

What Sazani is Doing

Sazani is working with policy makers and practitioners to reduce the vulnerability of islands, like Zanzibar, to climate change. This involves increasing your awareness and understanding about how your choices affect others, as well as working with vulnerable communities to support them to adapt and develop sustainable lives in the face of climate change.

Our practical programmes encourage:

- active learning and sharing of skills
- support for rural enterprises
- sustainable and responsible tourism
- mangrove rehabilitation to protect the shoreline and lock away carbon

Want to know more?

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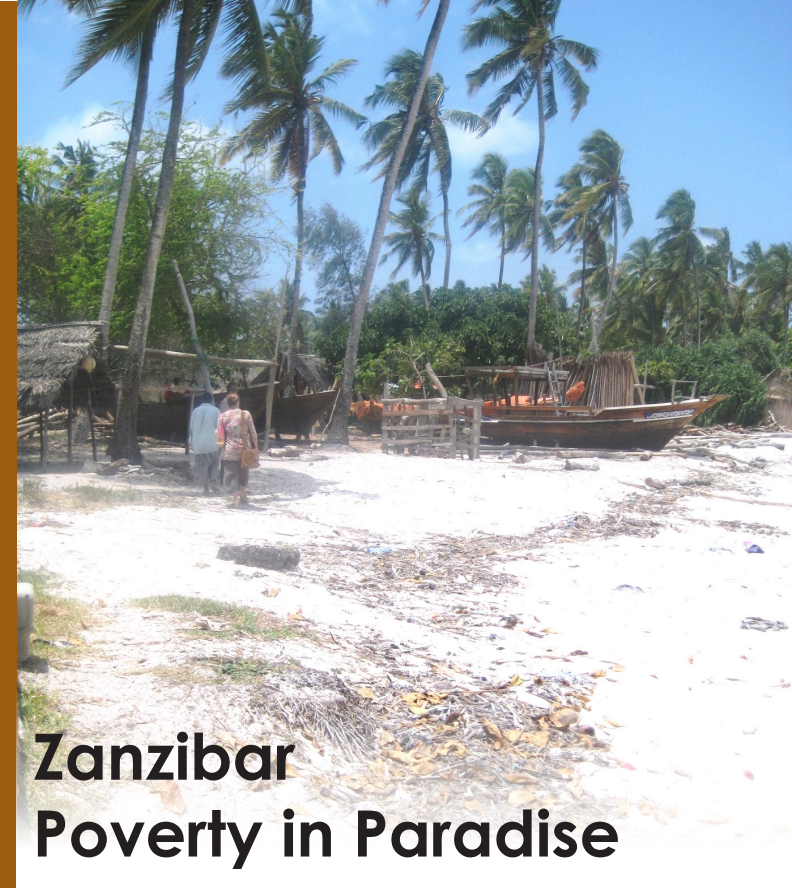


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Zanzibar

Poverty in Paradise

The archipelago of Zanzibar is a semi-autonomous area of Tanzania, 25 miles off the mainland. It is a beautiful island famed for its white beaches, palm trees and the old stone town, a UNESCO world heritage site.

Tourism is the main economic activity. But while tourists flock to the islands and stay in luxury beach hotels with pools and spas, neighbouring villages struggle to access water for basic sanitation.

Many communities on this idyllic island exist in poverty set in paradise. Multi-nationals are taking over tourism, leaving locals with lower incomes and less land for subsistence agriculture.



Ten facts about Zanzibar:

1. **Life expectancy is just 48**
2. **90 per cent of young people are unemployed**
3. **More than 60 per cent of women can't read or write**
4. **Just half the villages have electricity and safe water, mostly wells**
5. **People cut down too many trees; Zanzibar mangroves lock away 50x more carbon than tropical rain forests**
6. **Education and healthcare are free, books and medicines are not**
7. **It is a semi-autonomous state, like Wales**
8. **Cloves are its biggest export crop**
9. **Freddy Mercury was born in Zanzibar**
10. **Most people are Muslims and it is a secular state**

Climate Change threats

Zanzibar, as a tropical Island in the Indian Ocean, is extremely vulnerable to climate change and rising sea levels. Increasingly extreme weather patterns already lead to more natural disasters, such as flooding, droughts and cyclones.

Zanzibar depends on climate-sensitive industries like agriculture, fisheries and tourism, which are expected to face considerable challenges in the future.

If temperatures rise by just 1.5 0c the islands could disappear under the ocean.

What we need to do

- Work together to reduce greenhouse gases to keep global temperature rise below 1.5°c
- Reduce the rate of sea level rise that affects 40 per cent of the world's population living within 100km of the coast
- Promote sustainable fishing and foraging activities – which provide essential protein for 2 million people living in Zanzibar
- Increase support from the global community for small islands, like Zanzibar, to survive. Small islands generate less than 1.3 per cent of global emissions – but will suffer the most
- Support actions that plan for the adverse effects of sea level rise on food production
- Focus on sustainable development worldwide - meeting the needs of the present without compromising future generations