

# Kibos Eco Place

Kibos Eco Place is a 7 hectare piece of land in the village Miti Mirefu, Siha District West Kilimanjaro. It is a dry savannah area at the foot of Mt Kilimanjaro in the plain between Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Meru.

Twenty years ago the area was obtained from the local village government with the aim to develop a tree plantation.



The idea was that agriculture is very vulnerable to erratic rains and we thought that indigenous trees, once well established, would resist longer periods of drought in this era of climate change.



This would provide a more stable source of income in the long run by harvesting branches and trees for firewood, construction wood, and leaves for fodder for cattle.



Due to lack of adequate supervision possibilities the project failed and the area was abandoned for several years.



In 2016 we restarted the project, first by cultivating beans. The same problem of lack of adequate supervision possibilities to keep out the wild and domestic animals resulted in a failed harvest.



In 2017 we raised a modest shelter for watchmen. A connection to the rural water supply system improved living conditions.



In 2018 we decided to establish a permanent building which was finished in 2020.



It is a modest 2 story building with 4 sleeping rooms. A windmill and solar panel provide current .By means of an inverter the current is converted to 220 V for light and charging cell phones.

In 2020 we restarted the tree nursery within the compound of the house.



Trees will be raised for several years in the compound of the house where they can be easily watered and nursed.



Once big enough they will be planted in the area around the house, using the technology promoted by Just Dig It.

Since 2019 we receive guests of the MTB Tour the Kilimanjaro.

We offer guests the possibility to compensate for their carbon dioxide exhaust of the flight to Tanzania through a contribution to the tree planting / reforestation efforts.

We propose an amount of 10 Tsh for every return air kilometre.