecosystems, the Mikoko Yetu project focuses on their adoption, restoration, conservation, and monitoring.

IMPACT

On November 25th, 2023, 30 Tanzanian young people and fellows from our ocean boot camp program, along with 5 local coastal community members and 4 SOA Tanzania staff, planted 1,000 baby mangroves in our adopted area in Bagamoyo, covering 3000Ha. Mangrove species planted included *Avicennia marina*, *Ceriops tagal*, and *Rhizophora mucronata*.

IMPACT

On December 22nd–24th, 2023, 15 local coastal community members and 2 SOA Staff team reconstructed the mangrove nursery for the second batch of mangroves. They collected 2,000 mangrove propagules and monitored the growth of the 1,000 mangroves planted in November 2023, revealing a 100% growth rate.



By Rukio, Amrani and Shadya

SEAGRASS RESTORATION PROJECT

ABOUT

In 2022, the Grass Underwater project was initiated with a Sustainable Ocean Alliance microgrant. Our goal is to make seagrass meadows a familiar habitat through adoption, monitoring, restoration, and conservation efforts.

LEARN MORE HERE: <https://soatanzania.or.tz/the-grass-underwater-project-2/>

IMPACT

On July 28th-30th, 2023, a collaborative effort involving 21 individuals, including 6 SOA Tanzania staff, 4 ocean leaders, and 11 local coastal community members, resulted in the planting of 100 hessian bags of seagrass in our adopted meadow in Bagamoyo, Tanzania. This endeavor covered 0.5 sqm and involved the planting of seagrass species, including Thalassian hemprichi, Cymodocea rotundata, and Syringodium isoetifolium.



By Nasra and Livinus

OUR OCEAN CLEAN UPS

World Clean up day
2023

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



Meet Our Team

Soa Tanzania is a youth led NGO with 12 permanent staffs and 100 members working on a common mission empowering YOUTH and Local Coastal communities to restore our Ocean.



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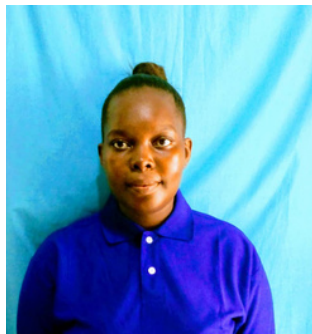
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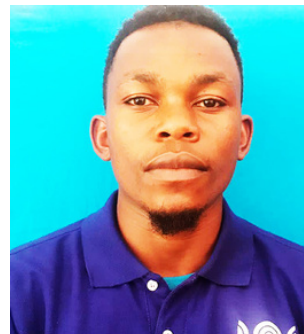
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Meet Our Advisory Board

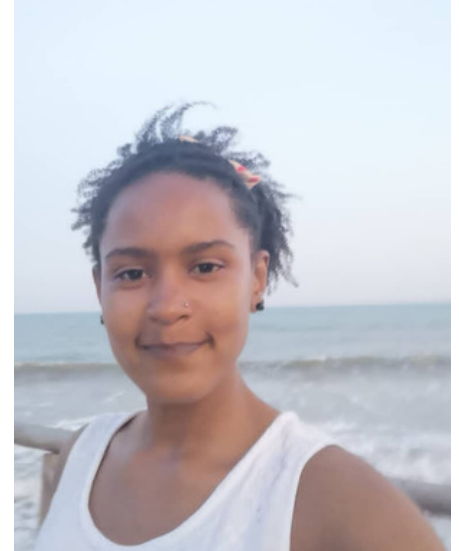
SOA TANZANIA' s Advisory board is a team people with over 10 YEARS of experience in ocean science, conservation and projects who works to mentor us and guide us in our works



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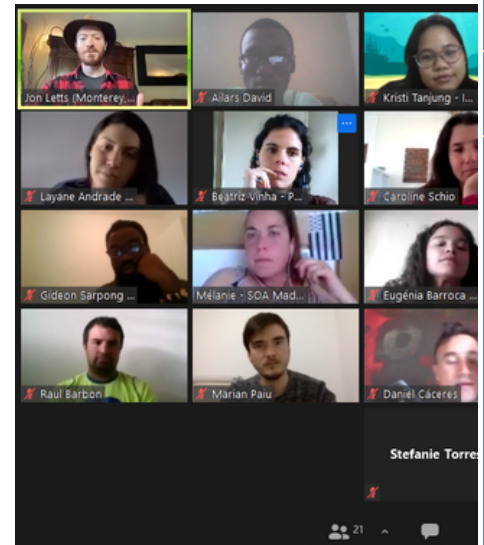
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2023 Impact Photos...!



THANK YOU..! ASANTHE SANA..! GRACIAS...!

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Gearing up for 2024 to #SAVE
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