SPACE for NATURE in Hotel and Hospitality Properties

10 BEST PRACTICES FOR TOURISM IN ZANZIBAR'S CORAL RAG FORESTS

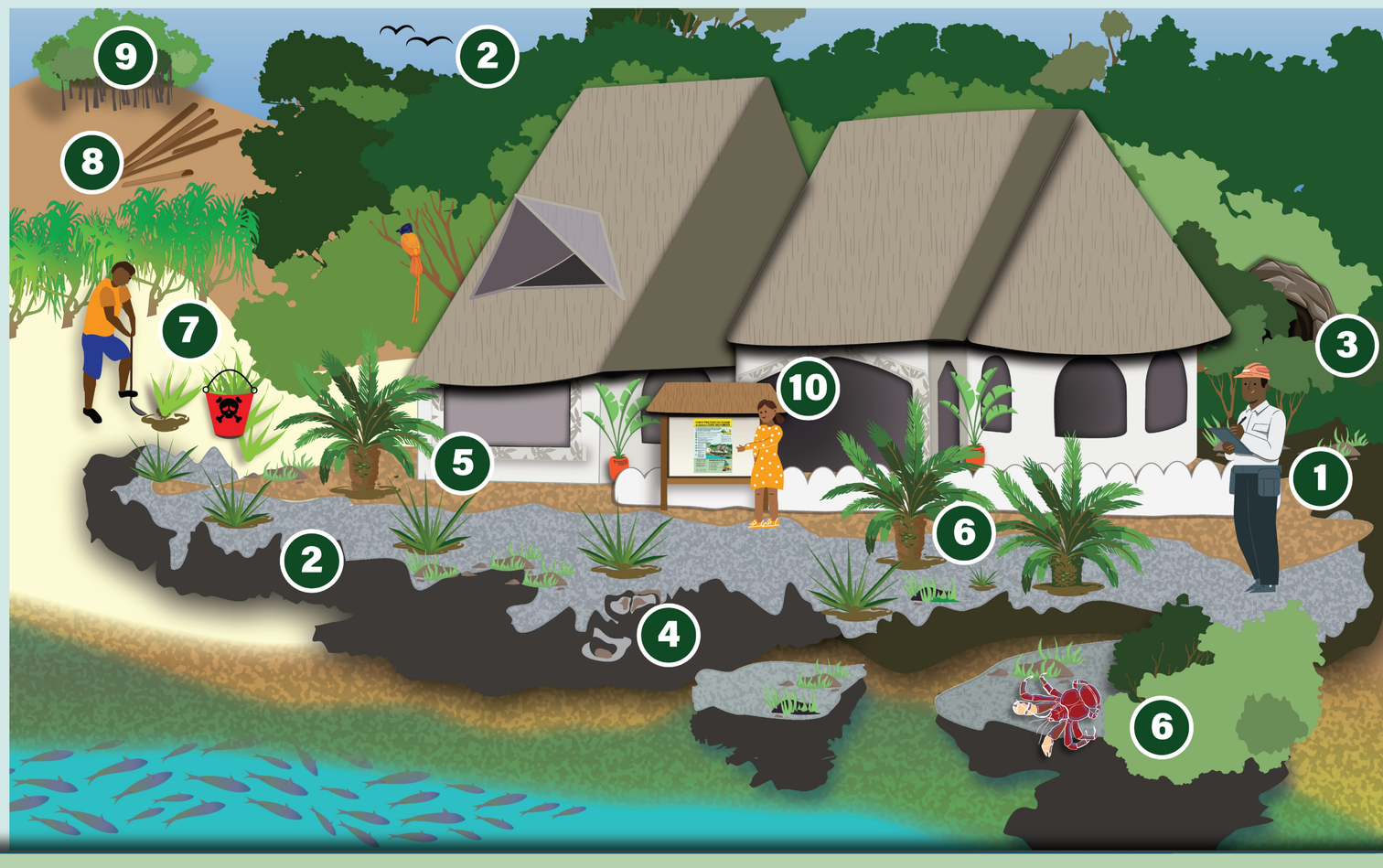
Most hotels in Zanzibar are located in areas of degraded Coral Rag Forest. Coral Rag Forests are a type of tropical forest and are part of our natural heritage. They are rich in rare animal and plant species and support cultural heritage. They grow on raised ancient fossil coral reefs along the east coasts of Unguja and Pemba. Many degraded forest areas, that are deemed worthless, can be restored easily and cheaply.

1. **Understand** your site by surveying for native plants and animals, and rock features
2. **Retain** mature trees, forest patches, and limestone rocks, caves and cliffs
3. **Respect** cultural areas such as sacred groves and caves
4. **Maintain** soil, subsoil and water retention in 'honeycomb' rock structure
5. **Clear minimum** land area and rescue plants and rocks from the building footprint*
6. **Allow** natural regeneration to restore forest patches, and adopt native species in landscaping
7. **Control** and remove invasive alien species**
8. **Ensure** any forest products purchased are sustainably produced
9. **Support** nature conservation projects in nearby coral rag forests
10. **Inform** guests of your conservation efforts

*footprint is the exact area that must be cleared for buildings
**Invasive alien species are those non-native species that disrupt ecosystems

AVOID:

- *Complete bulldozing and total clearance of forest and thicket*
- *Destruction of rock formations and cultural sites*
- *Developing without understanding, and designing for, the natural values of your plot*
- *Allowing invasive aliens species to spread*
- *Importing plants and animals from other countries*
- *Buying forest products without knowing the source is sustainable*



ZANZIBAR DECLARATION ON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

These guidelines aim to support the tourism industry in the retention and recovery of Zanzibar's indigenous TROPICAL FOREST on the coral rag limestone.

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HELPING NATURE TO HELP US!

Coral Rag Forest benefits resort development!

- ✓ Shade and cooler temperatures
- ✓ Conserving nature and wildlife
- ✓ Links to local culture
- ✓ Improved guest experience
- ✓ Better quantity and quality of fresh water
- ✓ Potential cost savings
- ✓ Helping combat climate change
- ✓ Supporting sustainable development