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# MWAMBAO IMPACT REPORT 2023



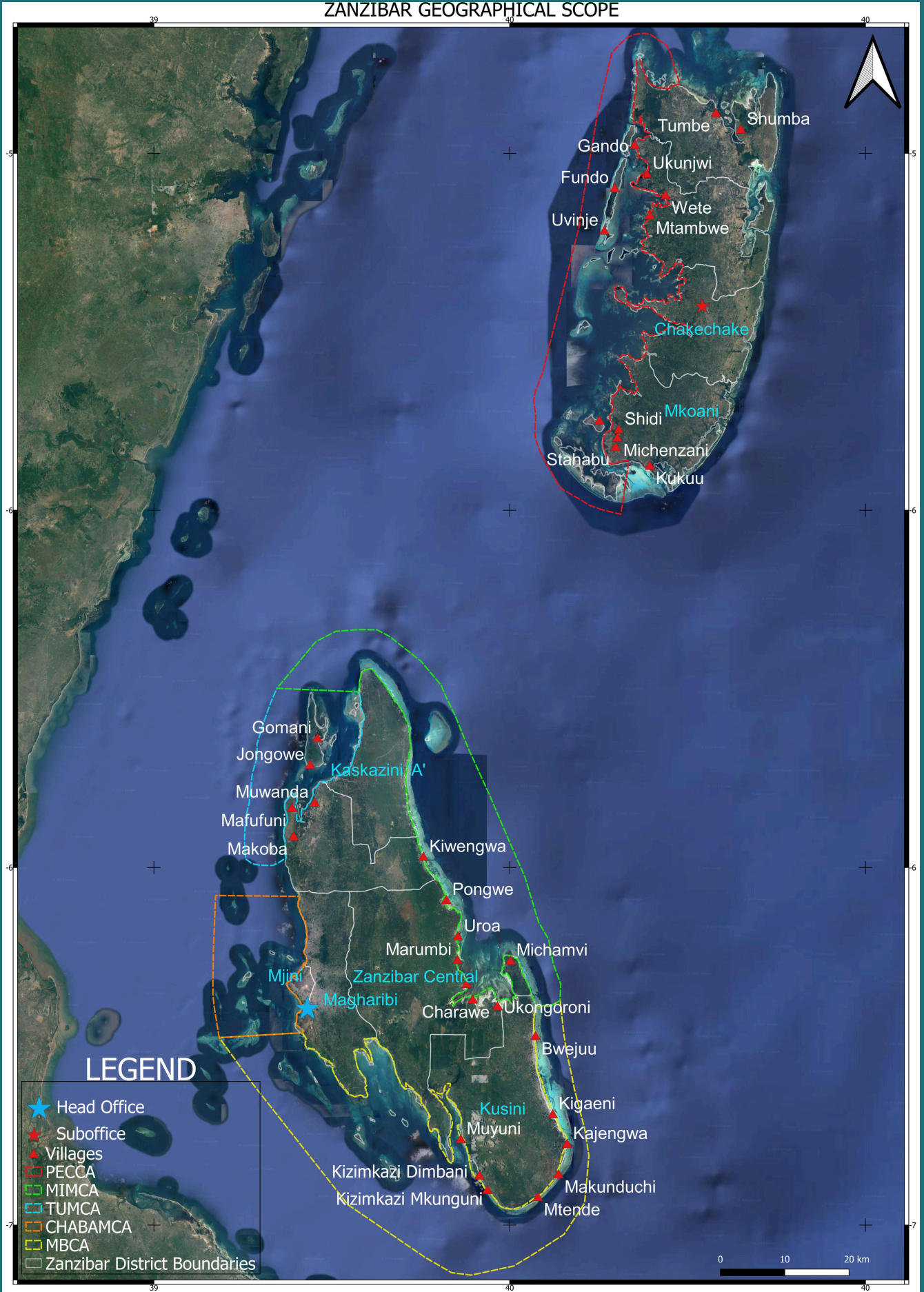
Overview of some of  
Mwambao's impact over the  
last year in Zanzibar and  
Mainland Tanzania.



# Mwambao Reach

ZANZIBAR ARCHIPELAGO

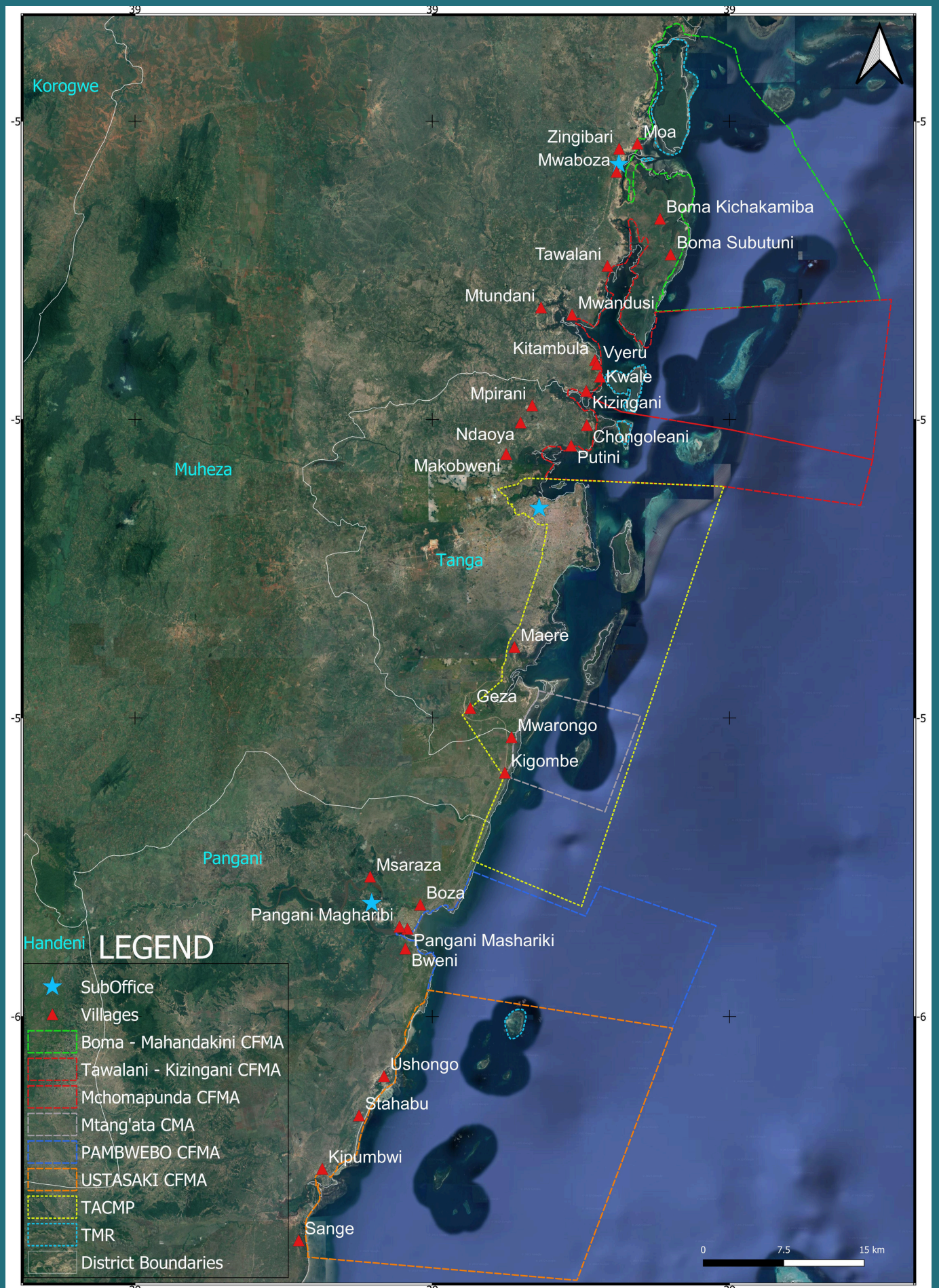
ZANZIBAR GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE





# Mwambao Reach

NORTHERN MAINLAND TANZANIA





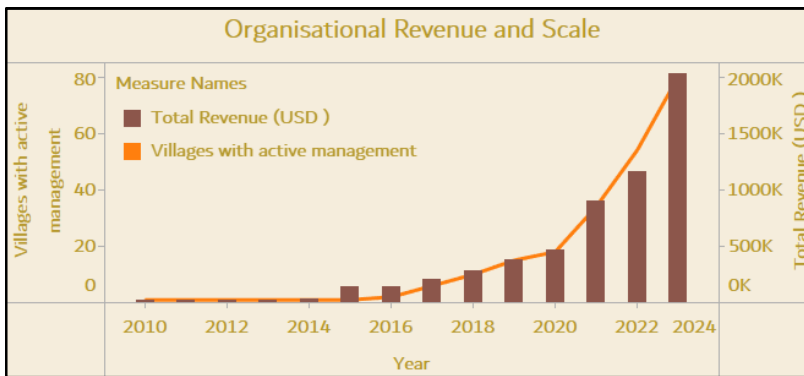
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# Organisational Growth

LOOKING BACK AT THE YEAR 2023

## MWAMBAO'S GOALS

- ◆ Focusing on strengthening local marine resource governance
- ◆ Increasing benefits from sustainable use of marine resources
- ◆ Improving policy and legislation



## SCALE

Mwambao, in collaboration with government partners, are currently supporting a total of 80 coastal communities in sustainable marine co-management in Zanzibar and Mainland Tanzania.

## REVENUE

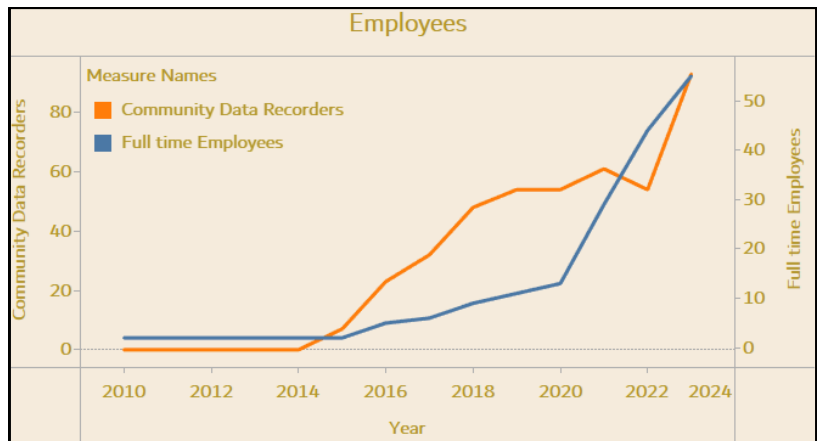
Our annual revenue (total grant funds received) has increased by 62 times over a period of nine years which has enabled the scaling of our work.

## MWAMBAO TEAM

Mwambao has been growing steadily since 2010, starting with only three individuals and one office to now reaching a team of 55 and five offices in Unguja, Pemba, Mkinga, Tanga, and Pangani.

## COMMUNITY DATA RECORDERS

Training community monitors in ecological monitoring has been instrumental in our joint learning to inform the patterns of community fisheries management. There are a total of 93 community data recorders in Pemba, Tanga, and Unguja.



80

Coastal villages supported

55

Full time employees

93

Community data recorders

**X62 INCREASE IN REVENUE**

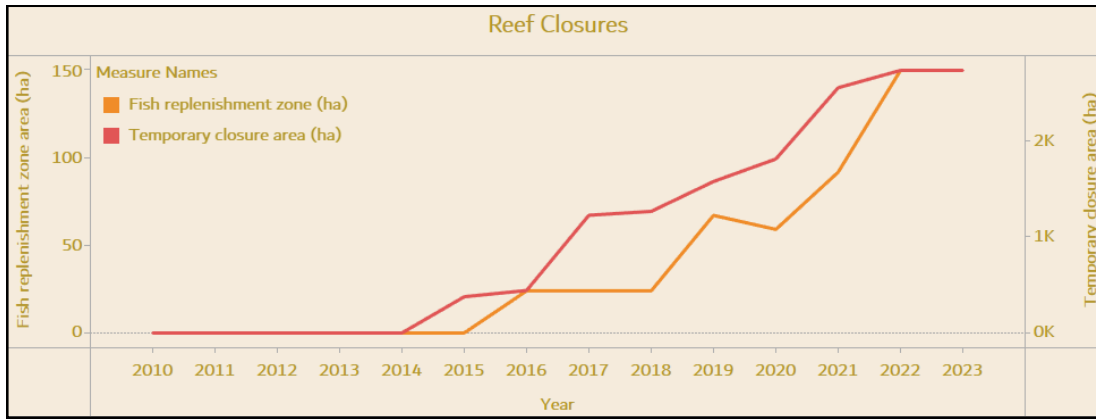
from 2014 to 2023





# Ecological Impact

## REEF AND MANGROVE RESTORATION



# 2,489

Ha of temporary closures

# 222

Ha of fisheries replenishment zones

# 534

Artificial reefballs deployed for reef restoration

### REEF CLOSURES

Since 2015, Mwambao have been supporting temporary reef closures targeting octopus specifically. In total Mwambao has supported 16 communities to implement a total of 95 three-month temporary closures (280 months of closures in total) in Zanzibar and mainland Tanzania. We have been an advocate for natural (passive) reef restoration through the establishment of fisheries replenishment zones (longer term closures).

### ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

Fisheries replenishment zones are sometimes supplemented with the deployment of artificial reefballs which serve as a shelter and egg-laying surface for fish, invertebrates, and coral settlement. To date 534 reefballs have been deployed in 7 locations in Unguja, Pemba, and Tanga.

Mwambao has developed community restoration guidelines for mangrove restoration and a short video. So far with this guidance, community restoration teams have replanted 135,709 mangroves.

# 280

Months of temporary reef closures supported

# 341,729

Kg of octopus weighed by community data recorders for ecological monitoring

# 31

Community mangrove restoration teams





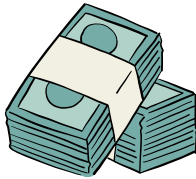
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# Eco-credit

COMMUNITY ECO-CREDIT GROUPS HAVING IMPACT

## \$79,191

Seed grant given to Mkuba groups



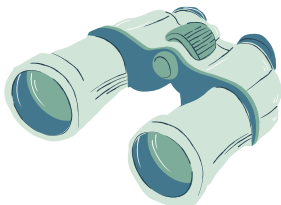
## 135,709

Mangroves planted by Mkuba  
community restoration teams



## 344

Hours of community patrol  
completed by Mkuba members



### ECO-CREDIT: MKUBA

*Mkuba - "Mfuko wa Kutunza Bahari" or "Fund to Care for the Sea"*

The objective of Mkuba groups is to provide incentives for the communities to support and comply with their own resource management plan.

A performance-based grant with small business training and mentorship to manage a revolving fund with environmental actions included in the loan terms

### ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

Mkuba saving groups are provided with business training and one of the loan requirements is that their loan funded business ventures must be environmentally friendly.

### ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS

Environmental actions are included in the loan terms

- Attending marine management meetings
- Reporting illegal fishing
- Complying with the marine management rules
- Environmentally-friendly businesses
- Mangrove planting
- Participation in marine patrol
- Beach clean ups
- Awareness raising of marine management

## 88

Mkuba eco-credit  
groups

## 1,788

Female Mkuba  
members

## 789

Male Mkuba  
members

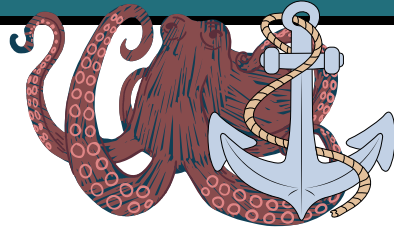




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# Community Revenue

## MARINE MANAGEMENT SELF-FINANCING



Community institutions often have to self-finance their operations such as community patrols, travel to attend meetings, stationary, safety equipment and community development projects. Their revenue sources include;

**\$19,387**

Revenue earned by villages from fees on octopus/fish sales (USD)

### FISH/OCTOPUS SALES

This revenue is collected during a opening event for which every kilo of octopus/fish that is caught there is a levy that can be charged (varied amount) that is paid to the marine management institution to cover their costs and also to contribute to village development projects.

+

**\$11,234**

Revenue earned by village fisheries committees from other sources (USD)

### FISHERIES REVENUE

Other potential fisheries revenue sources include:

Membership fees/ License form fees

Anchoring fees

Landing site fees

Fines

Harbour boat construction fees

District revenue agent commission

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**\$30,261**

Total revenue collected combining all sources from 2016 - 2023

**15**

Community fisheries committees collecting revenue

**70%**

Male committee members

**30%**

Female committee members

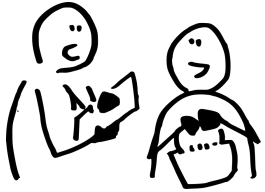




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# Women in fisheries

## WOMEN IN SMALL SCALE FISHERIES



# 3

Gender  
assessments  
conducted

### GENDER ASSESSMENT

Mwambao have conducted three gender assessments focusing on benefits, control and access of small scale fisheries to their marine environment in Unguja, Pemba and Tanga.

This informative document will serve as a foundational resource for understanding gender dynamics in the organisation's working area and guide future gender-focused initiatives.

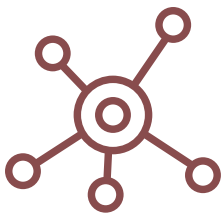


# 3

Gender Action  
Plans

### GENDER ACTION PLAN

Three gender action plans have been developed, which aim to operationalise the results of the assessments and recommendations from the gender assessments for Unguja, Pemba and Tanga.



# 42

Communities  
represented in  
women fishers  
network meeting

### WOMEN FISHER'S NETWORK

Our first annual women fishers network took place in 2023 with 42 women in small scale fisheries from Unguja, Pemba, and Tanga attending. The network is aimed at sharing knowledge, experiences, and learning on their marine-related activities.



# 24

Young women  
receiving  
scholarships

### SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2023 Mwambao has managed to provide short course scholarships for 24 young women who are now receiving training in different activities such as value addition of marine products, food processing and marketing, tailoring, secretarial and computer skills.

# 440

Women interviewed for  
the gender  
assessments

# 331

Men interviewed for  
the gender  
assessments

# 27

Recommendations for  
gender inclusion



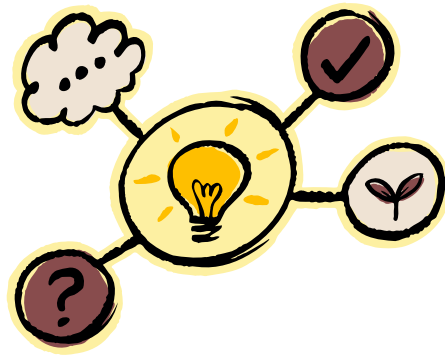
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# Capacity Building

CO-MANAGEMENT TRAINING

## 100%

**Communities (80)  
completing capacity  
building sessions**



## 2,980

**Total number of days of  
Mwambao-led capacity  
building sessions**

### COMMUNITY INSTITUTION CAPACITY BUILDING

We know the key ingredients and steps communities must take to establish effectively manage marine resource systems. We support communities through this process by helping them gain technical and management skills, confidence, develop protocols and governance systems, and track and measure progress so they can see themselves the benefits of their efforts.

The institutions we support are Beach Management Units and Collaborative Fishery Management Areas (BMU and CFMA in the mainland) and Shehia Fisher Committees and Collaborative Management Groups (SFC and CMG in Zanzibar).

## 10

**Capacity building  
manuals developed**

### CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING MANUALS

The manuals we have developed include good governance, leadership, record keeping, financial management, action planning, conflict management and resolution, team building and team work, standard operating procedures, monitoring, control & surveillance, and management planning.

## 80

**Beach Management  
Units/Shehia Fisheries  
Committees**

## 13

**Collaborative Fisheries  
Management/Collaborative  
management Groups**





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# Policy and Legislation

## HIGHER LEVEL CHANGES

# 557

**Copies of the SSF  
guidelines distributed**



### **FAO SMALL SCALE SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES GUIDELINES (SSF)**

Printed and distributed 557 copies of the FAO guidance in Kiswahili and English, creating awareness to relevant stakeholders including government officials and coastal communities of the Marine Conservation areas. Mwambao is a member of the Tanzania National Task Team for the formulation and implementation of Tanzania National Plan of Action which aims to adopt the guidelines.

Awareness workshops held on the guidelines to raise awareness with five Marine Conservation Areas in Zanzibar, and on Tanzania mainland two Districts (Mkinga and Pangani), and ministerial higher level officers.

### **CO-MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT**

Mwambao have been a key contributor together with the Department of Marine Conservation in the formulation of the Zanzibar's marine co-management framework.

Mwambao have also developed our own co-management roadmap which guides our conservation approach.

### **MARINE MANAGEMENT AREAS PLANNING**

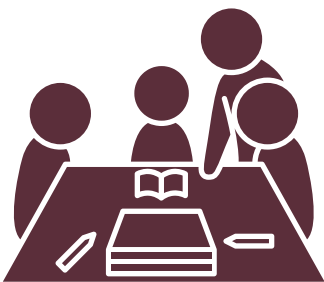
Facilitated, developed, and reviewed management plans for collaborative management marine areas as well as village level marine management institutions. Mwambao also contributed to a policy and legislative review on marine conservation and fisheries resource management documents.

### **GAP ANALYSIS ON FISHERIES POLICY**

Mwambao has participated in the reviewing of the fisheries policy and legislation for Zanzibar to incorporate community level recommendations.

# 250

**Attendees to national  
level workshops**



# 10

**National and district level awareness  
workshops for the small-scale  
sustainable fisheries guideline**

# 5

**National Policy and Guideline  
documents reviewed**



## MORE ABOUT US

We facilitate wise & informed decision-making about coastal resources at the local level.

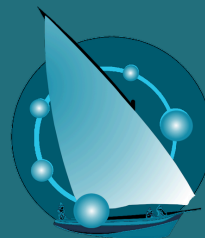
## WE BELIEVE

Coastal ecosystems will only thrive when coastal communities do too.

**OCEAN HEALTH IS  
COMMUNITY  
WEALTH**



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