SEATURTLE FESTIVAL DIANI BEACH

2021 REPORT



On Sunday 13th June 2021, we celebrated the second Diani Sea Turtle Festival at Safari Beach Hotel. The event was organised by the team based at the Marine Education Centre and held in celebration of World Sea Turtle Day. It was a huge success with people joining the festival from all along the coast, and eight conservation organisations were present showcasing their amazing work. Over 200 students from schools in Kwale spent the day learning about sea turtles, getting creative at the arts and crafts tent, making sand sculptures on Diani's award winning beach, and more! Many pictures were taken and many memories were made!

There were several activities and competitions for attendees to participate in, all sponsored by local businesses. We started with a Sand Sculpture Competition with 27 participating teams, and ended with a 'Sea Turtle Egg' and Spoon Race before the Awards Ceremony. An Art Competition for participants 14 years and younger received over 90 entries and was open for public voting throughout the day. We also had a Sea Turtle Scavenger Hunt, an Arts and Crafts Tent, Student Performances, and attendees could visit the various conservation organisations to learn more about their work on Kenya's coast. A commissioned Sea Turtle Art Awareness Piece made entirely from plastic and fishing gear collected and donated by Kwale Plastic Plus Collectors stood central in the festival.

We raised over Kes 360,000, and received many in-kind donations from local businesses. In addition to festival costs, this allowed us to assist the attendance of the 8 schools who joined us on the day, as well as distribute 200 free metal water bottles to students! Any remaining funds will go towards education and sea turtle awareness programmes at the Marine Education Centre.

We want to say a special thank you to all sponsors, volunteers, conservation organisations, and in-kind donors who helped make the day so special; please read on to the last page for full credits.























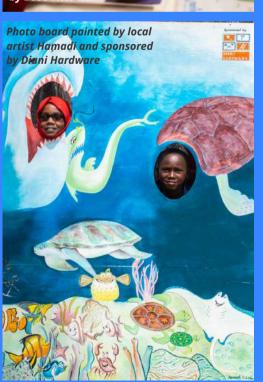


















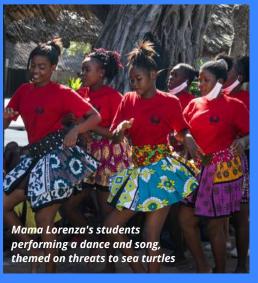
















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We would like to say a special thank you to all of our partners and volunteers in 2021, without you the Diani Sea Turtle Festival would not have been possible. We hope to see you again next year!



And to our friends of the festival: Kinondo Kwetu, Marine Life Protectors, The Rufford Small Grant (32607-2), and LJana & Michael

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