

Annual Report 2022

INTRODUCTION:

ParCo stimulates and facilitates community led development from spark to sustainability. Current community initiatives support school access for orphans, preschool operation, beach cleanup, recycling, sustainable fisheries and ecotourism. The following report captures activities and impacts realized in 2022.



ACTIVITIES:

Beach Cleanup:

In 2022, ParCo continued the work of beach cleanup with 25 activists from Mangalisse to Chigamane. About 4.5 tons of waste was collected from the beaches, 25% of which was recycled.



Beach Waste from the Bazaruto Archipelago:

We continued to support the Bazaruto Archipelago National Park with processing and recycling of material from the beaches until September 2022 when the support contract closed. During the entire project from January 2021 to September 2022, we processed over 30 tons of island beach waste, of which almost 50% was recycled.



Ecoponto:

We continue purchasing recyclable plastic and aluminum that provides small income to casual waste pickers. We purchased more than 14 tons of material in 2022 and 61 tons cumulatively since 2020. We paid the community 110,139mt (\$1,750) in 2022 and 458,299mt (\$7,250) cumulatively since 2020.



Environmental Education:

On World Ocean Day which we celebrated on the 8th of June and on World Cleanup Day which we celebrated on the 17th of September, 300 volunteers collected a total of 100 bags of rubbish from the beach area totaling 700 kg which was subsequently separated for recycling at the ParCo's center.



Seahorse Protection:

In 2022, the Indigo Seahorse Adventure went out for 18 trips. It is managed by the Mangalisse CCP with logistical and technical support from ParCo. The total income of 71,400mt or (or \$1,100) was earned by community members including former seahorse poachers for guiding ths tour and an additional 31,250mt or (\$xx) went to the community seahorse protection fund. This income is a continued incentive to avoid seahorse poaching for the illicit TCM market.



School Access Kits:

In 2022, we helped a total of 43 orphans or vulnerable children with school kits (with support from Casa Babi and Santorini and their guests). Each orphan or vulnerable child was given a backpack full of school supplies and 1,000mt (\$16) for the purchase of school uniforms and other school fees.



Early Childhood Development/Preschool:

Quinto Congresso preschool was closed in 2020 and 2021 but opened again in 2022. The registration process drew 40 children, aged three to five, at the beginning of the year. The daily program is overseen by two trained teachers selected from the local community. The school day includes moments of learning, playing, eating porridge in addition to snacks from home. The program budget is financed with symbolic monthly payments from parents with great support from the Bahia Mar hotel and it's guests.



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