



# 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](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.

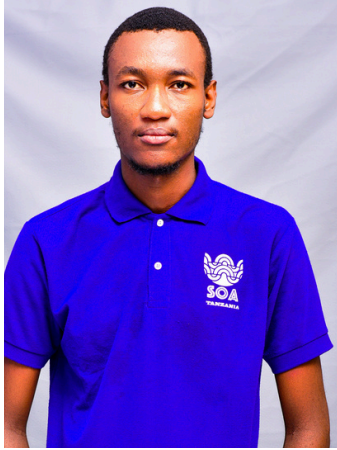
There have been so many campaigns globally on how we can end plastic pollution to our ocean environment, one of those campaigns is through clean-ups. SOA TANZANIA has been engaging with various beach clean-ups along Tanzanian coasts of Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar.

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.



**AILARS DAVID**  
Executive Director



**BENJAMIN BITTA**  
CHAIRMAN



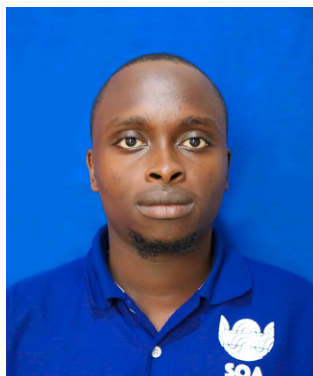
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SCIENCE OFFICER



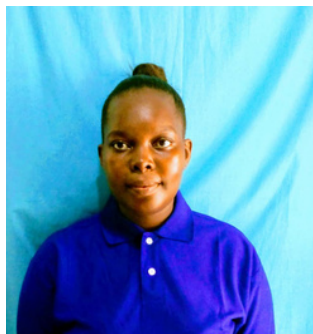
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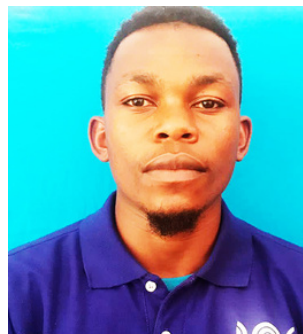
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ZANZIBAR HUB LEAD



# Meet Our Advisory Board

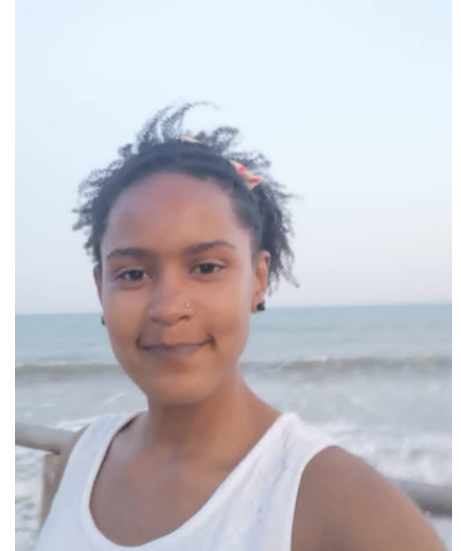
SOA TANZANIA' s Advisory board is a team people with over 10 YEARS of experience in ocean science, conservation and projects who works to mentor us and guide us in our works



Ms. Patricia Furtado de Mendonca  
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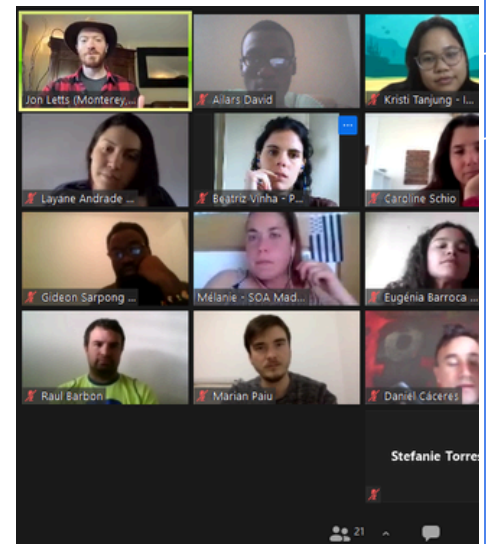
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# 2023 Impact Photos...!



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OUR OCEAN.....!



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