

COLOBUS QUARTERLY

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Trees Planted

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Welfare rescues



Habitat Restoration

in an effort to restore the once extensive Diani Forest and colobus migratory corridor we have expanded our model tree nursery for the purpose of demonstration and stocking of indigenous tree seedlings before they are dispatched for planting. For the past 3 months we have been involved in seed ball trails to try and find a cost effective way of restoring wildlife habitats . The trials involve making native, endemic and indigenous seeds into seed balls and testing them

You can have a direct impact on the reforestation of the Diani habitat by purchasing trees and planting them at your plot or by sponsoring the planting of an indigenous tree on your behalf for \$10 via this link

https://www.colobusconservation.org/index.php?option=com_jdonation&view=donation&campaign_id=6&Itemid=662

For further information with regards to tree planting please email us on enquiries@colobusconseravtion.org



Colobridge Survey

Diani's Colobridges are the flagship project of Colobus Conservation and the last survey was conducted back in 2004 & 2011

Recently, with the help of our staff and 39 volunteers we conducted another colobridge survey from July 27th - 29th (3days) with the first day being training and the other two days involving consistent data collection from 6AM- 6PM. The survey primarily involved counting the number of monkeys crossing the road , using the bridges and also counting the number of vehicles on ones transect

The colobridge survey is important for assessing the usefulness of the bridge as a mitigation against road traffic accidents involving primates



CAGE A KEEPER FUNDRAISER

Luciana Parrazi one of our Board Directors and long time conservationist volunteered to be put in a cage for 12hrs as a fun way to fundraise for colobus conservation. We asked our supporters on 27th June to help keep Luciana in the cage for 12 hrs by raising our target of \$1000 . The funds raised were for aiding our operations.

We kick started the event at 10:00 AM by going live on both Facebook and Instagram. We uploaded a series of videos in the course of the day to ensure our online supporters could experience it. We even had visitors come to witness Luciana being kept in the cage

We are deeply grateful to all our supporters because through their contributions we managed to hit above our \$1000 target and raise \$1234.

"TOGETHER WE GIVE "

We participated in our first Giving Tuesday Movement fundraiser on May 5th. Due the financial crisis caused by Covid-19 Giving Tuesday created an emergency fundraiser called Giving Tuesday Now to help charities fundraise during this difficult time. Like many other organizations we have been negatively impacted by Covid-19 and appealed to our supporters to donate their coffee costs to colobus whilst while working from home.

We went live on both Facebook and Instagram giving a tour to our audience while talking to them on the challenges we were facing due to Covid-19 appealing them to help us continue taking care of our primates in the centre . We also took part in the #NOSelfie Challenge displaying different areas we need support in.

We managed to raise \$1045 on Giving Tuesday Now

Life with COVID-19

When Covid-19 struck the world no one was prepared for it not even Colobus Conservation. To protect our dedicated staff and the monkeys receiving care, we immediately had to make a very tough decision to cancel our volunteer and eco-tour program indefinitely. This put an immense financial strain on Colobus Conservation as generous volunteers and visitors provide most of the income needed to rescue and care for monkeys in need.

Additional, unexpected costs arising from essential supplies such as safety equipment for our devoted staff, like masks, gloves, and protective clothing depleted our budget and impacting our ability to rescue monkeys who have nowhere else to go.

Through the continued support of Pan African Sanctuary Alliance through grants, donations from organizations and individual supporters of our work we have managed to continue the most crucial aspects of life saving work. (primate rescue and caring for monkeys in rehabilitation)

We are even happy to announce that we have resumed Eco-Tours. We are open Monday to Saturday from 8.30AM-4.00PM and one MUST book a tour in advance. All Covid-19 safety measures must be observed to ensure visitors have a fun & safe tour.

Even with countries opening up across the world including Kenya things are not yet back to normal and our volunteer program which is our largest income source still remains closed. We need your much valued support to continue operations. [Please help us to care and rescue for the monkeys in need.](#)



"Is human provided food the problem?"

We recently had an open forum with the local Diani community discussing Human primate interactions and the reasons why primates visit our homes and how to co-exist. In most homes or hotels that primates visit there is access to human provided food. Unfortunately there are many negative consequences of primates consuming trash or any human provided food. Some of the effects as can be seen in the community are:

1. **Increased primate population**
2. **Primate aggression**
3. **Property Damage**
4. **Human retaliation such as killings & animal cruelty**

Some of the things you can do to prevent negative interactions with monkeys during their visits are:

1. **Keep food away from monkey accessible places**
2. **Close door and windows**
3. **Proper garbage disposal**
4. **DO NOT FEED MONKEYS**
5. **Secure all access points in houses**
6. **Use of spray bottles as a mitigation**

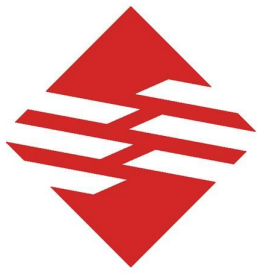


Top Right & Middle: Diani Residents
Bottom Right: Area in Diani

Sponsor Shout-Outs

Thank you for your support!

**We would like to express our sincerest
gratitude for your confidence in our work**



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