

Project Update: July 2018

Despite the heavy rains experienced during April and May, the activities covered in this quarter were as follows: baseline data for benthic mangrove organisms e.g. crabs were collected, this is important for future monitoring on how the system biodiversity recovers; and data was also collected for adjacent healthy mangrove environment i.e. forest coverage, benthic diversity i.e. crabs for comparative monitoring with restored site overtime. Next step is to create enabling environment for community ownership of the project for continuity/ sustainability and provision of final completion of grant activities and report.



Left: Species millipede seen at site, a sign of some species recolonizing the area as suitable environmental conditions sets in. ©Elisha Mrabu. Right: Self regenerated mangrove seedlings at restored site, depicting growth enabling conditions for Mwache mangroves are slowly being restored. ©Elisha Mrabu.



Left: Quadrat to collect baseline data for crabs, the crabs holes in the quadrat are counted to give indication of crabs. ©Elisha Mrabu. Right: Collecting data on adjacent healthy mangrove stand to be used for comparative monitoring of restored site. ©Elisha Mrabu.