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EAWLS interventions on Marine conservation

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ABOUT EAWLS

- ❖ **EAWLS** is membership-based, not-for-profit conservation organization operating in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania.
- ❖ **EAWLS** is a product of a merger of the Kenya and Tanzania Wildlife Societies (both formed in 1956) and wildlife enthusiasts from Uganda.
- ❖ **Our vision:** A world in which nature and people co-exist in mutual benefit.
- ❖ **Our mission:** as the voice of environmental conservation in East Africa, we advocate for the sustainable use of environment and natural resources.



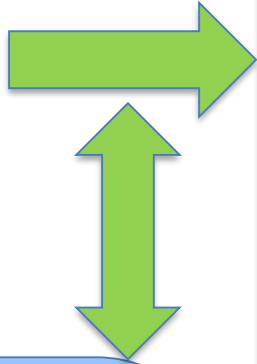
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OUR WORK

PROGRAMMES

1. Wildlife
2. Forestry
3. Wetlands
4. Marine



Approaches

- Policy advocacy
- Capacity building
- Education and awareness creation
- Public engagement
- Issue based networks
- Strategic partnerships
- Sharing of information and knowledge
- Annual events (forest & Mazingira challenges)
- IMRE Loffler lectures

Initiatives

- Formulation of policies, laws, regulations, plans and strategies.
- Monitoring enforcement of existing policy, legal and regulatory frameworks
- Affordable energy solutions
- Capacity Building
- Protected area management support
- Landscape restoration
- Nature-based enterprises
- Citizen science in species conservation.
- Establishment of community-based natural resource institutions (CFA, BMU, WRUA)



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MARINE THEMATIC AREA

OBJECTIVES

- General Objective: Promote conservation and sustainable management of coastal marine resources for improved livelihood and environmental protection.
- Specific Objectives:
 - To improve enabling policy environment and institutional framework for sustainable marine conservation through evidence-based advocacy.
 - To promote action and investment against illegal and unsustainable marine resource exploitation
 - Coordinate marine conservation stakeholders to partake in collaborative and adaptive planning for marine conservation
 - To collaborate with National and regional institutions to strengthen capacity and restoring ecosystem health
 - To promote species based conservation targeting reef fish and aquarium trade, sea turtle conservation and participatory management.



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OUR APPROACH

- ❖ **Advocacy**
- ❖ **Partnerships**
- ❖ **Issue based Networks**
- ❖ **Community based Natural Resource Management**
- ❖ **Capacity Building**
- ❖ **Information sharing and knowledge management**



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EAWLS INTERVENTIONS

- ❖ Advocate for harmonization and formulation of policies and laws for sustainable management of marine resources
- ❖ Improve enabling legislations for marine conservation through research, communication and advocacy
- ❖ Work with stakeholders to support the fight against illegal fishing
- ❖ Facilitate formation of Marine resource oriented advocacy forums to tackle wide scale threat against species and habitat
- ❖ Promote species based conservation such as the reef fish
- ❖ Support the integration of Marine Resource conservation into CIDP



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Notable Milestones

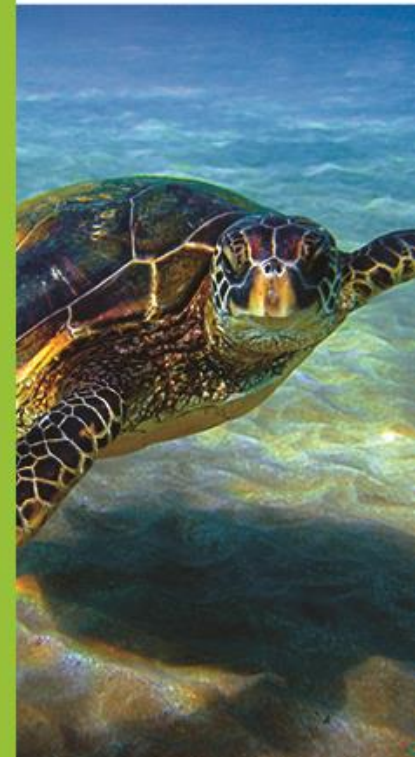
- ❖ Contributed to the development of stepwise process to allow establishment of BMUs and CCAs along the coast in the implementation of new fisheries regulations
- ❖ Successfully supported participatory management planning processes leading to the development and approval of by-laws for 7 BMUs which provided for jurisdiction of individual sites and legal basis for their operations
- ❖ Demarcation of CCAs across an area of 220km² with the potential to deliver future benefit of marine diversities and fisheries
- ❖ Supported BMUs to create local governance structures
- ❖ Linking of CCA representatives through a country-wide networks for peer learning

Possible areas of Synergies



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Possible areas of Synergies

❖ Regional level advocacy work

Marine being a trans-boundary issue present an opportunity for leveraging on the strength of other partners in East Africa

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