

MIKOKO PAMOJA



Winner of the prestigious United Nations Development Program Equator Initiative Prize 2017 for innovative, nature-based solutions for tackling biodiversity, climate change, development, and poverty challenges.

Mikoko Pamoja is a pioneering Blue Carbon project on the southern coast of Kenya. It protects and restores 117ha of critically important mangrove forest under a community-based management approach, and delivers benefits for the climate, the environment and for people.



CARBON, COMMUNITIES AND CONSERVATION

Mikoko Pamoja—meaning 'mangroves together' in Kiswahili—launched in 2012 as a result of a community initiative to protect and restore their mangrove forest for the benefit of the climate and local people, under a co-management agreement between the community and the Kenya Forest Service. The project captures and stores over 2,500 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year that would otherwise have been lost through deforestation.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

30% of project income is invested in the community. This has funded schools, water provision, hospital equipment and other projects as directed by local people and governed by an elected committee. This helps to address poverty in the area, helping to tackle the root cause of forest degradation and creating a sustainable future for Gazi Bay.



Mikoko Pamoja is certified under the Plan Vivo Standard. This gives our supporters the assurance that the project is not only scientifically robust, but ethically and socially just. We are proud to align our work with Plan Vivo's high standards for delivering climate solutions that relieve poverty, restore and protect the environment and build the capacity of communities.



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