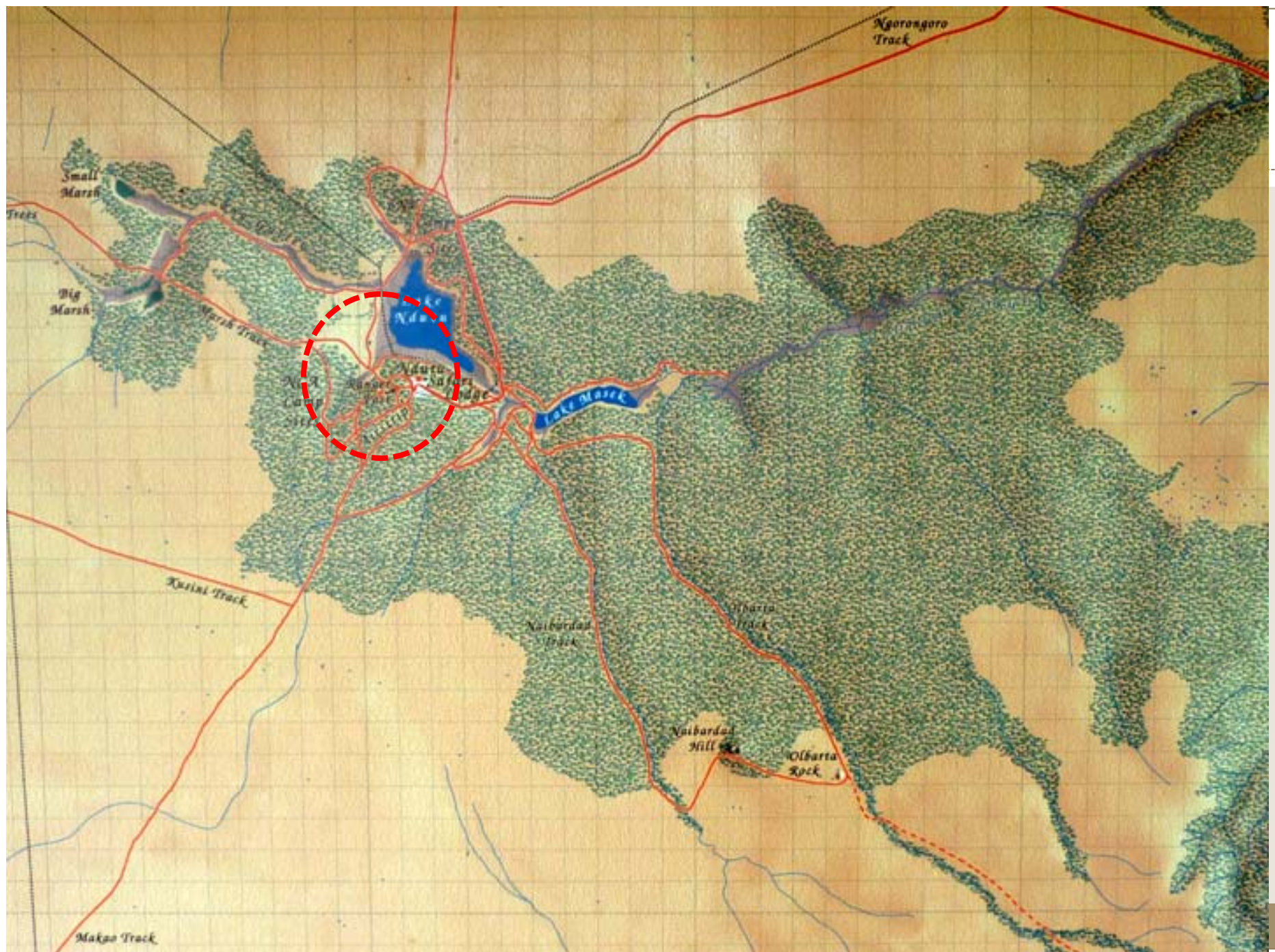




Responsible Tourism

Ndutu Safari Lodge
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In an ideal world..



- We aim to Live, Work and Holiday leaving no impact on the environment
- Realistically that is very hard to achieve.
- However by operating as sustainable as possible and by taking responsibility for what we do or how we operate brings us closer to achieving our goal.

I'd like to comment on the following three points:



- What we are doing to be responsible
- What we are not doing
- What we would like to see in the future

What we are doing



- Ndotu has always strived to be very low impact on the environment:
 - Cottages
 - Generating sets
 - Water heating
 - Bulk Gas
 - Rain water
 - Grey water
 - Bio degradable waste
 - Plastic, glass and metal waste
 - Employment & Training
 - Road Maintenance
 - Karatu Secondary School
 - Villages – Malambo & Makao





What is being done at Ndutu Safari Lodge is out of a personal willingness of the owners and staff to be responsible for the impact we have on the Ndutu area.

As there are no set guidelines/standards for responsible tourism in Tanzania as yet, we are purely operating on common sense.

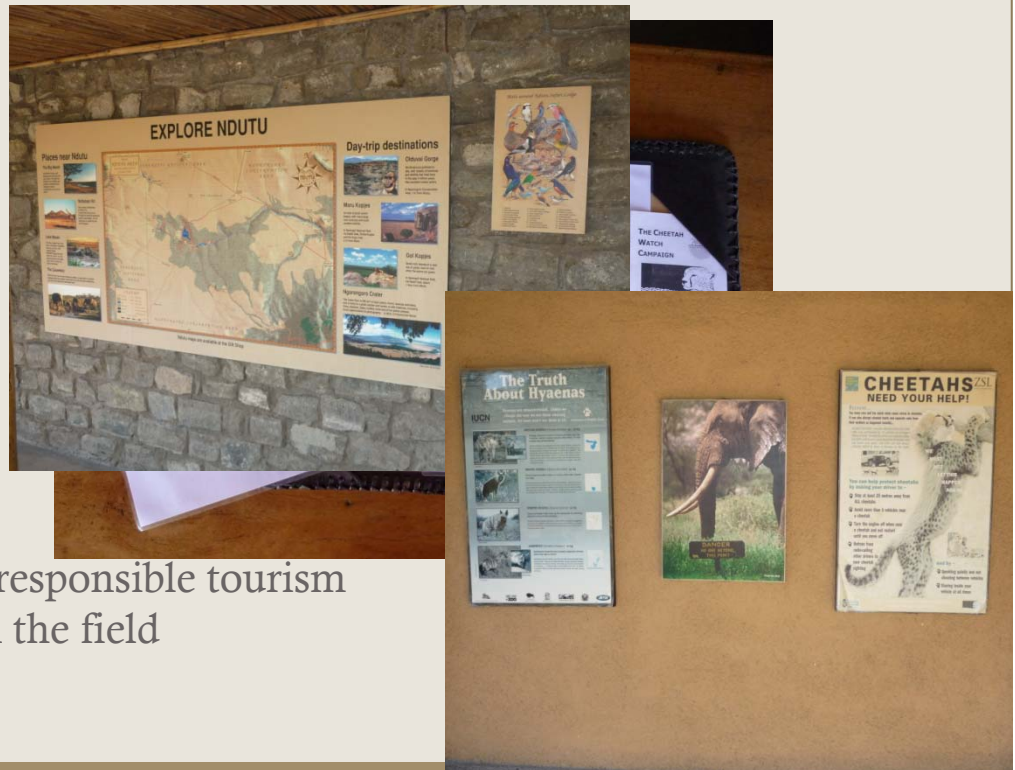
What we are not doing



We currently do not have any written policies or forms of measuring and monitoring of our impact.

By following the international criteria, we will continue to look for new ways to

- **Conserve resources**
 - Save Water & Fuels
 - Better information for tourists
 - Staff training
- **Reduce pollution**
 - Recycle materials
 - Better waste management
 - Waste water treatment
 - Assess purchasing policy
- **Conserving our area.**
 - More information boards, specific to responsible tourism
 - Supporting Driver/Guide Training in the field



What we would like to see in the future



- We would like to see a set of standards in place for management and staff training on environmental management systems.
- We would like to see all stakeholders involved in tourism in Tanzania taking responsibility for their part, all moving in the same direction, assisting each other as we do so.
This requires honest listening and action not just rules and regulations.
- For stakeholders having put in the efforts to be responsible it would be rewarding to receive recognition in the form of an accredited “green” status

Conclusion



If Tanzania could lead the way in responsible tourism in East Africa it would give us:

- a powerful competitive advantage over other countries
- we would be making an effort to reach our goal of forming Tanzania into an “ideal world”.