

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Waste projects in Zanzibar

This chapter will introduce you to some very inspiring waste projects that have been set up and running in Zanzibar - get inspired and involved!

1. The Zanzibar Scrapes and Environment Association (ZASEA)



This is a non-governmental organisation and the first small scale plastic recycling factory in Zanzibar which was established in 2010. ZASEA focuses on collection and exportation of plastic scrapes, education and environmental conservation. and was formed as a result of the rapidly increasing plastic waste in Zanzibar. The factory also provides employment opportunity to the local community.



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This is how it works:

ZASEA WILL PAY **YOU** for your old plastic bottles, steel and aluminium cans, scrap metal, appliances and car batteries! See overleaf for prices!

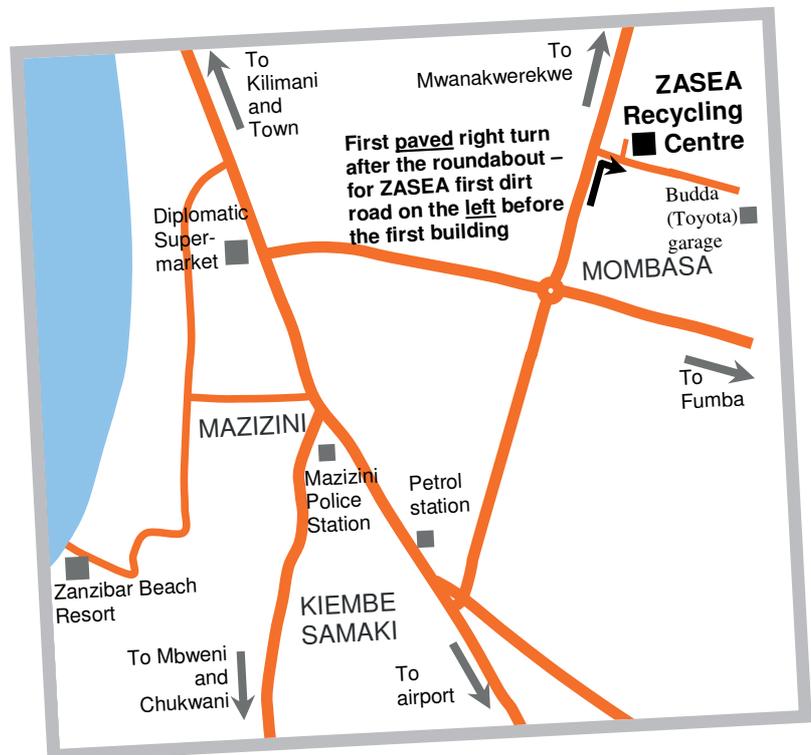
Bring your recycling to the ZASEA Recycling Centre in the Mombasa Kwamchina Industrial area.

ZASEA is open Monday to Friday 09:00 - 17:00. However please phone to confirm on: 0773814736 or 0777879723

ZASEA members will weigh your recycling and pay you cash for your plastic bottles and metal waste!

Please rinse leftover food off items such as cans, so the recycle bin does not attract pests.

ZASEA are currently unable to recycle hard plastic, plastic bags or glass, but aim to do so in the near future.



2. ZANREC

Zanrec is a waste operator in Zanzibar that focuses on the collection, processing and selling of recyclable materials and waste, both locally and internationally. Zanrec is committed to cleaning up Zanzibar's environment and is doing this in the following ways:

- by providing a high quality collection service to businesses and hotels. This service is paid for by the business but gives them an alternative to the dumping of waste straight into the environment;
- by working with local communities to ensure the waste they collect is dealt with responsibly. When a community group (a local organisation, school, or football team) contacts Zanrec to let them know that they have materials to be collected, Zanrec will go and collect the material. Depending on the waste material Zanrec will pay the group based on the material, amount and the current value of that material;
- by working with the government and international NGO's to ensure that proper laws defining waste are created and that environmental education is taught in schools.



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3. Sustainable East Africa (SEA)



Sustainable East Africa (SEA) is a collaborative programme based in Zanzibar which supports local NGOs, schools and communities to build a sustainable future. Many of the initiatives focus on improving waste management and helping partners to clean-up their communities and benefit from recycling, such as:

Mansipaa Jamii Vikokotoni is a Stone Town NGO working to clean up the streets of their Shehia. 30 members work daily to sweep and collect taka taka, and recyclable materials which are separated, and sold or reused to make new items. Activities are funded through drain cleaning services, jewelry making from waste paper, and bio-briquettes from charcoal dust.



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In **Mwera**, SEA has constructed two 10,000 litre water tanks using waste plastic bottles filled with earth instead of bricks, the first in Tanzania!

SEA has also worked with a local charity school **Prospective Learning and Charitable Institution (PLCI)** to establish a student-run Environment Club. The club carries out field trips to learn about environmental issues, conducts clean-up activities in their community, and has built a garden where herbs and vegetables are grown for school meals and to raise funds. PLCI also designs and makes jewellery and crafts from waste such as aluminium soda cans and paper, which are sold to tourists in the Cultural Arts centre, Zanzibar. The **Cultural Arts Centre Zanzibar (CACZ)** is a non-

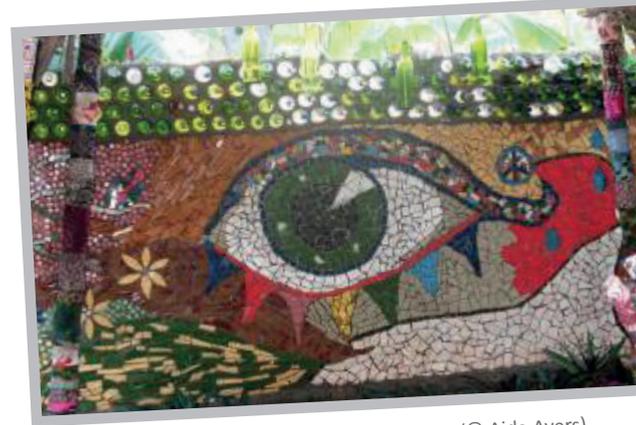
profit workshop, studio and shop in Stone Town which holds workshops and training in how to make arts and crafts from recycled materials such as earrings from soda cans, beads from recycled magazines, and recycled paper to cover books, which are sold to tourists.

4. Creative Solutions Resource Centre (CSRS)



Creative Solutions is a non government community learning center, located in Mangapwani. It is a grassroots organization where through art and education members of the community are offered training in order to assist them in becoming self sustaining. CSRS is committed to the philosophy of creating solutions through self-help.

Besides classes in computer, language and sewing, CSRS teaches craft and creates amazing art and objects from “taka taka” trash by using plastic, glass, paper and other found objects. Get in contact with them to find out more about current courses and teaching options.



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5. College of Health Science/Environmental Club

The College of Health Science in Zanzibar has a very active environmental club which is a leader in promoting the re-use and recycling of plastics and papers to make three dimension teaching models. Trained by Chumbe Island Coral Park’s Education Team, the students have started to work as peer educators by teaching other environmental clubs in how to make three dimension teaching material out of recycled material.



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