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Environmental Policy of MamboViewPoint

MamboViewPoint Eco Lodge is situated on the top of a mountain in the Usambara mountains in Tanzania.

It is important to mention that Conservation International (a U.S. based environmental group) has recognized the Eastern Arc Mountains (to which the Usambaras are belonging) as one of the world's 25 Biodiversity Hotspots. This means that there is an exceptional richness of plant and animal species in a relatively small area, and endemism is high (i.e. many species are unique to these mountains).

Unfortunately a lot of natural wood is disappeared in course of time but some parts like the Shagayu forest near by MamboViewPoint are from very old origin. MamboViewPoint tries to restore this rich environment on its terrain and also is involved with the reforestation of the Usambaras ¹⁾

One of our most fundamental aims is to live in harmony with, and have as little footprint on, those surroundings as possible. We recognize that our business has an important role to play in protecting and enhancing the environment for the benefit of our guests and the residents of the local community.

In keeping with this goal, many aspects of the project has the environment in mind. We espouse a sustainable lifestyle, minimizing our consumption of all resources, using renewable energy, and monitoring all systems. We compost all kitchen and garden waste, try to avoid purchasing packaged goods, shop locally, recycle and use biodegradable products, and strive to keep our waste products to a minimum.

An important aspect of this policy is to involve the local community ²⁾. Our employees come from local villages, and we train them in sustainable living. We are trying to showcase environmentally practices, hosting free school visits and giving guided tours and workshops, to all interested parties, explaining renewable energy, organic farming, and the sustainable lifestyle in general, as well as being involved in various local community projects. ^{3) 4) 5)}

We aim to comply fully with, and go beyond, all environmental laws and regulations, to review our policy and practices annually and to communicate relevant information to all interested parties, from guests and locals up to government officials. We hope we can help the Usambaras to retain its beautiful environment, and move into a greener future.

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MamboViewPoint Environmental projects

- 1) MamboViewPoint is developing CO2 compensation projects. Tourist can buy seedlings with a local tree nursery and plant them with a farmer. The farmer will take care for the tree for at least 10 years. This gives employment, helps to make the environment green and gives CO2 reduction. Except in the village Mambo there is a starting project with the Rangwi sisters in Rangwi.
- 2) MamboViewPoint is working on a solar-cooking project. On the school already education is done about the principles of solar cooking and there are several types of solar cookers collected to see what works the best for this environment.
- 3) MamboViewPoint is cooperating with the village to set up a waste collecting system for the community.
- 4) MamboViewPoint is providing seeds to local farmers from healthy and locally not common used vegetables and delivers knowledge how to farm biological.
- 5) MamboViewPoint gained knowledge how to make burnable bricks of sawdust to reduce the use of wood for cooking and stimulates the use of it. A sawmill near Lushoto is producing professional sawdust-bricks and a local woman group makes them manual.
- 6) MamboViewPoint is an example how to use solar, wind energy and LED lightning and displays this to all visitors.
- 7) MamboViewPoint is gaining information how to build more efficient stoves to reduce the use of firewood and charcoal.
- 8) MamboViewPoint has an open mind towards all other projects which are supporting the objectives.
- 9) MamboViewPoint invites people to contribute to the development and a better environment of the region and also wants to cooperate with excising projects as far as they fit in its goals.