

FACT SHEET



WATAMU MARINE PARK

A Natural Paradise

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ACCESS:

North Coast, Malindi – Kenya

PARK GATES:

- **By Road:** Watamu is 120 kms north of Mombasa and 28km south of Malindi. At Gede, which is on the main Mombasa Malindi Road, you turn towards the Indian Ocean. 11kms from the main road is Watamu itself.
- **By Air :** Malindi airport is your arrival point

SIZE / LOCATION:

- 10 km².
- North Coast, Malindi – Kenya

CLIMATE:

- The Coast is humid with mean annual temperatures ranging from 22-34 C. rainfall is about 500mm pa.

SAFARI CARD REQUIRED?

At present the park does not operate on smart card system. Entry is by cash only (KSH or US\$).

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS:

- Haven of green turtle
- Unique coral garden
- Mida creek
- Kipepeo project
- Gede ruins

ABUNDANT BIRD LIFE

- Over 100 species of bird are found in the cultivated gardens, shambas and bush. Commonly seen overhead is the Black Kite, whilst the Common Bulbul, White-Browed Coucal and Speckled Mousebird can be seen scuffling in the undergrowth. Bright Yellow Canaries and Golden Palm Weavers flash in the bush, whilst the Lizard Buzzard and the Lilac Breasted Roller are often seen perched on poles and wires.

WHERE TO STAY:

- There is Currently no accommodation in the reserve, a wide range of options exist in nearby Malindi town.

ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

- Wind surfing
- Snorkeling
- Water skiing
- Sunbathing
- Diving
- Glass bottom boat rides

WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU:

- Footwear, e.g. sandals or flip flops (to protect your feet from the reef)
- T-shirts (to protect your body from sunburn)
- Snorkel, mask, fins, all of which are available for hire
- Camera, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent
- Guide books
- PLENTY OF DRINKING WATER
- A friend(s)