

The Ropes of Hope

Internship Program, Mafia Island, Tanzania



Our goal:

Halt and reverse the decline of the coral reefs of the Mafia Island Marine Park, Tanzania



Research

Conduct well controlled research on cost-effective reef renaturation and how to stimulate natural coral recruitment.



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Join our internship program!

We have launched a new internship program to help you become a coral gardener & start you off on a hugely important voyage of discovery into the climate emergency!

We are living in exciting times, in the midst of a climate emergency that threatens to fundamentally and forever change our way of life and, among many other negative impacts, drive our coral reefs and reef inhabitants into extinction in our lifetimes, before we ever even have a chance to find out what all their roles are and what amazing properties they may possess. The good news is that we know almost nothing about our Oceans, the most important determinant of climate and only now are smart, young minds finding opportunity in Oceanography. Join us. It is not too late. Together we can save our corals and uncover many tools to help slow climate change that may well save many other fundamentals we are taking for granted, like democracy, peace and dignity.

Change is not only a threat. For those who are in the right place at the right time **Change = Opportunity**

Week 1

CLASSROOM

Coral biology, coral propagation, reef renaturation and advanced SCUBA skills

Week 2

CHOLE ISLAND

Work in the coral nurseries and on social projects

Week 3

JIBONDO ISLAND

Ex-plant coral, collect data and implement social projects

Get involved!

Learn about coral reefs, work in coral nurseries & implement social projects.

Our coral propagation/reef renaturation practitioners' training programs of the past two years were so oversubscribed that we have decided to launch a coral gardening internship program to run every month except in April and May. There will be a single entry date on the 15th of each month. The program is restricted to 8 participants at any one time and is open to anyone aged 16 to 70 who is in good health (but you need to be a certified SCUBA diver to fully participate). If you are not certified yet, you have to arrive at least one week ahead of the program's start date to get certified (at your own cost but we get great discounts from our very professional PADI and SSI partner Mafia Island Diving). Once SCUBA certified, you need to commit to a minimum of 20 days. You can extend if you want, up to a maximum of 88 days.

The cost is approximately \$540 a week: \$82.50 per day for 20 days going down to \$72.50 per day for 88 days. This includes accommodation, meals, taxes, levies, ground transport and boat transport during the course, marine park fees and SCUBA diving costs (tank and weights provided) but does not include the cost of SCUBA certification nor the hire of SCUBA gear, nor transport to and from Mafia Island and a Tanzanian visa.



“Tulinde matumbawe yetu. Let's save our corals!”

Your first week will be spent on Mafia Island at our Kitu Kiblu whale shark internship camp, learning about coral biology, coral propagation and reef renaturation techniques as well as advanced SCUBA skills, learning to teach English and swimming and planning your own project. The second and third week will be spent on Chole Island and Jibondo Island and will include work in the coral nurseries (nursery building, collecting coral fragments, stocking & cleaning nurseries), coral ex-planting, data collection, teaching English and swimming at schools and implementing your projects.

Email us for more information if you are interested at theropesofhope@gmail.com or message us on WhatsApp: +49 174 8790606

KARIBU! BECOME PART OF THE TEAM

Our aim is to propagate as many different species, and genotypes within species, as possible from “corals of opportunity”. By collecting coral fragments from many different spots in the Mafia Island Marine Park, our team will create a genetically diverse, living coral gene bank. The living coral gene bank will help to maintain biodiversity and provide future coral gardeners and researchers with an invaluable resource for coral restoration attempts and for understanding coral genetics and coral symbioses.

