

Community Centred Conservation



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1. Background

Community Centred Conservation (C3) is an international non-profit company established in 2002 with the following mission:

To develop conservation efforts worldwide by building the capacity of local individuals and institutions through grassroots research and training initiatives

C3 started its work in the **Republic of Palau**, Micronesia, where it coordinated research into endangered species, impacts of tourism and marine habitat mapping, providing constructive recommendations for management to government bodies and local resource users.

In 2005, C3 identified a clear need in the islands of the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) for the capacity-building of local stakeholders involved in the management of marine resources. A second, extremely successful programme was set up in the **Union of the Comoros** in November 2005.

C3 is now the primary partner in a ground-breaking project to set up a practical coastal zone management training course based in **Mauritius**, accessible to students from throughout the WIO.

C3 works closely with community resource user groups, schools and colleges, government departments, private sector companies, local and international NGOs to ensure that specific and relevant outputs are produced according to local and regional needs. C3's success lies in its extensive network of technical experts to respond quickly and efficiently at the request of host country institutions. Operating from an administrative headquarters in the UK, the C3 team has over 30 years of experience in environmental research, education and management in Australasia, Oceania, Asia, Africa and the Americas with specialized expertise in the management of conservation programmes in small island developing states.



Seagrass survey, Anjouan, Comoros



Lionfish, Mohéli, Comoros

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2. Resources

Core Skills

- Training in environmental research and monitoring techniques
- Community-based conservation and resource management initiatives
- Environmental education and interpretation
- Developing management plans for protected areas and endangered species
- Ecological survey and monitoring
- Socio-economic evaluation

Core Staff

C3 has a team of 7 permanent staff, currently based in the UK, Mauritius and the Comoros. Additional specialists are available for consultation according to the requirements of individual projects:

Patricia Davis - Director

Chris Poonian - International Programme Manager

Dr Marc Hubble - Technical Advisor

Melissa Hauzer - Programme Coordinator, Comoros

Daniella Blake - Programme Officer, Comoros

Mouzidalifa Issouf - Ecotourism Officer, Comoros

International Advisory Committee

C3 is also supported by an international team of experts:

Kristian Teleki - International Coral Reef Action Network, UNEP-WCMC, UK

Sue Wells - Consultant, UK

Dr Sam Turvey - Zoological Society of London, UK

Dr Pat Colin - Coral Reef Research Foundation, Palau

Lori Colin - Coral Reef Research Foundation, Palau

Will Masefield - Durrell Institute, UK

Dr Martin Sayer, FSUT - National Facility for Scientific Diving, UK

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Turtle awareness-raising, Comoros



Hoani Conservation Centre, Comoros

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2. Project Summaries

Palau

Project	Dates	Value (US\$)	Main Disciplines	Funding	Partners
Dugongs of Palau; a study of behavioural ecology and changes in habitat usage	Apr02 – Aug03	100,000	Socioeconomic research Habitat mapping Necropsy Stomach contents analysis	Koror State Government Sirenian International C3	Marine Resources Pacific Consortium Coral Reef Research Foundation
'Bag for life' plastic awareness campaign	Jun02 – Jun03	50,000	Awareness-raising Video production Stakeholder consultation Video production	Global Green Grants C3 C3	Local women's groups Belau Cares Inc. Palau Community College Roll'em Productions
'Our Mangroves, Our Future' documentary	Dec02 – Jun03	3,000			
Certification of Marine Tour Guides	Jun03 – Sep03	20,000	Stakeholder consultation Literature review MPA management	Koror State Government C3	Palau Visitors Authority Marine Tour Operators Palau Community College Marine Resources Pacific Consortium Marine Tour Operators
Impacts of Dive Tourism on Coral Reefs	Jun03 - Sep03	30,000	Underwater survey Stakeholder consultation	Koror State Government C3	
Status of the Dugong in Palau: a Review	Jul03 – Oct03	50,000	Aerial survey Literature review	The Nature Conservancy C3	Palau International Coral Reef Center Palau Conservation Society National Fish & Wildlife Foundation The Nature Conservancy



Koror State Ranger, Palau



Seventy Islands Conservation Area, Palau

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COMOROS					
Project	Dates	Value (USD)	Main disciplines	Funding	Partners
Dive Training of Comorian Marine Conservation Personnel	Nov05	8,500	Scuba training Capacity building	Reef Conservation UK C3	ADSEI AIDE APG
Sustainable Mooring Buoy installation in Mohéli Marine Park, Comoros	Dec05	4,250	MPA Management Capacity Building	PADI Project AWARE C3	Mohéli Marine Park AIDE
Turtle Information Centre and awareness-raising campaign, Mohéli	May06-Sep06	20,000	Ecotourism development Awareness-raising Capacity building	IOSEA Mohéli Marine Park C3	Mohéli Marine Park AIDE ADSEI FADEVICHO - HUPPE
Operation Mohéli: Linking Conservation of Flagship Species with Sustainable Development	Jun06-May07	120,000	Ecotourism development Capacity building Endangered species conservation Sustainable development Environmental awareness Socioeconomic research Habitat mapping	BP Conservation Programme Mohéli Marine Park AIDE C3	Mohéli Marine Park AIDE FADEVICHO - HUPPE
Status and Distribution of the Dugong (Dugong dugon) in the Comoros	Dec06 – July07	85,000	Environmental Awareness Traditional knowledge Habitat mapping Capacity building Endangered species conservation	PADI Foundation Ruifford Small Grants C3	Mohéli Marine Park AIDE University of the Comoros
University of the Comoros Conservation Scholarship Programme	Sep06 – Jun09	12,000	Capacity building	C3	University of the Comoros
Regional Tuna Tagging Project – Indian Ocean, Comoros	May07 – Dec07	5,000	Tag recovery Publicity	European Union C3	Indian Ocean Commission Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
Project GLOBAL, Comoros	Jul06 – Sep06	5,000	Rapid assessment protocol design Fisher interviews	Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation C3	Duke University, USA
Socio-economic Assessment and Identification of Potential Sites for Community-Based Coral Reef Management in the Comoros	Oct07—Mar09	60,000	Capacity building Socioeconomic research MPA Management	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) C3	CORDIO East Africa AIDE Mohéli Marine Park INRAPE

4. Selected Publications

C3-Comoros (2007) STAKEHOLDERS' PERCEPTIONS OF MOHELI MARINE PARK, COMOROS: LESSONS LEARNED FROM FIVE YEARS OF CO-MANAGEMENT. C3 Technical Report Series No. 4

Alfthan B & Davis PZR (2006) DUGONG RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION ON MOHÉLI ISLAND, UNION OF THE COMOROS. Sirenews 46

Davis, PZR, Kearns CM (2005) KOROR STATE GOVERNMENT MARINE TOUR GUIDE CERTIFICATION MANUAL. Final Edits by The Environment, Inc., The Nature Conservancy, Palau Conservation Society and Koror State Department of Conservation and Law Enforcement and the Coral Reef Research Foundation. 172pp

Davis PZR (2004) CURRENT STATUS OF KNOWLEDGE OF DUGONGS IN PALAU: A REVIEW AND PROJECT SUMMARY REPORT. The Nature Conservancy Pacific Island Countries Report No. 7/04. 44pp

C3-Palau (2003) BASELINE SURVEYS AND THREAT ASSESSMENT OF DIVE SITES IN KOROR STATE, PALAU. A report submitted to Koror State Government, Republic of Palau. C3 Technical Report Series No. 1



Fisher interview survey, Comoros



Coral reef survey, Lighthouse Reef, Palau



Dugong necropsy, Palau

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