

Kivokuni Indigenous Tree Nursery & *Oceans Alive*

A visit to two established conservation partners on the Kenyan coast
— one restoring indigenous forest, the other protecting the ocean
and the communities that depend on it.

VISIT DATE

9 November 2020

DISTANCE FROM VIPINGO PROPERTY

KITN, Kilifi ~30 km

OAT & KCW-CBO, Vipingo ~10 km

Two partners, *one stretch of coast*

Both organisations sit along the coast between Kilifi and Vipingo, within easy reach of the Vipingo Property.

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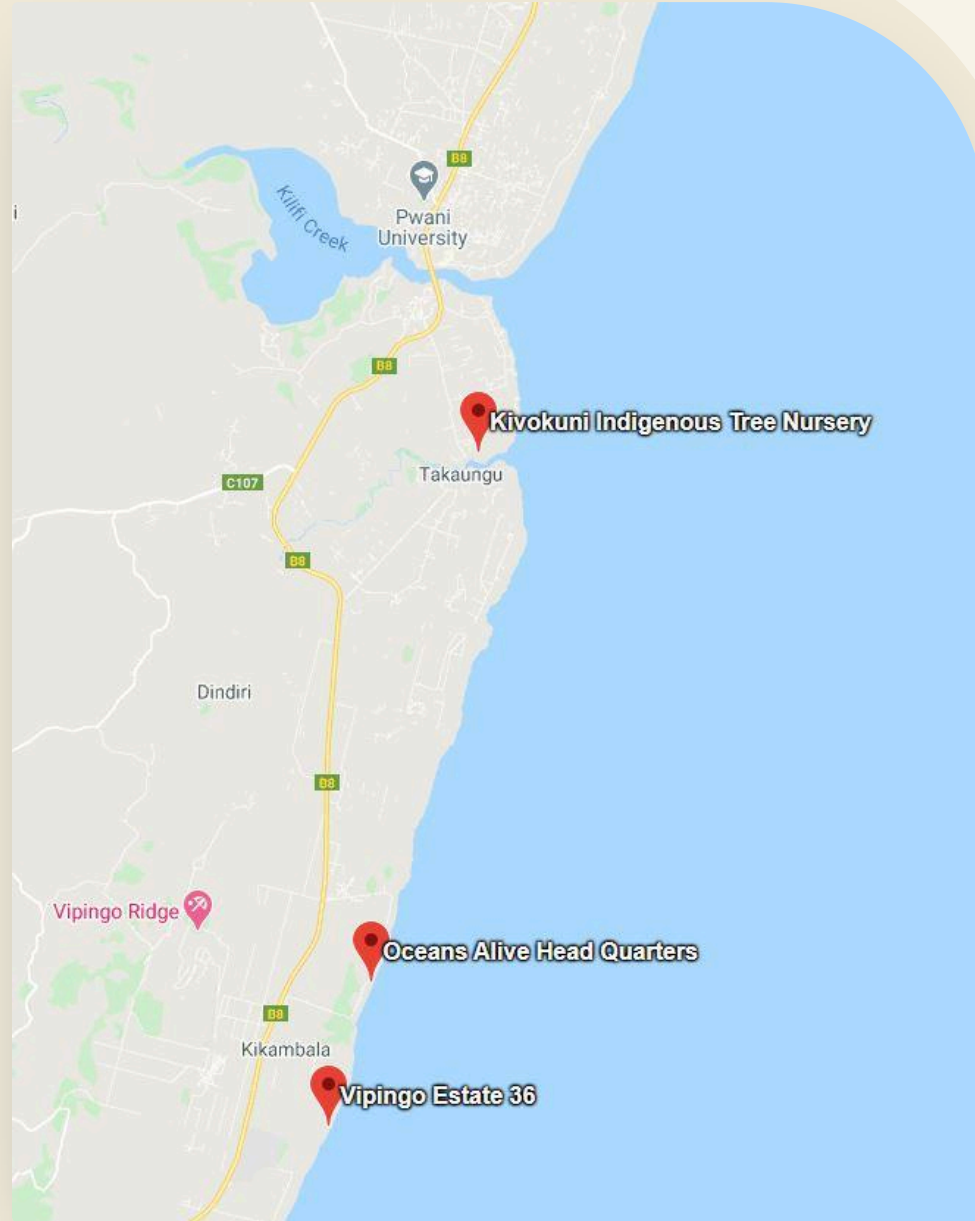
Kivokuni Indigenous Tree
Nursery

Kilifi · approx. distance from the property

10 km

Oceans Alive & KCW-CBO

Vipingo · approx. distance from the
property



Map showing the locations of Kivokuni Indigenous Tree Nursery, Oceans Alive Head Quarters and Vipingo Estate.

Who we *met*

TERRESTRIAL · KILIFI

Kivokuni Indigenous Tree Nursery (KITN)

~350 | indigenous species, several on the IUCN Red List

- A large nursery, plus an area currently being ‘rewilded’ — slowly introducing indigenous species and removing exotics over time.
- Holds species currently believed to be locally extinct, and is attempting to revive them in the area.

MARINE & COMMUNITY · VIPINGO

Oceans Alive Trust (OAT) & Kuruwitu Conservation and Welfare CBO (KCW-CBO)

KCW-CBO is a locally managed organisation that OAT works closely with and supports. OAT was created in 2016, drawing on 17 years of experience from KCW-CBO.

SHARED GOALS

- Develop education programmes for their beneficiaries
- Support current LMMAs and increase their number along Kenya’s coast
- Provide alternative livelihoods for the local community

2003

KCW-CBO founded — forms the first Locally Managed Marine Area (LMMA) in the Western Indian Ocean

2016

Oceans Alive Trust created

2020

V2V visit to KITN, OAT & KCW-CBO — 9 November

At the *nursery*

ON THE DAY

- 🍃 A tour of the nursery, with several plant species identified and discussed
- 🍃 A tour of the forest patch on the property currently being ‘rewilded’

CONSERVATION CONCERNS RAISED

- ⊖ Rapid development in the area
- ⊖ Deforestation, including removal of protected indigenous species
- ⊖ Non-native species outcompeting native ones

PROJECTS & PARTNERSHIPS

Several replanting projects, including a partnership with **Pwani University** and plans for a reforestation project on its campus. A reforestation project is also planned near the Vipingo property.

BIGGEST CHALLENGE

Funding

The main hindrance to progressing much-needed projects.

WHAT KITN CAN OFFER VALOR TO VIRTUE (V2V)

01 Staff training
Open to training V2V staff at the nursery, so they can bring this knowledge to V2V projects.

03 Range & pricing
Over 350 indigenous species of various ages — reflected in the cost.

02 Trees for replanting
Can supply trees; large orders should be placed in advance, as most trees are already ‘allocated’ to projects.

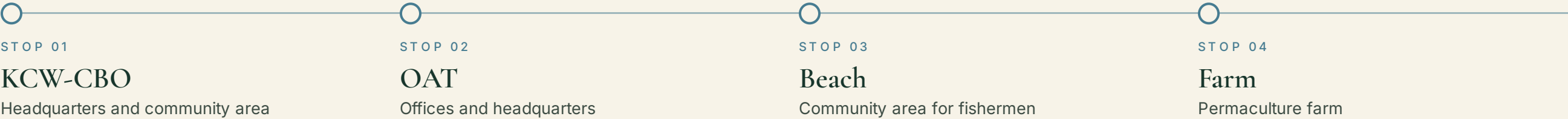
04 Collaboration
Reforestation projects, help developing property gardens, and expertise.





Oceans Alive & KCW-CBO

OAT’s operations manager gave the V2V representative a tour of both OAT and KCW-CBO projects and offices.



HOW THE WORK IS FUNDED

Volunteer groups

Several groups are scheduled over the coming months, helping OAT both run programmes and with financial support.

Resident membership

Vipingo residents pay an annual fee that supports the management and operating costs of the LMMA and community programmes.

Facilities grant

KCW-CBO recently received a grant to improve its facilities — shipping containers converted into classrooms and offices, now badly dilapidated — but needs help running and managing it.

Livelihoods are the *most vital lever*

OAT funds patrol groups along the LMMAs to make sure their rules are followed, and works with local Beach Monitoring Units (BMUs) on best fishing practice, habitat protection and alternative livelihoods.

Alternative livelihoods matter most: fish stocks are not sufficient to support every fisherman in the area, so a big focus should be job creation.

BMU FOCUS 01

Best fishing practices

BMU FOCUS 02

Habitat protection

BMU FOCUS 03

Alternative livelihoods

INCOME-GENERATING PROGRAMMES

Permaculture farm

Managed for the organisation and the community

Driftwood art

Local art pieces made from driftwood

OPENINGS FOR V2V

- 🌿 OAT is open to working with V2V on marine-based conservation.
- 🌿 A Vipingo community member was recommended to V2V for turtle conservation, and contacts were provided.

NB: A follow-up Zoom call with the founder discussed the above in more detail, along with possible synergies.

Partnerships are *vital to V2V*

V2V will develop programmes that counteract the rapid loss of coastal forests and tourist and urban development. OAT, KCW-CBO and KITN are established organisations doing significant conservation work in the area.

V2V will keep identifying local projects within its remit and building these partnerships — for the success and longevity of its own conservation efforts and others’.

WHAT V2V PARTNERS FOR

01

Land

Protecting terrestrial areas for conservation

02

Sea

Protecting marine areas for conservation

03

Wildlife

Sea turtle and colobus populations

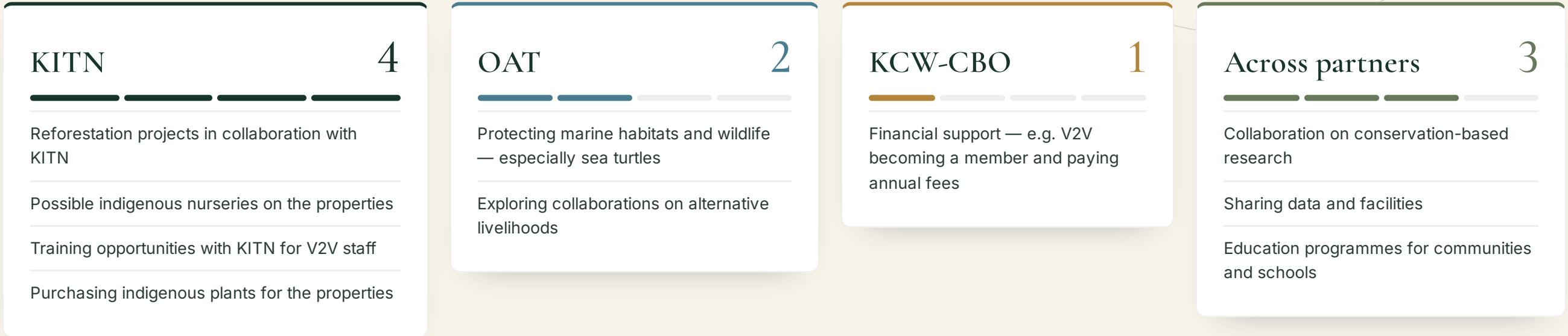
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People

Bettering the lives of coastal communities

Ten possible synergies

Initial thoughts and ideas, grouped by partner. The number shows how many synergies sit with each.



Next for V2V: continue developing formal relationships with these organisations, identify further organisations in the area, and keep an open dialogue with these projects to help shape V2V’s own strategic objectives.