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Pride in harmonising nature-humanity relationships

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EEIU-Kenya Chapter and its objectives

EEIU-Kenya Chapter was founded in 2000 by the amalgamation of youth groups and ecology professionals in Kenya. To date, the chapter has grown to enlist several renowned Kenyan scientists from various fields, professionals who are the active ingredients in effecting change, Youth Groups who are seen as the future torch bearers for the principles that we represent, several local community members who are the immediate recipients of our actions and ideas, and persons from all walks of life.

From these beginnings we have made our presence felt in Kenya by taking on an active role in environmental advocacy, organising clean-up campaigns, facilitating the formation of 'Eco Clubs' in schools, carrying out academic research on endangered wildlife species and animal-human conflicts around conservation areas. Currently, we are coordinating a project about the 'Examination of the fishing traditions, taboos and culture used by the local fishermen in the exploitation of the coastal resources', with the intention of developing the most feasible and sustainable management strategies along the Kenyan coast.

EEIU-Kenya Chapter operates according to the following objectives:

• Implement the grand EEIU Concepts and Theses (Kinne 2002).

• Carry out detailed coastal environmental impact studies, with emphasis on overall ecological system changes, influences on coastal communities, local flora and fauna.

• Identify and characterize the various stakeholders along the Kenyan coast, their interests, conflicts of interest and how they vary in shift, space and time. Attempts will be made to develop methods of conflict resolution.

• Investigate traditions, taboos and traditionally acquired knowledge (tak) on conservation of marine coastal resources and their reconciliation with modern principles of resource management.

• Offer marine conservation and environmental education seminars to local fishermen, community groups and schools. Here, we intend to build on the efforts of 'Teen Watch` and their groups currently based along the coast.

• Give an inter-disciplinary evaluation of human-environment relationships by involving both ecological (natural) and social aspects.

• Understand the adaptations of the people, responses of the ecosystems and their feedbacks on biological diversity and ecological sustainability, as well as mediation of resource use.

Office location

The EEIU-Kenya Chapter's office, which also serves as the project head office, is situated in Mombassa, Kenya.

Affiliated institutions within Kenya:

• Egerton University
• Coast Development Authority (CDA)
• Coastal Forest Conservation Unit (CFCU)
• Teen Watch Centre in Ukunda
• CORDIO East Africa
• Various Fishermen groups

Reference:
Kinne O (2002) EEIU Brochure. English Original. Inter-Research, Oldendorf/Luhe, Germany