



Progress Report

Project: SeaTrees Marereni, Kenya Mangrove Project
Project Reporting Dates: June 1, 2024 - September 1, 2024
To: Sustainable Surf / SeaTrees
Project Leader: SeaTrees Program Director, Leah Hays

Summarize Project - Include what the deliverable is and who is key in making sure it is achieved

Sustainable Surf / SeaTrees received a \$5,000 grant from the Forix Foundation to support the [Marereni, Kenya mangrove project](#), which is operated by our project partner Community Based Environmental Conservation (COBEC). These funds were used to plant 4,000 mangrove trees and purchase computers to help our partner conduct their work. We also produced a beautiful film about this project called [Salt Cure](#).

Progress - List steps which have been achieved and to what end up to the date of this report. List issues that have arisen which may have (or maybe will occur) which will impact, either positively or negatively the outcome of the project.

COBEC planted 4,000 mangrove trees in Marereni, Kenya and purchased computers for their team. The COBEC team monitored the trees and provided monthly reports to SeaTrees.

Staffing - Account for staffing which has affected the project: who is involved, what needs are going unmet, if any, and the dollar cost of any additional personnel required.

SeaTrees has an ongoing partnership with COBEC in which we provide support through funding, marketing, and impact measurement. COBEC employs local community members to conduct the restoration, monitoring, and reporting work.

Budget - Attach a copy of the original budget and account for what portion has been used on each item . While the 'burn rate' is sometimes heavier at the start of the project, please flag any items which are creating risks for the project or if there has been a need to reallocate funds within the project.

Other Funding - If there are any problems with other sources of funding for the project at this time that should also be noted here.

There are no problems with other sources of funding for the project at this time.

Milestones Current - Discuss milestones and/or actionable items which have been achieved at the writing of this report. Flag issues, if any, which came up in achieving this goal.



Milestone 1 - laptops obtained in June 2024.

Milestone 2 - planting of 4,000 mangroves during monthly planting activities from June-August. Field activities, including the planting of mangroves, are recorded in the Kobo tool, which tracks mangrove planting in real-time with GPS coordinates and photos of before, during, and after, planting. Data captured in Kobo is then put into a monthly report, which is submitted to SeaTrees and checked by our project management team.

Milestones Future - List milestones and/or actionable items expected to be completed by the next reporting period. If any complications are expected, raise them here as well as any possible resolutions.

As far as we know, this is the only reporting period for this grant.

Opinion - The project leader should include his/her analysis on the overall progress of the project, weigh in with any issues or variations which have occurred or are expected to occur. Include the next date of reporting due, if applicable. Photo inclusions are encouraged whenever possible.

From the SeaTrees Program Director, Leah Hays:

"Thank you for this generous donation to support a project that has really formed the backbone of the SeaTrees project portfolio. Having visited our onground partners in Kenya earlier this year, it became instantly apparent how impactful this project has been over the years. I had the pleasure of meeting only a small portion of those involved in the project, which still amounted to more than 200 very grateful people. While we find the per tree model very successful and easy to grasp for donors, from time to time we receive adhoc requests that fall outside of our budget, such as refurbished computers. Thank you so much for helping us to reward this capacity building gift, it was greatly appreciated!"

While the project continues, we do foresee further adhoc donations needed to redirect a blocked stream that is currently impacting a section within our restoration area. The block has occurred due to nearby industry. Planting mangrove trees is one thing, but creating the right conditions for natural recruitment and survivability to occur is ultimately the goal. Thus, ensuring correct hydrological function is of utmost priority, and will be something we are fundraising for in the near future."

Please see the photos from our February project site visit [here](#).

Receipts - Original receipts against expenditures should be provided. Where actual receipts are not available, please delineate. Just a spreadsheet with a cost breakdown, while appreciated, is not sufficient.