

2019 – A year of change

After almost 10 years of fruitful cooperation, our local project manager Okala took the step into self-employment and said goodbye to marinecultures.org. Luckily, he remains with us as a member of the board, a friend, and a faithful companion for our mission. The timing was good as Ali Mahmudi who grew up in Jambiani, was ready and a perfect fit to fill the vacant position. A fresh graduate from university, where he studied project management for community projects, Ali joined us with great enthusiasm and is a fast learner.

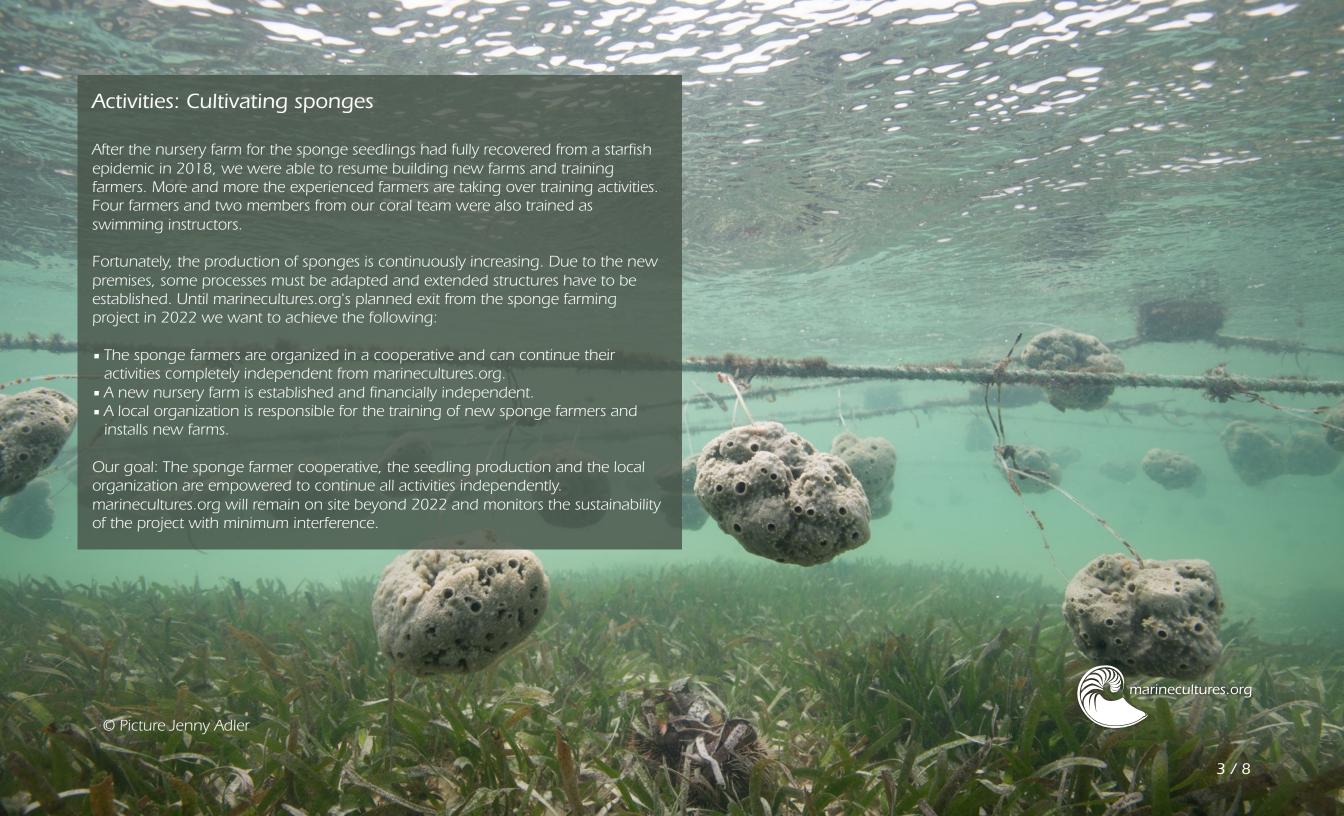
And we finally have a new base. Since the start of our activities in 2009 we have seen steady growth. Our equipment and storage room was bursting at the seams. It was a huge relief when the opportunity opened up to rent the perfect premises nearby. After two months of renovation and rebuilding, we were able to move in at the end of 2019.

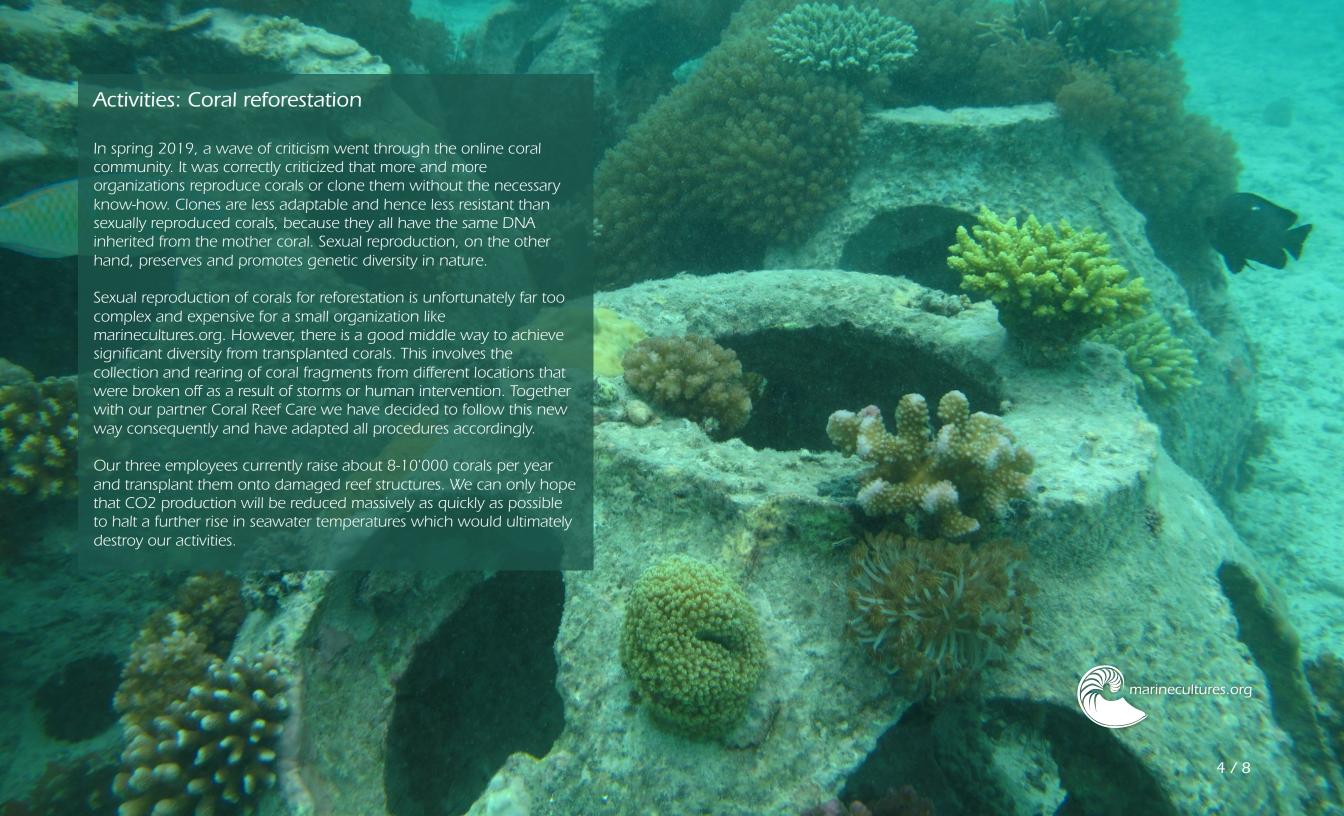
This marks the start of the final phase of the sponge farm project, which was launched in 2010: The complete transfer of the project to the local community by the end of 2022 for which the new location is pivotal.

Christian Vaterlaus Managing Director /// Cm

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Finance review (CHF)	2017	2018	2019
Income			
Members	6′220	7′742	6′199
Donations	35′712	24′228	26′475
Grants	37′961	63′561	44′357
Others	4′036	4′593	17′025
Special Reserves	0 9	0	30′000
In-house efforts	66′904	65′458	61′686
Total Income	150′833	165′583	155′743
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Expenditure	1000	STATE OF THE STATE	
Projects *	134′990	132′789	124′057
Governance **	6′953	12′082	8′054
Total Expenditure	141′943	144'871	132′111
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Increase/Decrease Income (Ref. previous year)	128,2%	109.8%	91.2%
Persentage of governance **	4.9%	8.3%	6.1%

Financial statements and independent auditor's report >> <u>www.marinecultures.org</u>



^{*} incl. 90% of the managing director's salary and social costs
* * incl. 10% of the managing director's salary and social costs plus from 2018 IT expenses

Who we are

marinecultures.org is a small non-profit organization on the island of Zanzibar; organized as an association and founded in Zurich, Switzerland in 2008. We are financed by membership fees, donations and project contributions.

Why we are involved

Overexploitation of the seas destroys the ecological balance and coastal populations loose their livelihood. Our goal is to improve the quality of life of the population and protect natural resources.

What we are committed to

We want to preserve the diversity of marine fauna and create sustainable jobs throughSS the development of aquacultures.

How we get involved

As an alternative to overfishing the oceans, marinecultures.org researches and develops ecologically compatible aquacultures in cooperation with the population.

Where we get involved

The focus of our activities is in Jambiani, a fishing village on the east coast of Zanzibar. We also operate individual projects on other coasts in Tanzania and East Africa.

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