

# ATBC + SCB Africa Meeting, Arusha 2011

## Organised Fieldtrips

Chumbe Island Coral Park, 17 – 19 June 2011



### Description:

Situated 8 KM southwest of Stone Town, Zanzibar, the award-winning Chumbe Island Coral Park is a Marine Protected Area (MPA) that is self-funded through an eco-accommodation located on the island. Guest fees fund monitoring and research projects and sponsor environmental education trips for local students. The island 7 exclusive eco-bungalows are constructed with state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly architecture including rainwater catchment, photovoltaic energy, solar water heating, composting toilets and vegetative greywater filtration.

Chumbe's MPA is important because it is located upstream of the most important fishing grounds for Stone Town.



The waters around Stone Town (and much of the island) are heavily overfished and are losing diversity of fish, coral and other sea life. The MPA hosts 90 percent of the hard coral species in East Africa and over 400 species of fish, which help to restock and maintain species diversity of the surrounding waters. It also provides world-class snorkeling for guests.

### Total duration:

2 nights, 3 days

### Itinerary:

Day 1: You will be picked up from your hotel at 10:00 am and taken to Arusha Airport for a 12:15 pm flight to Zanzibar. In Zanzibar, Chumbe Island staff will meet you at the airport



and transfer you to the Chumbe Island by boat where you will have the day to explore the island and its wildlife, and learn about the accommodation's eco-friendly architecture and island practices.

Day 2: There will be a schedule of activities to help you explore the coral gardens and forest which you are helping to conserve. During medium tide you will have the opportunity to snorkel over the coral gardens, and later join a guided tour of the Island's coral rag forests to learn of its unique ecosystem subsisting off the fossilized coral foundation.

Day 3: After breakfast you will be taken back to the Zanzibar airport to catch your flights back to Arusha, unless you decide to stay longer or spend extra time in Stone Town. (See note below).

### Requirements:

Swimming gear, sun protection and binoculars for birdwatching are also suggested.

### Group size:

Flexible.

### Cost:

Cost per person ranges from \$972 (based on 5 pax sharing) to \$1075 based on 1 pax. The cost includes full board accommodation on Chumbe Island, snorkeling equipments, and guided tours of the coral gardens, forest and intertidal area. Cost does not include alcoholic beverages.

### Book today!

Complete the [Fieldtrip Booking Form](#) now.

### Equipment and preparation:

None required.

**NOTE:** We highly recommend that you spend a day or two in Stonetown. Your visit will coincide with the Zanzibar International Film Festival (ZIFF) (18 – 26 June), a truly unique chance to experience Dhow countries' film industry (<http://www.ziff.or.tz/2011/festival>). Or carry on to Dar Es Salaam or to the Selous Game Reserve for that matter. Just let us know.