



4TH COHORT OF OUR OCEAN BOOTCAMP 2024 PROJECT REPORT

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ABOUT US

Who We Are

Sustainable Ocean Alliance TANZANIA (SOA TANZANIA) is a registered YOUTH led NGO with a national registration number OONGO/R/3106 under NGO Act No.24 of 2002 of the united republic of Tanzania and an official hub of an international NGO known **Sustainable Ocean Alliance (SOA)**, working to empower YOUTH and Local coastal communities in Tanzania via ocean conservations and sustainable blue economy, restoring the health and sustainability of our ocean, creating a health and sustainable ocean for this and the next generation.

Our Vission

To become the substantial ocean activist group furnishing innovative ocean solutions in encouraging sustainable use of the marine natural resources in the coastal water bodies of Tanzania.

Our Mission

We empower YOUTH and Local coastal communities in **ocean conservation** and **sustainable blue economy**, creating a healthy and sustainable ocean for this and the next generation.



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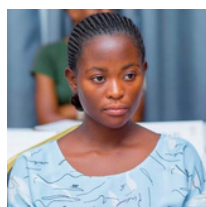
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Heartfelt words from our Founder 🇳🇵🇳🇵🇳🇵

We are deeply grateful to everyone who made the 4th Cohort of Our Ocean Bootcamp a tremendous success! Since launching this initiative in 2020, we have trained an inspiring **202** youth in Tanzania to become ocean leaders.

This year, during our 4th cohort, **50** young changemakers joined us on this transformative journey. This milestone was only possible thanks to the generous support of the **Africa Europe Foundation**, the **Urban Movement Innovation Fund**, and many other incredible partners.



Ailars David
Hub Leader
and Founder
SOA Tanzania

Your unwavering commitment has enabled us to empower and inspire a growing community of over 546 young ocean professionals in Tanzania. Together, we are creating waves of positive impact for our oceans, our climate, and our future.

On behalf of the entire SOA Tanzania family, thank you for believing in the power of youth to lead change. 🌊💙



PROJECT SUMMARY

The 4th Cohort of Our Ocean Bootcamp 2024, organized by SOA Tanzania, was an impactful initiative aimed at equipping young Tanzanians with the knowledge, skills, and tools to become ocean and climate leaders. Held from **23rd to 29th September 2024**, the Bootcamp combined virtual sessions, an in-person workshop, and an ocean action event to create a transformative experience for participants.

Supported by Africa Europe Foundation, The Urban Movement Innovation Fund (UMI Fund), and The Social Change Nest (SCN), the program trained 50 youth from diverse backgrounds, building on SOA Tanzania's legacy of empowering **a total of 202 young ocean leaders since 2021.**

The Bootcamp addressed critical topics such as ocean conservation, climate advocacy, and community action. Participants engaged with experts and thought leaders, including Mr. Nikos Therapos, Mr. Patrick Arnold, Mr. Forbi Nyosai, Ms. Hellen Kuria, Ms. Jasmin Kapwani, Ailars David, Mr. Brandon Levy, Ms. Simone Phore and Mr. Mark Haver. Sessions focused on key global issues like deep seabed mining, climate justice, and the high seas treaty, preparing participants to lead three thematic campaign working groups within SOA Tanzania. During the Bootcamp fellows also gave their inputs and reflections on the **2024 State of African Europe report.**

The program concluded with a practical ocean action event in Bagamoyo, where participants contributed to mangrove restoration efforts by planting trees, symbolizing their commitment to ocean health and sustainability.

This Bootcamp has reinforced SOA Tanzania's mission to build a resilient community of ocean leaders and advocates, setting the foundation for lasting environmental and societal impact.

ABOUT OUR OCEAN BOOTCAMP PROGRAM

Our Ocean Bootcamp is a capacity-building program launched in 2021 that empowers Tanzanian youth with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to address ocean challenges and drive meaningful action for conservation and sustainability. The program targets passionate and motivated individuals, equipping them with a deep understanding of critical issues facing our oceans and fostering innovative approaches for the sustainable utilization of marine resources within the blue economy.

The Bootcamp offers practical training sessions designed to build the capacity of participants to innovate and implement solutions for ocean conservation. It nurtures a generation of active ocean advocates and change-makers who lead initiatives to protect marine ecosystems while promoting sustainable livelihoods.

By increasing youth engagement in ocean actions across Tanzania and beyond, the program aims to empower young people as leaders in a sustainable blue economy and as champions of ocean innovations that drive long-term impact.

Visit our website to learn more about the program: [CLICK HERE](#)



THEORY OF CHANGE

The Our Ocean Bootcamp program addresses the urgent need to involve Tanzanian youth in ocean conservation and climate advocacy. Tanzania's coastal and marine ecosystems face significant threats from climate change, overexploitation, and habitat degradation, yet opportunities for young people to gain the skills and resources to tackle these challenges remain limited. This program fills this gap by equipping youth with the expertise and confidence to lead conservation efforts, advocate for sustainable policies, and innovate within the blue economy. By training young people to become ocean professionals, the program ensures they can actively contribute to the sustainable utilization of marine resources and protect their communities from the adverse effects of ocean degradation.

Since its inception, the program has trained **over 202 youth and contributed to the growth of SOA Tanzania's vibrant community of 546+ young ocean professionals, who take action through various projects and initiatives.** Through the Bootcamp, participants acquire hands-on skills in ecosystem restoration, policy advocacy, and climate action while working on impactful campaigns addressing issues like deep seabed mining and marine habitat restoration. The program has catalyzed the formation of youth-led initiatives that are restoring ecosystems, raising awareness, and driving policy change at national and international levels. This growing movement underscores the program's critical role in empowering youth to lead sustainable ocean actions, ensuring the resilience of marine ecosystems and coastal communities in Tanzania and beyond.



PROJECT IMPACTS IN NUMBERS

The 2024 Ocean Bootcamp focuses on measurable outcomes to demonstrate its impact in empowering Tanzanian youth and advancing ocean conservation. Key impact metrics include training 50 participants as ocean leaders, forming three campaign groups dedicated to critical issues like deep seabed mining, climate justice, and the high seas treaty. The program also tracks community engagement by measuring the number of people reached through awareness campaigns and restoration activities led by participants. Restoration efforts are quantified through the number of mangrove trees planted during the ocean action event, while skill development is assessed through pre- and post-Bootcamp surveys to measure improvements in participants' knowledge, leadership, and advocacy abilities. These metrics ensure the program's effectiveness in creating lasting change for Tanzania's marine ecosystems and coastal communities.



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YOUTH
TRAINED



3
CAMPAIGNS
DEVELOPED



1500+ PEOPLE
REACHED ACROSS
OUR SOCIAL MEDIA



20,000
MANGROVES
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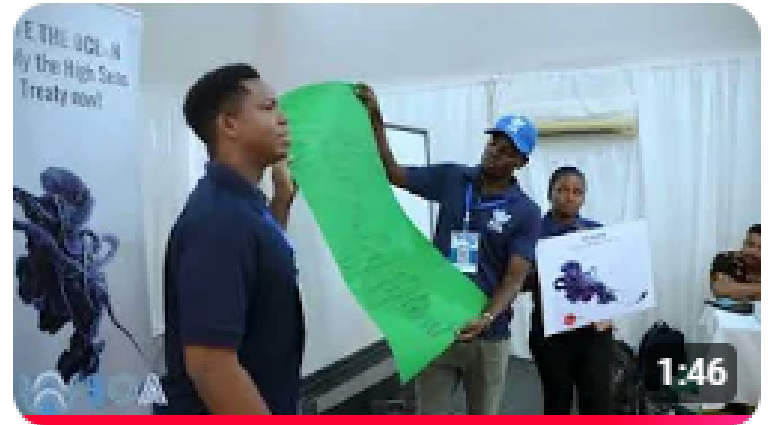


PROJECT VIDEOS AND TESTIMONIALS

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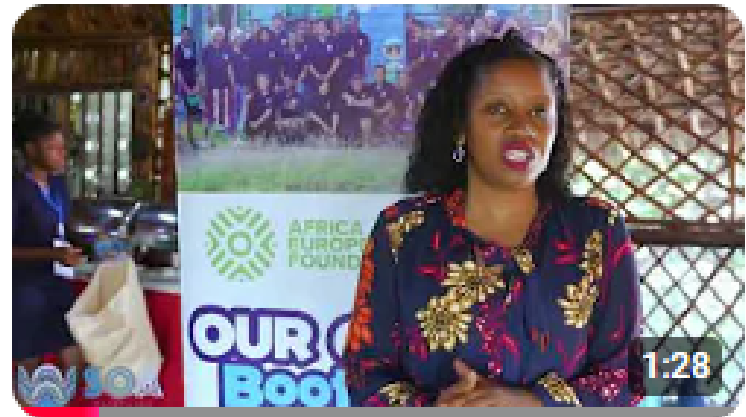
4th cohort of Our Ocean Bootcamp 2024



Our Ocean Bootcamp 2024
Feedbacks from Patners



Mangrove Restoration



Our Ocean Bootcamp 2024 ..!



Climate Justice Campaign



High Seas Treaty Campaign Video



Deep seabed mining campaign..!

YOUTH VOICE ON THE 2024 STATE OF AFRICA EUROPE REPORT

The Africa-Europe Foundation Report 2024 is an in-depth evaluation of the Africa-Europe Partnership, detailing progress and challenges since the 6th EU-AU Summit in 2022. It highlights key achievements, including investments in vaccine manufacturing and efforts to tackle illicit financial flows. The report also outlines the importance of deepening collaboration, particularly in economic trade, with Africa emerging as a vital partner for Europe. Despite significant strides, the report emphasizes the need for stronger monitoring and the expansion of partnerships beyond institutional frameworks to address shared challenges more effectively.

[Learn more on the Africa-Europe Report 2024 HERE](#)

Youth reflections on the 2024 report from SOA Tanzania's Ocean Bootcamp fellows highlight the importance of youth leadership in fostering change and driving sustainable development. The fellows expressed their commitment to the urgent need for climate action, especially in relation to ocean conservation. They recognized that youth involvement in such initiatives could accelerate progress in addressing environmental challenges. The fellows also emphasized the need for empowering young people with the right tools, platforms, and opportunities to become active participants in the Africa-Europe dialogue, ensuring that the next generation plays a central role in shaping sustainable futures.

[Learn more on the youth reflections on the African-Europe Report HERE](#)



2024 OUR OCEAN BOOTCAMP SPEAKERS AND TRAINERS



Simone Phore
Program Executive for Climate and
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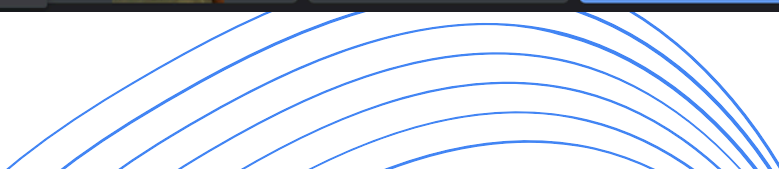
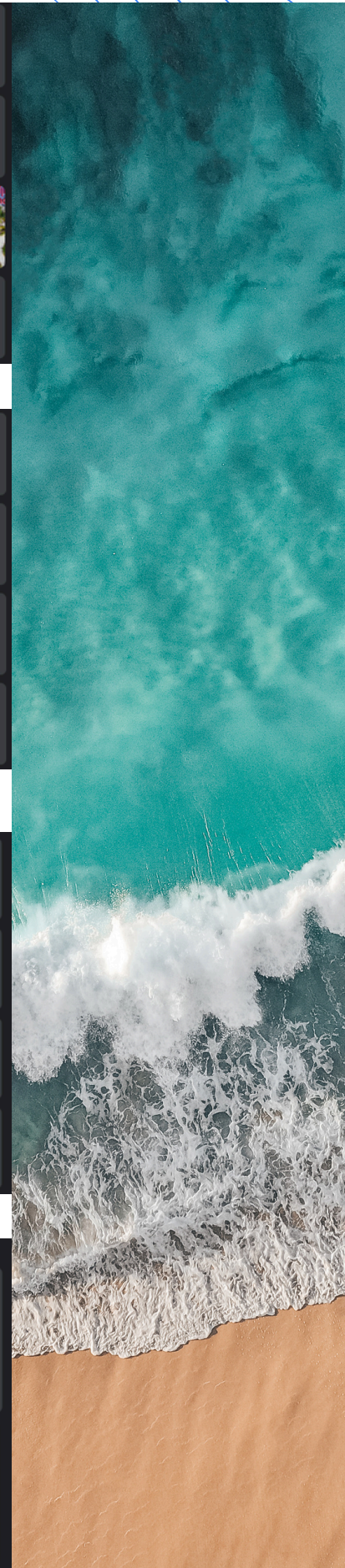
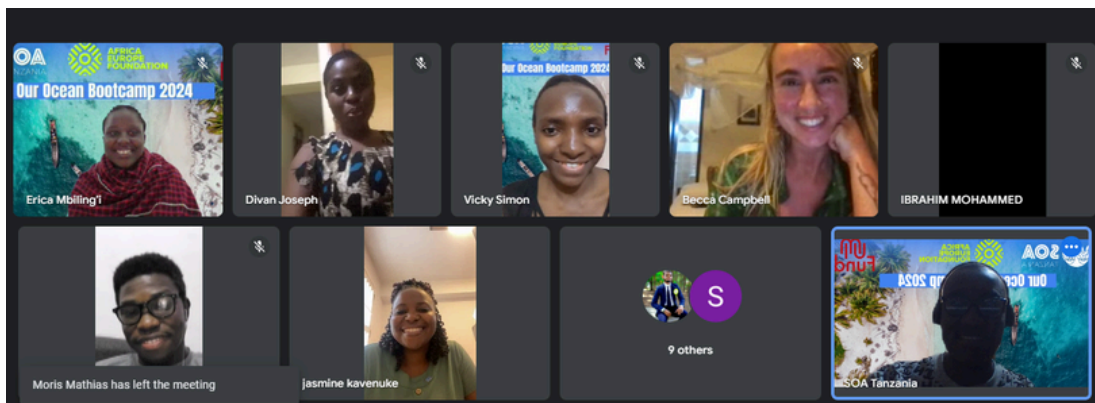
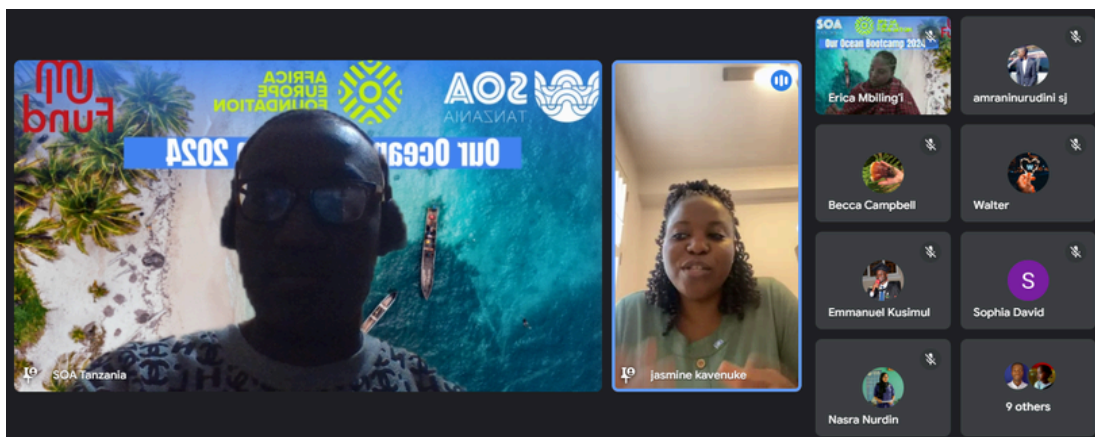
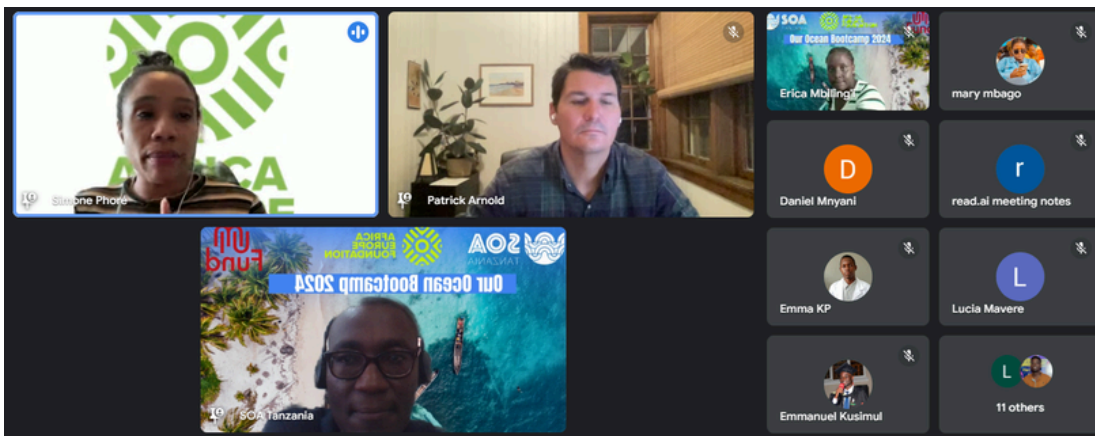
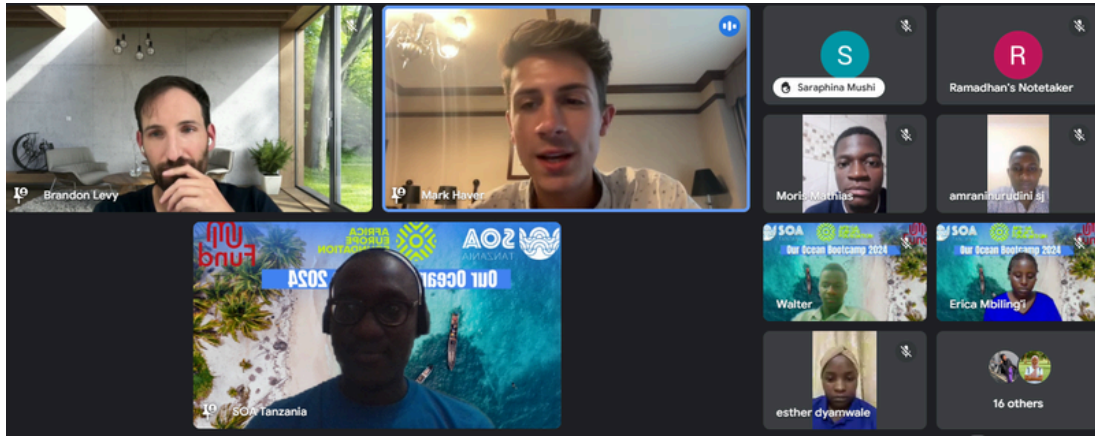
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ONLINE SESSIONS PHOTO GALLERY



IN PERSON SESSIONS PHOTO GALLERY



OCEAN ACTION DAY PHOTO GALLERY



WAY FORWARD

The Our Ocean Bootcamp program is poised for continued growth and impact, with a clear vision for its development over the next three to five years. In the immediate future (2025), the program will focus on expanding its reach and deepening its impact. This will involve training more Tanzanian youth and scaling the bootcamp's offerings to cover broader ocean conservation challenges. Key strategies will include integrating more diverse topics like marine biodiversity, sustainable fisheries, and eco-friendly blue economy solutions, ensuring that participants gain a comprehensive understanding of ocean issues. Additionally, SOA Tanzania plans to collaborate with more local and international partners to offer robust mentorship, practical field activities, and real-world project implementation opportunities. A stronger emphasis will also be placed on creating a sustainable community of young ocean professionals who will lead local initiatives, raise awareness, and engage in policy advocacy.

Looking further into the next five years, the Our Ocean Bootcamp aims to be a cornerstone of ocean conservation and youth engagement in the region. The program will likely expand beyond Tanzania to other countries in the East African region, fostering a network of young leaders dedicated to ocean protection and sustainable development. By 2030, the bootcamp could play a pivotal role in shaping national and regional ocean policies, as alumni actively participate in decision-making and conservation efforts at the highest levels. The program will also explore digital platforms for global engagement, allowing youth from various parts of the world to connect, collaborate, and learn from each other. Furthermore, the integration of more advanced technology and data-driven approaches to ocean conservation could become a key part of the curriculum, equipping the next generation of ocean professionals with the skills needed to tackle complex environmental challenges in the digital age.

JOIN US IN MAKING IMPACT TO TANZANIAN YOUTH AND OUR OCEAN...!





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THANK YOU..!**



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