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Tanzania to protect entire marine resources by 2012

By **Mnaku Mbani**

Ten per cent of Tanzania's coastal areas Indian Ocean will be declared as Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) by 2012, the permanent secretary in the Vice President's office Raphael Mollel, has said.

Mr Mollel said by the end of the National Vision 2025, 20 per cent of all Tanzania's marine territory along the Indian Ocean would be under MPAs.

This programme, he said, would give an opportunity that reflects on the provision of the critical balance between the use and conservation of the marine resources. This had been considered because of the increased pressure on the use of coastal

The coastal marine resources contribute to the livelihoods of the coastal people and to the economy of the country.

resources that threatens the future of communities residing at the coast.

Speaking during the launch of a book entitled Blue Print 2050: Sustaining the Marine Environment in Inland Tanzania and Zanzibar, held at the Peacock Hotel in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Mollel said this would also contribute to poverty reduction. It is estimated that 25 per cent of Tanzania's population live along coast, but their

economy is not as good as that of those living in the mainland.

"We, the present generation, have a duty to ensure that the coastal marine resources contribute to the livelihoods of the coastal people (especially to the poorest of the poor) and to the economy of the country as well as for future Tanzanians," said Mollel. To start with, he said, the government has initiated a six-year com-

munity-based Marine and Coastal Environment management Project (MACEMP) as an initial path to vision 2025.

The World Bank funds the US\$61m project. The government, the private sector and the communities living in the coastal areas implement it. Speaking during the book launching ceremony, a World Bank senior environmental specialist and one of the editors Indu

Hewawasam, said the book is compiled from a series of studies carried out in the past two years. She noted that the studies reflected on marine ecology, legal, socio-economics and poverty and cultural issues.

Other editors of the 125-page book are the director general of the National Environment Management Council, Dr Magnus Ngoile, and Jack Ruitenbeek.



Senior Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office, Mr Raphael Mollel, launches a book entitled Blue Print 2050: Sustaining the Marine Environment in Inland Tanzania and Zanzibar, held at the Peacock Hotel in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Left is National Environment Management Council Director General, Dr Magnus Ngoile and World Bank Senior Environment Specialist, Indu Hewawasam.

Simba Plastics awards its super dealers

By **The Citizen Reporter, Arusha**

Simba Plastics Company, dealers of plastic pipes, last weekend awarded dealers who achieved sales targets in the northern zone regions.

The General Manager of Simba Plastics subsidiary, Innovaxis, Mr Rohit Vedi, said a nationwide customer satisfaction survey was conducted in the last quarter of 2004, and improved services to the dealers and the company's commitment to providing high quality and world-class products was recommended.

Said he: "Simba Plastics has been a forerunner in introducing new and innovative products in Tanzania and will continue to do so in the coming years. New ideas and innovations are encouraged within the team and amongst the customers so as to come out with creative new product".

Under the company's dealer incentive scheme awards, Bulk Distributor of Arusha, Five Star Hardware of Moshi and Emje enterprises of Tanga received the Silver Award for best sales in their respective areas.

The Gold Award went to International General Merchant of Arusha. The company, a joint venture with DPI of South Africa, manufactures plumbing, wastewater and conduit pipes as well as pressure pipelines and pipes used in irrigation.

According to the company's Head of Roto, a division of Simba Plastics, Mr Alphesh Patel, the company recently won an ISO 9000:2000 certificate for high quality products.

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Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office Raphael Mollé (centre) launches a book titled "Sustaining the Marine Environment in Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar" in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Left is the Director General of the National Environment and Management Council (NEMC) Dr Magnus Ngoile and at right is Dr Indu Hewawasani, the Senior Environmental Specialist of the World Bank. (Photo: Tryphone Mweji)

PS urges proper use, management of marine resources

By Upendo
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THE present generations have a duty to ensure that the coastal and marine resources contribute to the livelihoods of the people while at the same time conserving the resources for the future.

This was said in Dar es Salaam yesterday by Senior Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office, Raphael O. S. Mollé.

The PS was launching a book, 'the Blueprint 2050: Sustaining the Marine Environment in Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar'.

The book provides us with an opportunity for reflection and strategic visioning on the sustainable use of our coastal and marine resources, which are vital to the economy of Tanzania, he said.

Mollé said 25 per cent of the country's population lives in coastal areas, sharing with

them some of the most diverse and biologically important species on earth, such as the *coelacanth* and *dugong*.

Tanzania is committed to ensure that 10 per cent of its coastal and marine areas will be under Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) by 2012 and 20 per cent by 2025, he said.

"Establishing a system of MPAs is the path to success in sustaining the critical balance," Mollé said.

It is partly for this reason

that the Government of Tanzania is initiating the Marine and Coastal Environment Management Project (MACEMP), which will cost 61million US Dollars, he said.

The main sponsor of the MACEMP is the World Bank.

Mollé said that the book will be available in big libraries in town, University of Dar es Salaam and it will be sold at USD 20.