SAADANI
NATIONAL PARK

Where the bush meets the beach



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Welcome to the Park!

We are delighted that you have selected to visit this amazing National Park where the bush meets the beach. One gets to relish the palm trees as they sway in a cooling ocean breeze. White sand and blue water sparkle alluring beneath the tropical sun makes Saadani a splendid place to visit.

It is a place where you will encounter large and small mammals, birds and reptiles including Roosevelt's sable antelope; the mangrove forests around the winding Wami river, ocean, clumps of palm trees, coral reefs and the beaches along the shores of Indian ocean forming one and only breeding sites for green turtles in Tanzania national parks' system.

We are forever grateful for sparing your time to come and visit us.
Enjoy your stay!

Thank you!

Brief History

Gazetted in 2005 with an area of 1,100km², Saadani is situated at the heart of the Bagamoyo, Pangani and Zanzibar towns that once was the market place for slave trade.





Getting there

By road: The park can be reached by road network from Dar-es-salaam via Bagamoyo to Gama/wami entrance gate (131km). Also, from Tanga via Pangani and Mkwaja to Madete entance gate (146 km) and from Dar-es-salam/ chalinze via miono to Mvave entrance gate (225km). Morever the park can be accessed from Arusha to Madete entrance gate via Mkata (79km).



By Air: Charter flights from Dar-es-salaam, Zanzibar, Tanga or Arusha can land to Saadani airstrip.

By Boat: By hired boats from Zanzibar, Bagamoyo, Dar es salaam and Tanga.

Climate

The Park receives a bimodal pattern with rainfall peaks from March to June and short ones from October to November. From June to September and January to February are the best time to visit with average maximum temperatures reaching up to 29c.

Attractions

Being a Park that has a mix of bush and marine environments, saadani has a lot to offer in terms of species of wildlife. The attractions found are;

- **Wild animals**

  The park has abundance and variety of species that are rarely seen in other national parks. The population of rare antelopes like roan and litchenstein hartebeest can be seen in this park. Common waterbuck and bohor reedbuck can be seen in a remarkable number. Lion and other big cats like leopard can be seen as well. Other animals that can be seen are giraffe, elephants, impala, buffalos, Hippos , Crocodiles etc.





- **Birdlife**

The park has diverse birdlife both marine and terrestrial with more than 320 species recorded. The species of birds that are found include the beautiful mangrove kingfisher, pied kingfisher, terns, skimmers, beater, goshhawks , greater flamingo, yellow-billed stork, hamerkop, african fish eagle, giant kingfisher, wool necked stork, grey headed heron, palmnut vulture, caspian tern and others.

- **Wami river**

The river is a beautiful spot where visitors can enjoy when visiting the park. Wami River passes through Saadani and empties into the indian ocean. It hosts a large population of Hippos, Crocodiles, Flamingos and many water bird species. Plan to see the Elephants bathing and playing in wami river especially on the early hours of the morning.

- **Mangrove forest**

Saadani will provide you with an opportunity to see a a varied types of mangroves forest found on the saline water/mud and higher ground of the ocean. These salt tolerant tidal forests will give you an exclusive taste of many animal species including the interesting *fiddler* crab and prawns. They support the species of birds like mangrove kingfishers and others.





- **Green Sea Turtles**

  Saadan National Park is one of the breeding sites of the endangered green sea turtles in Indian Ocean. Madete beach in the park is place where the turtles breeds and hatching of their young ones. The green turtle are the most hard-shelled sea turtles. Between August and December, dozens of green turtles arrive on this sandy beach so that they can hatch their eggs.

Tourist activities

The Park has a wide range of activities that cater for every one's interest.

- **Boat Safari**

  One can do boat Safari at the delta of Wami river and the ocean. Boat safaris are relaxing and enjoyable. There is a chance you can spot hippos, crocodiles and many birds and it is interesting to watch the vegetation along the banks of the Wami River change with decreasing salinity of water as you move up the river. Boat safaris is also the best selection to see marine and riverine birds like kingfisher and lesser flamingos.





- **Visit Mafui sand bank**

  This magical island that opens early morning and day and closes in the evening is the best place where lunch and sun bathing can give you maximum relaxation.

- **Bird Watching**

  Birding in Saadani is all year around. Migratory birds from Europe and Northern Africa can be found in November to April making this the best time for bird watching. This is also a nesting season for resident birds and many can be spotted in their breeding plumage.

- **Walking Safari**

  Walking safari on natural trails of saadani gets you close to nature and immerse in active game watching. Once you set foot into the vast plains, walk through the thick canopies or landscapes, there is an overwhelming sense of becoming one with nature. You will experience the real thrill as you get to see animals that you may not see when driving.



Most walking safaris are ideal in the morning or just before dusk. Depending on the age group, you can enjoy gentle strolls up to two hours, half day or full day excursion.

- **Game drive**

  This activity will reward you with glimpse of elephants, hippos, lions, giraffe, zebra, warthog, buffalo, leopard, hyenas to mention a few.

- **Night game drive**

  This activity will give you a glimpse of seeing animals that are active during the night.

Available tourist facilities

The Park offers various types of accommodation facilities for visitors who visit the Park. These includes

Tourists Cottages -These are located near the indian ocean beach and a visitor can have an opportunity to walk in the beach and enjoy the breeze.

Hostel: There is hostel which can accommodated 76 pax

Special Campsites -These are exclusive sites that a group or an individual can book and get accommodated. You have to come with all the necessary camping gears, food and all the requirements.

Public campsites -The public campsites give you the opportunity to do the bush camping in the park.

Facilities outside the park There are accommodation facilities outside the park which can also be used depending on your need.





Park Rules and Regulations

Please do not:

- Enter the park without a valid permit;
- Litter;
- Block other visitors access, disturb or the animals they are watching;
- Exceed the speed limit of 50k.p.h;
- Take pets, plant seeds or fire arms into the park;
- Uproot, pick, cut or damage or be in possession of any part of the plant from the park;
- Kill, harass, disturb or feed any wild animals in the park;
- Feed animals;
- Ignite wildfires;
- Enter or leave the park at points other than the official entry/exit gates stipulated in your permit.

Visit and support!

Visit the park and experience the real side of African culture where locals can share their traditions and cultural values; you can as well contribute by improving their livelihood in this ever-changing world!

Thank you!



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