

COLOBUS QUARTERLY

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50

Trees Planted

38

Welfare rescues

6

*Education
workshops*



TREES4KIDS PROJECT

Five schools attended our Conservation Education workshops over this quarter with one more school, Nice View from Msambweni opting for an extra ordinary activity. They came in as News Reporters and recorded Colobus Work which was published online as 'Saving Monkeys - A Trip to the Colobus Conservation' and can be accessed through this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AL-nzISRUF6>.

These schools were privileged to take part in the inaugural project dubbed 'Tree4Kids Project '. This a new approach to assign tree care responsibility to a certain number of learners as so to ensure higher tree survival rates. The learners are supposed to update Colobus Conservation by taking photos and sharing them through their teachers or parents mobile phones. the health status of the trees will be validated during the regular school visits.

Kaya Education



We conducted two education workshops and one kaya session were held for Gandini Central Primary and Minyenzeni Secondary Schools. This project is supported by GEF-SGP grant and implemented by Colobus and its partners. A total of 100 (50 male and 50 female) learners, 4 teachers, 3 volunteers and 3 facilitators were involved.



"Colobus mother re-united with her baby"

On the 29th of February there was so much excitement in the air as we were hosting our event Cruise For Colobus. No sooner had we flagged of the riders than we received a welfare call, a colobus baby abandoned in Chale Island. Upon arrival we found the infant crying out loud and dehydrated. After examination by our vet it was evident the baby was healthy and might have accidentally fallen from the mom's embrace during movement. Knowing there was a mother out there stressed looking for her baby, the team went back immediately and searched for the troop for about an hour. As luck would have it, the infant's cries attracted the mother who began calling out while running through the trees and came down and picked up her baby and examined her baby while cuddling him in a tight embrace as he started suckling. All this while, the troop were on the trees calling out as if welcoming the baby back into the family!



Cruise for Colobus ran its 3rd Edition on 29th February 2020.

This time, the ride was from Diani to Samburu [via Kinango route] and back to Diani. The ride was flagged off at Colobus Conservation, Diani Beach Road at 7:30 am prompt.

The idea this time around was to have as many local residents and bodaboda riders involved in the fund raiser. Along the route flyers were distributed to highlight to Kwale residents the importance of conserving the environment; and the knock on effects to them individually

The Event was sponsored by Alegandra Foundation, Neptune Hotels, Bahari Dhow, Muthaiga Mini Market, Equity Bank, Shan E Punjab Supermarket, Leapfrog Advisory, Diani Tires, RCS Communications & Dream Kenya Safaris.

The BBQ lunch was well attended by the Diani Community who patiently waited for the riders to arrive from the cruise

The children were engaged in games like football, petanque and the most exciting part the piñata which after hitting rewarded them with sweets. Attendees also had the opportunity to bid for auction items donated to us by generous Diani local Business from Sands at Chale Island, Kahama Hotel, Diani Reef, Sizzlers Steak House, Taekwondo Club, Diani House & Diani Bikes.

Special mention to Hon. Omar Nassib-County Executive Committee Member Tourism and Enterprise Development who was accompanied by Paul Musila, the Kwale County Commissioner Mr. Ngumo, the chief guest Dr. Paula Kahumbu, and Wambui Ngunya founder of Cruise for Colobus and Board Director at Colobus Conservation.

Thank you to all who supported the event, attended and took part. We look forward to seeing you at the next Cruise for Colobus.

Left: Wambui Ngunya & Dr. Paula Kahumbu/Top:Riders&Diani residents/ Bottom: BBQ Attendees

What I enjoyed most, though, is meeting people who have a real interest in riding and conservation of the environment. It was a unique experience and amazing to raise funds for charity- I loved it!

/ SAFARI- A RIDER /

Birthdays are changing the world.

When supporters decide to donate birthdays to charity, they've committed to turn a celebration of themselves into a celebration of your cause. Which made it all the more touching when Bea a 7 year old from Trade winds International School decided to donate her birthday to us. Her generous act inspired her friend Megan to join her in planting a tree at Colobus Conservation.

The spirit of birthday giving did not end there Sansi Dietz Dsouza our continued supporter chose to donate her birthday and planted 20 trees together with friends and family at Ngoiri Primary School. It was quite an experience with the school children and teachers partaking in the tree planting exercise.

Together with the help of our donors we are making a difference! Our donors continued support of our mission is deeply gratifying to us, and we hope it is the same for them. We appreciate you, your support is invaluable to us.

There many other ways to support our work:

- Adopt a monkey
- Sponsor a Tree
- Insulation of power lines
- Operational Costs
- Educational Outreach
- Colobridge maintenance

Please visit www.colobusconservation.org or email us at

campaigns@colobusconservation.org

Top Right: Bea and Megan/Middle: Sansi Dietz Dsouza/Bottom: Volunteer Brookes and students and teachers from Ngoiri Primary School



COVID-19 BREAKS DOWN OPERATIONS

Colobus Conservation is a not for profit organization that receives no funding from the Government and is highly dependent on volunteer income, income from Eco-tours and donations from the public which in total contributes up to 50% of our annual income. With Kenya confirming its first cases of Coronavirus the Government has banned entry of all international flights from areas affected with Coronavirus closing our borders and issuing of Visas. We have had to postpone volunteer bookings and close down Eco-Tours with immediate effect. This has greatly affected our ability to take care of our primates and our 24hr animal rescue response due to limited resources. We have no way of knowing when this period of travel limitations will stop and worst case scenario this goes on for months. Any donation will be highly appreciated.

If you wish to support please donate via this link https://www.colobusconservation.org/index.php?option=com_jdonation&view=campaigns&Itemid=662 or support via MPESA on +25411479453

The impact of the new coronavirus disease, COVID-19, is being felt around the world. We believe we are better when we work together. It's important for us all to take the following steps to to keep ourselves, our loved ones, and our local and global communities safe and supported:

1. **Social Distancing**
2. **Frequently handwash**
3. **Cough and sneeze into your sleeves**
4. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.**



Top Right: One of our orphan monkeys Kacha