Marine conservation volunteer, Mozambique

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The following YouTube link is to a short video that I made about my recent conservation volunteering trip to Mozambique with Love the Oceans.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4VhC6-MOc0&t=6s

I spent 3 weeks in Inhambane, Mozambique aiding the data collection and education of marine wildlife and ecosystems to the locals. My programme was an adventure programme meaning that I was not just doing diving to collect the valuable data needed for the companies published literature but also experiencing the local community and going on ocean safaris.

The organization that I went with was called Love the Oceans (<u>https://lovetheoceans.org</u>), they are based in Mozambique and was set up by Francesca Trotman when she graduated from Southampton University after experiencing first hand the extreme measures and extensive fishing methods that some of the locals use. (<u>francesca@lovetheoceans.org</u>)

The trip enhanced by confidence and my ability to travel completely alone, having to do a total of 6 flights alone, whilst also simultaneously solidifying my love for the marine environment as it linked to modules that I took in my degree last year.