

THE PROJECT

Plastic pollution has become one of the planet's most pressing environmental issues, as rapidly increasing production of disposable plastic products overwhelms the world's ability to deal with them.

OZTI East Africa launched a pilot project called Recycle@OZTI in 2018 to find a sustainable way of recycling hard plastics in Zanzibar. The initial results have been very promising, and there has been great interest in the products that we are producing.

Our focus is on job creation for local women, up-skilling of our staff, educational workshops for local school children and community members, community empowerment and finally, playing our part in saving our beautiful island from plastic pollution

The current production range is flower and plant pots, lamps and light fittings, wall clocks, storage baskets, wall and counter tiles, counter tops (plastic terrazzo) and souvenir items for the tourism industry such as magnets and keyrings.

It is our firm belief that:

- Recycling alone is not the answer to our waste problem, refusing single use is. This message needs to be spread far and wide. We are able to do this through our education programme.
- Each of us need to take RESPONSIBILITY for our waste
- We need to RETHINK our use of single use plastics, RETHINK our behaviour towards the earth, RETHINK our choices and consumption. Reuse whenever possible
- We need to REspect the ocean and its marine life, is it our life support system
- #dowhatyoucan if each one of us make small changes, together we will make a difference, just do what you can!

“Our products are handmade with love & passion, they are unique, a bit “wacky wonky” and by no means perfect”

We would like to think our recycled plastic products will look better in your home than the waste on the beach or in the ocean.

recycle@OZTI is a not for profit project as part of OZTI East Africa's Corporate Social Responsibility. All profits are funding the Education and Empowerment programs.



Selection of product range



Zanzibar school children attending a workshop on plastic pollution



Best selling Africa keyring made from ± 6 bottle caps



All the plastics ever made, still exists today
- 8.3 billion metric tonnes - Journal Science Advances