

Coral Reef Case Study: Part I

Community-Based Management: Saving the Coral Reefs of Tanzania

For the 150,000 people living on the Tanga coast in northeast Tanzania, fish are the main source of income and protein. Many of the most important fish species in this area depend on the rich Tanga coral reef ecosystem for food and shelter. Unfortunately, much of the originally healthy coral reef along this 180 km stretch of coastline has been destroyed by reef-destructive fishing practices, particularly blast or dynamite fishing. The destruction of coral reef habitat, in turn, threatens the harvest from the sea and the future well-being of Tanga coastal communities.

National regulations do exist which outlaw destructive fishing practices, but these regulations have not been enforced due to the currently limited surveillance and enforcement capacity of the Tanzanian government.



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