

ZANZIBAR PROJECTS

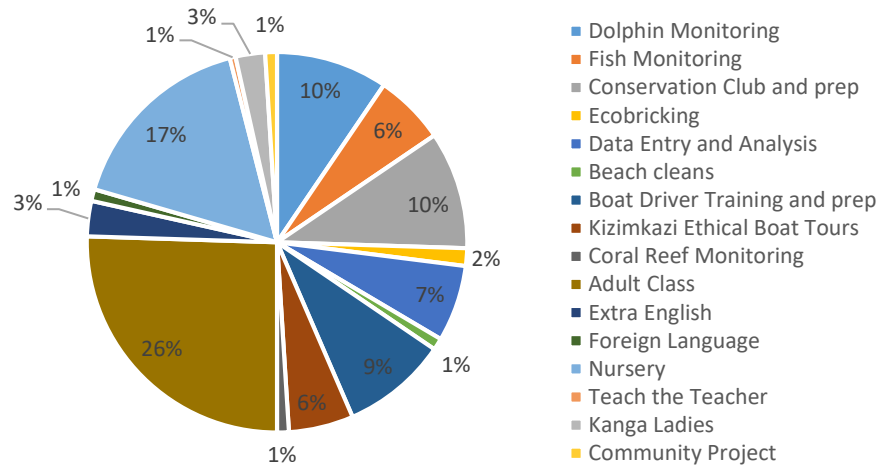
JANUARY – MARCH 2019



34 VOLUNTEERS
12 NATIONALITIES
5738 HOURS VOLUNTEERED



HOURS SPENT VOLUNTEERING ON EACH ACTIVITY



MAJOR EVENTS THIS QUARTER

- **Trashtag Challenge:** In early March the Trashtag Challenge took the world by storm. This was definitely a viral trend we didn't want to miss, so our Friday afternoon community project was spent collecting trash in the community.

Zanzibar has no formal waste collection system so we didn't have to go far for 6 of our volunteers to collect 5 bags in one hour. Much of the trash we picked up was plastic, which we can recycle in our eco-bricking program.

- **World Water Day:** To celebrate World Water Day, African Impact volunteers and staff filled a bucket each to survive off the same amount of water that Jambiani villager's use. Our pictures were posted on Social Media to highlight the constant struggle villagers face here with regards to water.

The average villager in Jambiani uses 32.5 liters of water per day for all their daily needs such as drinking, cooking, washing, and cleaning. This water is collected from wells in the community, which often run dry.



TEACHING PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Washy Washy Week: We ran a Washy Washy workshop week to all four of our nursery schools. We taught our students about the importance of brushing teeth and washing hands. Our local teachers, volunteers and children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this workshop.
- Mid-term exams: After completing 6 weeks of learning, our students in low, medium and high classes took a midterm exam. 52 students took our exam and we are looking forward to the end of term exams - as well as graduation.
- Celebrating International Women's Day with our Kanga Ladies: On the 8th of March it was International Women's Day, so we celebrated this day with our Kanga Ladies by asking them who inspires them and what it means to them to be a woman. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the ladies and volunteers. It was such a fun and interactive way of the volunteers and ladies celebrating being a woman!
- Adult class: One of our high-class students has secured a job as an Assistant Manager at one of our local hotels. We are thrilled and so proud of him to have this.
- Adult class leavers: In our adult class we have had 9 students who have been studying with us but they have recently stopped attending frequently. These students range from low, medium and high class. They have all recently been given full time jobs therefore they are unable to attend class every day.



"My experience in Zanzibar was my 4th time volunteering with African Impact. This latest trip confirmed to me why African Impact is the best volunteer organization I have worked with. They provide sustainable and rewarding projects that impact both the community and volunteers, by having a strong staff base so that volunteers are supported and classes can always run regardless of volunteer numbers. For me, there is no better way to get to know a country than to gain perspective from the community there and with African Impact you are able to achieve this in a respectful and rewarding manner."

Fiona Brown, UK



KIZIMKAZI ETHICAL DOLPHIN TOURS UPDATE

- We have continued to market our trained drivers through the Kizimkazi Ethical Dolphin Tours. Facebook was our primary source of bookings this quarter as hotels are entering low tourist season. At the end of March, volunteers traveled to Stone Town to hand out ethical tour information and business cards to hotels and tour agencies. We were well received by everyone we spoke to, hopefully leading to increased bookings in June, July, and August.
- We successfully trained 4 boat drivers in ethical driving this quarter. These drivers are from Mkunguni, the other village of Kizimkazi, which will help us make future connections and progress in that area. This also brings our total number of trained drivers to 20!

"I love dolphins. The Marine Conservation Project is an excellent program to support the welfare and conservation of dolphins in the wild in Zanzibar where there is a flourishing swim with wild dolphin tourism industry and no government regulations. It was wonderful to be out on the water almost every day to monitor the dolphins, tourists and boat drivers. Boat drivers are being trained in alternative ways to both encourage tourism and protect the dolphins. I particularly enjoyed strategizing to educate a bigger audience of tourists, hotels, travel agencies, big tour companies and guide books and the college of tourism."

Jan Lecklikner, USA



Until next time... THE ZANZIBAR TEAM

