

The Conservation Education Society's monthly newsletter.



Photo of 2019 Sea Turtle Festival, which will be returning in 2021!

## The Sea Turtle Festival is Back!

In 2019, we joined the Marine Education Centre in holding the first Sea Turtle Festival in Diani. The event was a huge success, with nearly 200 students attending the festival! Throughout the day there were activities, competitions, and a variety of stalls to keep everyone entertained. Furthermore, all of our amazing conservation partners joined in the festivities, these being Diani Turtle Watch, Local Ocean Conservation, Olive Ridley Project, The Flipflop Kwale Recyclers (formerly named Kwale Plastic Plus Collectors), and REEFolution Foundation. The objective of the festival is to provide a FREE, educative and fun day for everyone, all in celebration of World Sea Turtle Day which is held on the 16th June each year. Our small team was eager to see this event take place annually, growing each time, eventually being one of the many Diani attractions. However, like for many, these dreams were halted with the COVID-19 pandemic, making it impossible for us to run the event in 2020. However, nearly 2 years on, the planning of the second sea turtle festival is underway.



Photos on the left: The REEFolution team who joined us on the day. Photo on the right: students performing at the Sea Turtle Festival.

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As this event is completely free, we first need to raise the required funds to be able to cover the setup costs of the festival, this includes the cost of transportation, lunch and a small sustainable gift for local students, who would otherwise be unable to attend.

We would like to say a special thank you to all the amazing businesses and organisations that have already agreed to sponsor the festival, these being so far Swahili Beach Resort, Elewana Afro Chic, Moraway Adventures, Lantana Galu Beach, Valor to Virtue, Pipe Manufacturers and Kinondo Kwetu. We have several sponsorship packages, ranging from Kes 5,000 to Kes 40,000, if you would like to support the festival, you can become a friend of the sea turtle festival by donating Kes 5,000, go to [www.ceskenya.org/product/become-a-friend-of-the-sea-turtle-festival](http://www.ceskenya.org/product/become-a-friend-of-the-sea-turtle-festival) to do this. Otherwise if you would like to discuss the packages further, you can email us on [k.martin@ces-kenya.org](mailto:k.martin@ces-kenya.org). Stay tuned!

# SEA TURTLE FESTIVAL DIANI BEACH



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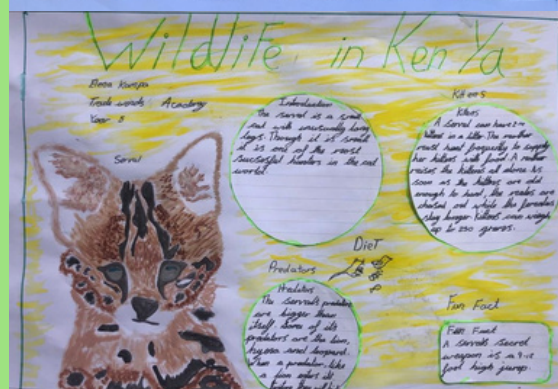
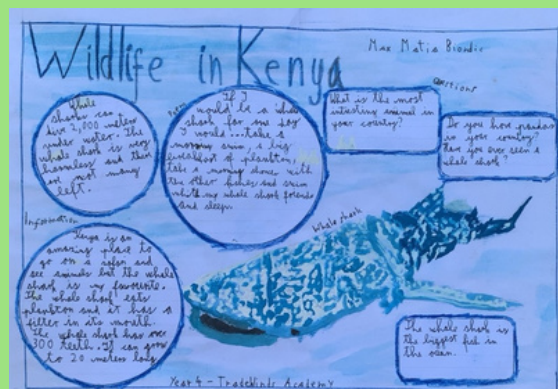


Photos on the far left: students and children compete in the sea turtle 'egg' and spoon race, Photo on the near left: participants in the sand sculpture competition. Photo above: all sponsors so far of the 2021 festival.

## What We Have Been Up To This Month!

In March, the Conservation Education Society has been working on several programmes, many in partnership with some amazing organisations. Here is what we have been up to;

- The Global Giving Little by Little Campaign ran from the 8th March through to the 12th March. We successfully raised \$198. Thank you to everyone who donated to the campaign.
- We continued working with schools and communities through the Natures Guardian outreach education programme, in partnership with the Flipflop Kwale Recyclers (Formerly known as the Kwale Plastic Plus Collectors) throughout March.
- We provided a tour and presentation at the Marine Education Centre for 35 teachers from different schools around Tiwi. They were excited to learn about our education programmes and possibly using the Marine Education Centre as a learning resource for their students. The next stage will be to plan school trips with students to learn about marine wildlife.
- March was the first month of Conservation Pals, an initiative from our partner, One Planet Conservation Awareness. This month's theme was 'Wildlife Around the World'. Tradewinds Academy is the first school in Kenya to participate in this programme, so far the initiative has engaged schools in Uganda, Thailand, the USA, UK and Kenya.
- We have been working closely with the Marine Education Centre in planning the next sea turtle festival, which will be held on the 13th June. To support the event, we have been raising funds to cover all operational costs, so far raising Kes 160,000. All sponsors so far are highlighted above, if you would like to become a sponsor, then please contact [k.martin@ces-kenya.org](mailto:k.martin@ces-kenya.org).



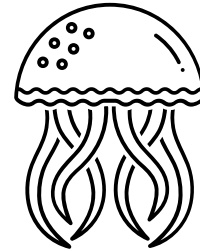
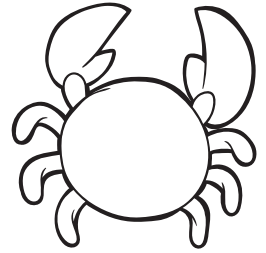
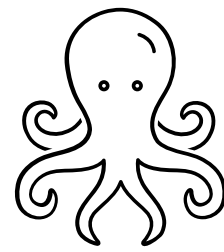
Photos on top: The finished products from Tradewinds Academy for the Conservation Pals programme. Photo at the bottom: the Natures Guardian team meeting at the Marine Education Centre to plan school workshops.

# Marine Invertebrates Word Search

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## Word List

1. Clam
2. Octopus
3. Sea Urchin
4. Squid
5. Hermit Crab
6. Nudibranch
7. Snail
8. Lobster
9. Starfish
10. Jellyfish



## MARINE CLUB CORNER

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

Hello Friends! We're excited to show you what some of our

Marine Clubbers have been up to!

In March we discussed the 7 R's of Sustainability - from rethinking & reducing our purchasing patterns to reusing and repurposing items we already own, there's lots of things we can do to make better use of our resources and become better global citizens.

One of our youngest members Layla had lots of fun with this month's activity - which was to repurpose an item at home that was no longer in use. She turned an old t-shirt into a cute little bag! You can see the final product on the right!

Check our Facebook and Instagram pages to watch Layla's video tutorial and try it out yourself!

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

Simply click on [this link](#) and follow the prompts or alternatively contact us on [campaigns@ces-kenya.org](mailto:campaigns@ces-kenya.org) and we'll sort you out!



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**The Marine Education Centre Opening Times**

Monday	2pm - 5pm
Tuesday	2pm - 5pm
Wednesday	2pm - 5pm
Thursday	2pm - 5pm
Friday	2pm - 5pm
Saturday	2pm - 5pm
Sunday	2pm - 5pm



**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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