

VANGA BLUE FOREST

Vanga Blue Forest was launched in 2019, building on the success of nearby Mikoko Pamoja to protect an even larger area of mangrove forest and support a bigger community living the villages of Vanga, Kiwegu and Jimbo on the Kenya-Tanzania border.



PROTECTING AND RESTORING MANGROVE FORESTS

Vanga Blue Forest protects and restores 460ha of mangrove forest, including the spectacular mangroves of Sii Island. In doing so, the project captures and stores over 5,500 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Areas that were deforested to make way for salt pans, long disused, will be reforested using local mangrove seedlings. Timber nurseries will be created to meet the needs of local people for timber.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Local people are at the heart of our work, and project income funds community development as well as conservation. In 2020, a pilot project provide 108 schoolgirls with sanitary products to ensure that they can continue to attend school whilst menstruating., and flood defences have been built to protect public buildings from coastal erosion. Community spending is governed by a locally elected committee and the whole community can vote on how money is spent.



Vanga Blue Forest 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 relive poverty, restore and protect the environment and build the capacity of communities.



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