**NAME**: Jimbo Beach Management Unit

**YEAR ESTABLISHED:** 2007

**PHYSICAL ADDRESS:** Jimbo P.O.BOX 115, Lungalunga

**OBJECTIVES OF THE BEACH MANAGEMENT UNIT SHALL BE:**

* Reduce illegal net violation in the CMA to 0 by June 2025.
* Reduce violations in the tengefu from 67% per patrol to 0% by June.
* Ensure that all BMU related issues are resolved through collaborative process with BMU Leaders and members.

**JIMBO BMU CORE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

* Conservation and protection of marine environment.
* Conducting beach cleanups.
* Income Generating Activities- Membership registration fee, levies, anchorage fees, loading, fine and penalties.
* Creating HIV/AIDS and Drug Abuse Awareness.
* Management of fish landing stations, fisheries resources and aquatic environment.

**PROJECT LOCATION**

**SEASCAPE(NAME):** The Shimoni-Vanga and Bodo- Mwandamu Production Seascape

**VILLAGE**: Jimbo Vanga.

🌊 Preserve Our Seagrass, Protect Our Ocean! 🌊

**THE PROJECT INTENDS TO TACKLE SEVERAL GLOBAL CHALLENGES INCLUDING:**

**BIODIVERSITY LOSS-** By focussing on seagrass conservation, it contributes to preserving marine biodiversity.

**CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE-** Healthy seagrass habitats sequester atmospheric carbon dioxide and protect coastlines from erosion.

**SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS-** It addresses poverty reduction by promoting ecotourism and diversifying income sources for the coastal community.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:**

1. ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES:

* **Seagrass Conservation-** Consider factors like habitat restoration, protection and sustainable management.
* **Biodiversity Preservation-** Key species e.g seahorses, dugongs, green turtle, fish species like parrot fish that rely on seagrass habitats.
* **Monitoring-** It will help assess the effectiveness of Conservation efforts.

2. LIVELIHOOD OBJECTIVES:

* **Community Engagement-** Understand their needs, aspirations and concerns related to livelihoods.
* **Ecotourism Development-** Examples include Tours, Snorkeling and Educational Programs.
* **Income Generation-** Involving homestays, handicrafts or small-scale enterprises.
* **Capacity Building-** Provide training for community members with skills related to ecotourism, hospitality and Conservation can empower locals.
* **Benefits Sharing-** Benefits from ecotourism directly support local communities.

Why Seagrass Matters:

1. **Biodiversity:** Seagrass beds support a variety of marine life, serving as critical nursery habitats for fish, crustaceans, and mollusks.
2. **Carbon Sequestration:** Seagrass stores carbon efficiently, playing a significant role in mitigating climate change by reducing atmospheric carbon dioxide levels.
3. **Water Quality Improvement:** Seagrass helps filter pollutants from water, enhancing overall water quality. It traps sediments, reducing turbidity and allowing sunlight to penetrate.
4. **Erosion Control:** The roots and rhizomes of seagrass stabilize the seabed, preventing erosion of coastal areas.
5. **Habitat Provision:** Seagrass provides food and shelter for numerous species, including sea turtles, manatees, and various fish species.
6. **Fisheries Support:** Many commercially important fish species rely on seagrass beds for breeding and feeding, supporting local fisheries and economies.

Activities Include:

* Guided boat rides and snorkeling tours to explore seagrass habitats.
* Educational workshops on seagrass conservation.
* Conducting Awareness Campaigns.
* Conducting jointed patrols to monitor seagrass conservation area.
* Beach clean-up to protect our coastlines.
* Opportunities to support local ecotourism businesses

How You Can Help:

- Participate in our events and spread awareness.

- Choose sustainable tourism options when exploring marine environments.

- Support local conservation initiatives.

"Together, We Can Make a Difference!"

🌿 Let’s protect our seagrass for future generations! 🌿