

About Kisampa

Kisampa Community Conservation Sanctuary is the result of a partnership between Matipwili village and Sanctuary Tanzania Limited, who manages the conservation area on the village's behalf. This socially and environmentally responsible partnership aims to conserve 64 km² pristine environment on the southwestern borders of the Saadani National Park and the Wami River for future generations of Tanzanians, whilst at the same time providing meaningful reward to the communities.

The Environment

Kisampa Sanctuary was founded in 2004 as an effort to protect large tracts of natural land that was in danger of being unsustainably exploited for charcoal, timber and wildlife poaching.

Kisampa Sanctuary is important to protect, because it is one of the few remaining areas in East Africa with this diverse coastal habitat. The Sanctuary includes riverine forest along the banks of the Wami River, seasonal wetlands, marshes, oxbow lakes, seasonal sand rivers, grassland, woodland and coastal rain forest. This habitat is important to a range of native species of plants and bird and wildlife ranging from elephant and buffalo, hippopotamus, lion, leopard, several species of antelope and primates and the Zanj elephant shrew.

Maintaining this piece of land not only protects the health of the Saadani National Park, the water quality and wildlife in and along the Wami River, but is also important for the rain pattern for the local area.



The Community

The crucial change in mentality of the local communities to stop non-sustainable land use practices and conserve their precious environment is to provide support to social economical growth. Economical growth by creating alternative incomes and catalyse commercial sustainable micro-business opportunities such as beekeeping, hive building, and antipoaching and illegal logging patrolling activities as well as eco-tourism. Social growth is supported with educational (building of secondary school, village library and resource centre) health (safe water supply) and energy initiatives (village solar power network).

In Matipwili we found a receptive community, willing to protect their land, willing to trust us to work with them and protect Kisampa on their behalf till they have grown to live a high standard of living and exist in balance with the natural flora and fauna by the sustainable use of the natural resources. Kisampa is per its design a community based project; this allows for continuity as well as have the community realise it is for their own benefit.





Expanding Kisampa Sanctuary

The success of Kisampa together with our specific interest in social responsibility and community development, our experience with community conservation projects and our firm believe that poverty alleviation and environmental conservation comes through assisting communities access commercial opportunities, we are ready tackle a new opportunity. We are negotiating with the village of Gongo, (bordering the north side of the Sanctuary) to expand and double the size of Kisampa Sanctuary.

With the expansion of the Sanctuary we will:

- Support Gongo village to maintain their environment;
- Create wildlife corridor for elephants and other wildlife to travel from Saadani National Park to the Wami River;
- Safe the environment for being wasted by charcoal burning, poaching and cattle herding.



Jasmine Bee

The Kisampa beekeeping project is aimed at poverty alleviation of village beekeepers whilst maintaining this pristine environment. Jasmine Bee's decision to develop beekeeping activities in Kisampa Community Conservation Sanctuary and surrounding villages is because beekeeping is one of the few environmentally sustainable industries that generates income without destroying the habitat.

Kisampa acts as a demonstration apiary, education resource and collection and purchasing hub for beekeepers in all surrounding villages. We can offer a guaranteed market to community beekeepers and will pay cash on delivery of honey at an agreed and set price. This is the pivotal aspect of the project, which will allow village beekeepers to augment their income.

