



### MIKOKO NATURE TRAIL

Upscaling Ecotourism Along Tudor Creek





#### **About Us**

The program is currently being implemented as a start-up business by Big Ship CBO, a community based organization that aims at promoting sustainable biodiversity and improving community well being through collaborative actions and practices.

Mikoko nature trail is a sustainable tourism program blending conservation and cultural preservation to offer unique and immersive experiences with the peril-urban mangroves of Tudor creek, Mombasa.



#### The Problem



**Limited Tourism Options** 

Inexistence of diversified tourism products within Mombasa.





**Mangrove Degradation** 

Overexploitation of the mangroves by the community leading to unprecedented degradation.



Rising Poverty/Unemployment

Increased poverty levels due to high unemployment rates of young people within Mombasa leading to increased crime rates and substance abuse.







**Boardwalk** 

Establishment of a 1.7-meter boardwalk through the mangroves of Tudor Creek.





Alternative Livelihoods

Alternative and sustainable ways such as beekeeping of utilizing the mangrove forest.

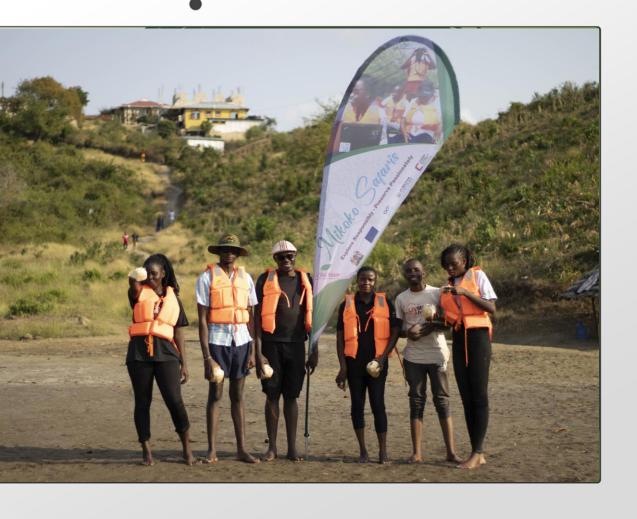


**Eco-Center** 

The construction of an Eco-Centre featuring key elements such as a restaurant, conference facility, amphitheater, floating jetty, and an ablution block.

#### Solution

Our solution aims at improving the socio-economic wellbeing of the adjacent community by creating job opportunities thus reducing poverty levels and over dependency on the mangrove ecosystem as a major source of livelihood



#### **Product**

Mikoko Nature trail offers a unique blend of nature, conservation and cultural experience by offering immersive experiences such as mangrove guided tours, canoe rides through the hidden mangrove channel, bird watching, mangrove mud baths, local cuisine tasting and cultural experiences like traditional dances.





**Eco-Adventure** 

Eco adventure blending immersive authentic cultural experiences



**Empowerment** 

Promote sustainability, conservation, and Community empowerment.



# Unique Value Proposition



#### **Target Market**



Academia (educational groups)



Nature enthusiasts



Conservationists



**Eco-conscious Travelers** 



**Cultural Tourists** 



Bird watchers



Adventure seekers



Local residents



## **\$** Generating Money

 We are likely to generate income through Customers paying for services like boat rides, conference facility, restaurant, mangrove guided tours, cultural experiences such as traditional dances.



#### **Expenses**

• The major expenses once the business is fully operational will be operational cost, licensing, maintenance costs.

#### **Marketing Strategy**



Social Media Promotion

Online marketing platforms such as Viator, Get Your Guide.com, Magical Kenya



**Partnerships** 

Partnerships with tour firms



Memberships

Membership with tourism association eg. Currently a member of Ecotourism Kenya



#### Competition

Convenience

Inconvenient



MNT offers off the beaten path tourism experiences with a focus on mangrove conservation with a blend of authentic cultural experiences.

Situated in a peri-urban area near Mombasa with ease of accessibility.

**Diversified Experience** 

**Undiversified Experience** 

Mida Creek

Gazi

Crabshark, Dabaso

Crabshark, Dabaso



#### **Growth Strategy**

How will we scale in the future



#### **Past**

From 2010

 Focused more on conservation through mangrove restoration.



#### Present 2024

- Ideation of the business
- Branding and packaging of the business
- Initiated construction of an Eco-center
- Constructed a 30m boardwalk



#### **Future**

- Fully functioning eco-center
- Complete boardwalk (1.7km), jet
- Blending all experiences





#### Funding we are Seeking

## Ksh.28m

We seek an investment of Ksh 28 million to develop a 1.7-meter boardwalk, a modern conference facility, and an amphitheater at Mikoko Nature Trail.

This unique project will enhance visitor experiences, attract eco-tourists, and create a vibrant venue for conferences, performances, and cultural events.

The integration of these will boost foot traffic and also position Mikoko nature trail as a premier destination for nature lovers and professionals alike, driving sustainable tourism and local economic growth.







## Return on Investment

• We expect to generate monthly revenue of **Ksh 400,000** from the total services offered once the boardwalk, conference facility and restaurant are on fully operational.

This implies an annual return on investment of about **Ksh 4.8 Million** for a period **6 years** to raise the **Ksh 28 Million**.



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