

MARINE WILDLIFE CODE

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Check local weather and sea conditions before taking into the waters.



Do not damage or remove corals, shells or any other sea flora and fauna.

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Do not buy shells and other marine life products as souvenirs as this encourages further destruction of sea products.



Do not dispose off litter on the beach or in the sea.

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Hand feeding fish is prohibited. It disrupts their normal feeding patterns.



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Follow good practice dolphin and whale watching protocols

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Do not interfere, feed or touch the marine life,

All KWS parks, reserves and sanctuaries are **SINGLE USE PLASTIC FREE ZONES**.

WATAMU MARINE NATIONAL PARK & RESERVE

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PARK FEES

	Citizen	Residents	Non-Residents
	KSH	KSH	USD\$
Adult	100	100	15
Child/Student	100	100	10

Pay for your entry to any of our Parks or Reserves via:



SPECIAL SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

Security/Guided tour per guide:

- Ksh. 1,720 – up to 4 hours
- Ksh. 3,015 – Over 4 hours

BOAT CHARGES PER TRIP

To access the Protected Area, visitors will be required to hire a boat(s) from Community and Private boat owners operating therein. The charges are determined by the boat owners depending on the excursion and number of clients.

WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU

Camera, binoculars, sunscreen, insect repellent, first aid kit, sunglasses, clean drinking water, appropriate beach wear and camping gear for those wishing to camp



HOW TO GET THERE

By Road: Watamu is located about 120 KM north of Mombasa and 28KM south of Malindi. At Gede, which is on the main Mombasa Malindi Road, turn towards the Indian Ocean. Watamu is 11KM from the main road.



By Air: Accessible from JKIA or Wilson Airport to Malindi Airport.



By Rail: Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) from Syokimau (Nairobi Terminus) to Miritini (Mombasa Terminus) train stations then connect by road.



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Haven of the Green Sea Turtle and the Indo Pacific Bottlenose Dolphin

INTRODUCTION

With an international reputation for its white sandy beaches and reef protected lagoons with abundant fish life and spellbinding coral gardens, Watamu Marine Park and Reserve is an excellent example of a pristine, marine protected area. Located in the Kenya's north coast, the Protected Area is home to some of the Kenya's famous 'Marine Big Five'. These include; Whales, Dolphins, Sea turtles, Sharks and Rays.

Watamu hosts the humpback whale migration, the marine part of the double natural phenomena, which occurs simultaneous to the annual wildebeest migration dubbed "The Twin Migration".



KEY ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Key attractions to this Marine Protected Area include; Sea turtles, dolphins, whales, coral gardens, mida creek, gede ruins, and the adjacent Arabuko Sokoke Forest, the largest coastal forest in East Africa.



Visitors can enjoy sunbathing, diving, deep sea sport fishing, watersports, glass bottom boat rides, snorkeling, bird watching, canoeing, nature adventure and dolphin watching. Whale watching is seasonal during the humpback whale migration. Dolphin watching is at its best from October to early April.

The Mida Creek and Whale Island host over 200 species of local and Migrant birds including the Osprey, Eurasian Golden Oriole, White-throated Bee-eater, Black Cuckoo-shrike and African Pygmy Kingfisher Sanderling, Curlew Sandpiper, Little Stint, Grey Plover, and Greater and Lesser Sandplover, Dimorphic Egrets and Roseate Terns. The Roseate and Bridled Terns nest on Whale Island between June and October with 1,500 pairs of Roseate Tern having been counted.

The Mida Creek is best explored and discovered by dhows for the best sundowner shots while gazing at flamingos and juvenile green sea turtles if you are lucky.

ACCOMMODATION

Stay in the Wild, explore, create memories

There is one public camping facility and for this category, standard amenities are provided; water, toilet/bathroom and kitchen area. Public campsites do not require prior booking.

*Prevailing camping rates apply per person per day for both special and public campsites including other park charges.

