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Dear Valued Friends,

Hello and thank you for the support of our first season!

All in all it was a great first run. Kiunga Marine Reserve's multitude of islands and alternate routes allowed each tour to have its own sense of adventure and **unique experience** - staying true to the **spirit of kayak touring**.

For those of you who embarked on our tours **thank you for choosing the path less travelled**, myself and the crew were only too glad to show you one of **Kenya's most spectacular** regions in a medium best suited to appreciate it. Every trip taken has contributed to the Kiunga Marine Reserve and helps support the **local community**, key to its continued survival and safe keeping. As well as the Reserve fees, hiring local staff from the community and contracting the local dhow belonging to the Women Council of Mkokoni Village, we hope this new season to look at initiatives aimed at **educating local children** in wildlife conservation and awareness. The arrival of tourists has also helped promote WWF's 'flip-flop' project, with guests eager to buy the handmade curtains and apparel from washed up flip-flops. Sand Dollar's relationship with the **KWS and WWF** station has been good, with mutual support being given by Warden Wakaba and his rangers.

Due to popular request we have chosen to introduce a **3-night tour** in our second season. This will help facilitate the 'long weekenders' from Nairobi. The new kayak season begins again in **August**. Once again departure dates and routes are dependent on tides and ocean currents, please enquire.

This season we have introduced a **resident rate** and decided to keep the non-resident rate the same. We have also introduced a rate for groups of less than 4; this is aimed at **couples/honeymooners** who wish to have a **private tour**. Please enquire for rates. **Lamu day trips** remain as per last season and kayaks may be hired from our spot on Shela Beach.

Further Sanddollar news is the expansion to **Zanzibar Island**. Sand Dollar Kayak Expeditions Ltd has partnered with Nick Haan, a Zanzibar resident and fellow adventurer from our first kayak tour in Kiunga last year. The kayaks have arrived in Stonetown and operations are set to begin in September this year. Please follow our website for more developments, www.sanddollarexpeditions.com.

I wish you the best for the new season and look forward to strengthening our relationship.

Best Regards,

Brent Wibberley
Director
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