

The Conservation Education Society's monthly newsletter.

Photo of a school visit, here they are learning about the important work done by Diani Turtle Watch.



It's time for the International Coastal Cleanup!

Each year the Conservation Education Society joins forces with several organisations, volunteers and companies along the coast to clean our beaches, all in support of Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) initiative. ICC occurs on the third Saturday of September, with this year's being on the 18th September. In 2020, 7,100 volunteers came together to clean over 516 kilometres of Kenya's coastline, removing a total of 100,008 kilograms of trash. This contributed to the global total of 9,422,199 kilograms of trash removed from over 39,350 kilometres of coastline by 943,195 people.

The ICC is such a vital event in the fight to save our oceans, it brings 100 of thousands of people together, all with the goal of cleaning our environment. This is incredibly important, as not only does it help reduce the plastic pressure on our marine life, but is a stark awakening for all who gets involved of the plight our oceans are in. Worryingly, it has been predicted that if nothing is done, there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish by 2050. Furthermore, there are large congregations of trash in the ocean such as the Great Pacific garbage patch, which is now twice the size of Texas (1.6 million square kilometres), and this is only getting bigger by the day. This problem can no longer go by without drastic action and this is why at the Conservation Education Society, we are active participants of ICC and also conduct several cleanups throughout the year. However, this alone is not enough and so we also implement waste management awareness in all our tours and programmes, because it will need all of us working together to make a real difference. Plastic is now a material of convenience and it is almost impossible to avoid completely,

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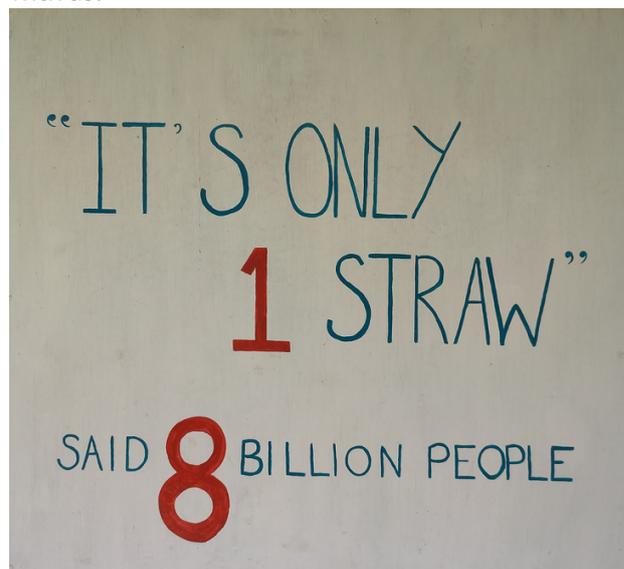
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but if we all made small changes to our lifestyle, it would make a huge difference globally. So this September 18th, if you are able, join a beach cleanup! If you don't live near the coast, you can still help either by sharing the importance of reducing plastic trash via your social media, or organising a local cleanup near you, because even if you live inland, a staggering 80% of land based trash makes its way to the ocean either via streams or rivers, or carried by the wind. So no matter where you are, cleaning up the environment will help keep our oceans clean. Finally, as important as this event is, don't make it the only thing you do to help the environment, continue to clean the environment when you can, make efforts to reduce how much plastic you use, and continue to spread the word! And remember, if you do participate this year, please do share your photos and experience with us!



Join the South Coast Team in Diani, Saturday 18th September, from 7.30am onwards, for the International Coastal Clean Up and do your part for our oceans!

We will be cleaning the area from Bidi Badu to Neptune Beach Resort. To join these areas, contact the designated team leaders below.



Photos above: Some of the educational signage you can find when visiting Local Ocean Conservation in Watamu. We feel it sums up the plastic problem perfectly!



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What We Have Been Up To in July & August!

Ongoing activities have kept our plates full in the months of July and August. Here is what we've been up to!

- The Wazili project, in partnership with the Kwale Plastic Plus Collectors, continues its module on marine life. We are working with schools and communities in both Diani and Msambweni. We are continuing with our weekly workshops with our fantastic team of outreach educators, developing materials and providing training on marine-based topics.
- In August, we welcomed back Fatma from her maternity leave!
- Together with the entire marine team, we participated in the Marine Education Centre quarterly meeting bringing together the entire marine team for the first time in a while!
- Two school groups visited the Marine Education Centre for our education programmes with one of the schools coming all the way from the other side of Shimba Hills!
- Our team visited Muamalaat Integrated school where we had a mini award ceremony for Leila who won third place in the art and craft competition during the Diani Sea Turtle Festival.



Photo at top: Photo of one of the Wazili workshops at one of the participating schools.

Photo on right: Some of the students that visited us at the Marine Education Centre for an educational day; here students are participating in a beach cleanup.



What We Have Been Up To in July & August Continued...

- Our team member Kelly joined the REEFolution Foundation stakeholder meeting, to participate in a public consultation meeting on the proposed coral reef restoration project at Swahili Beach Resort, Diani. We look forward to be part of the project as it takes off!
- Finally, on World Photography Day, our second annual photo competition went live running for 2 weeks! This year's theme was 'People vs. Nature'. Keep an eye out for the finalists, which will be announced any day now!
- Throughout our education programmes, we've been collecting drawings of marine life and resources from students. We will be making a fun corner of all the drawings collected so far in our section at the Marine Education Centre. Keep an eye out next time you visit the centre!



Photo above: Leila receiving her award for third prize in the Sea Turtle Festival art and craft competition!

MARINE CLUB CORNER

Welcome back to the Marine Club Corner! Our special section for the members of the Marine Club!

Hi Friends! It's been a busy couple of months at the

Marine Club! Let's have a look!

We start with Plastic Free July, an international movement aimed at creating awareness and encouraging the reduction of the use of plastic in our daily lives. It encourages us to 1) reduce the amount of plastic we buy 2) repurpose the plastic we have already bought into other useful products that can be used for a long period of time. Have a look at the beautiful flower pot that Layla made from an old plastic bottle on the right! It just goes to prove that plastic waste can be turned into something beautiful! Well done Layla!

August was our special dedication to the gentle giant of the ocean - the whale shark. Did you know that the whale shark has 3,000 teeth? but fear not, this majestic creature is incredibly gentle. August's activity was a fun one! Our Marine Clubbers had to create an acrostic poem about whale sharks!

Feel like you're missing out? Join the Marine Club today!

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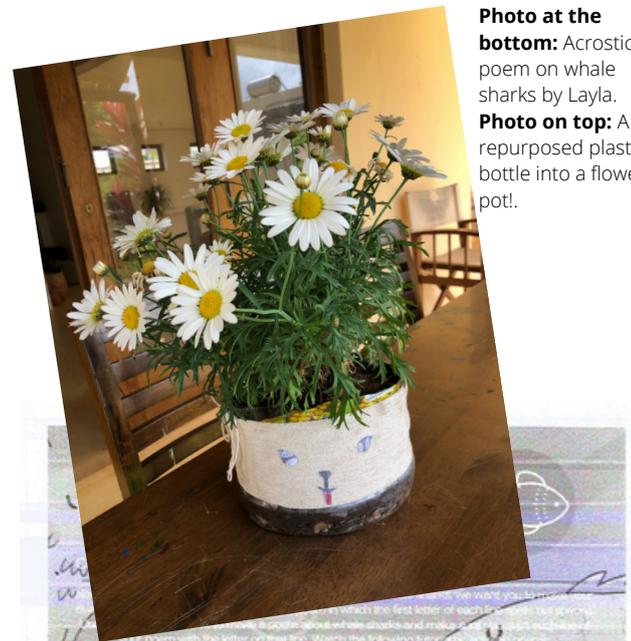
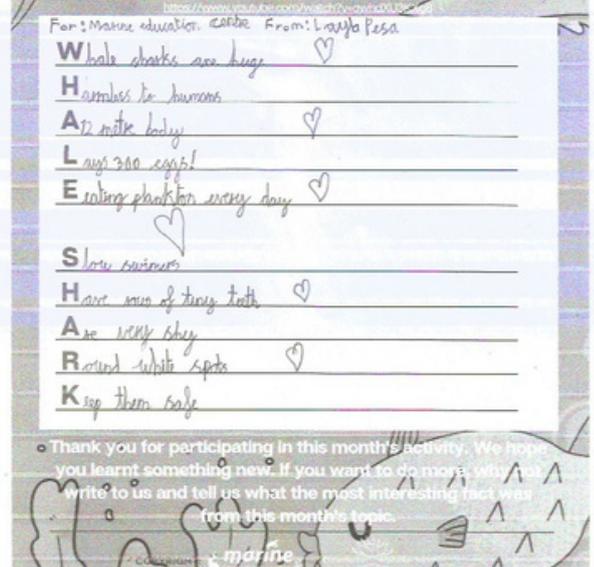


Photo at the bottom: Acrostic poem on whale sharks by Layla. Photo on top: A repurposed plastic bottle into a flower pot!



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Wednesday	2pm - 5pm
Thursday	2pm - 5pm
Friday	2pm - 5pm
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Remember

If you see a turtle nesting or an injured turtle, please contact Diani Turtle Watch on +254 758 961 322



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