

Indigenous Collective

Kenya : 2011 - present

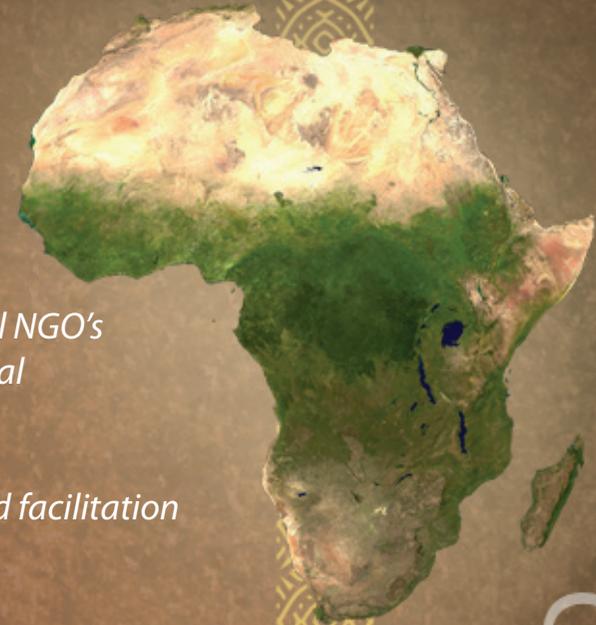
We journeyed to Kenya on an assignment to provide advice to 2x dynamic local NGO's relating to water matters. Both projects are located in the arid, northern pastoral territories.

It soon became evident that we can offer an assortment of technical advice and facilitation in the areas of:

- Renewable water resource management;*
- Sustainable (organic) agricultural projects, focusing on nutrition & food-security;*
- Climate change adaptation strategies (pertaining to water & food-storage);*
- Conservation & promotion of unique, cultural handcraft identities;*
- Training & facilitation of efficient community-led projects, long-term.*

It's been an absolute pleasure to get to know individuals & communities making up this unique, diverse cultural landscape.

Our chapter here has only just started ...



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Indigenous Collective was formed in 2010 around the community needs identified whilst working in Egypt over an 8 year period.

We had lived with an assortment of Bedouin tribes first in the eastern deserts of Sinai & then in the last 2 years, on the verge of the Sahara with the Shehybi Tribe of Bahy'din near Siwa.

Our resident involvement included:

- Cultural revival & promotion of ancient Bedouin bead-craft & weaving;*
- Renewable water projects, specialising in hyper-arid desert landscapes;*
- Sustainable (organic) agricultural projects in dates & olives, focusing on self-sufficiency;*
- Formation of 'The Bedouin Co-operative' that would facilitate both craft & agri-products;*
- Establishment & logistics of ethical trade markets with the UK.*
- Creating unique, 'Journeys of Cultural Exchange' markets for corporates & other groups to experience authentic Bedouin hospitality, first hand.*

Unfortunately in Jan. 2011, socio-political events unfolded across Egypt that over a period of just 1 year, has led to an incredible decline in tourism across the country. Whilst our advisory services have shifted to Kenya, we remain in contact with The Bedouin Co-operative, marketing their ethical handcraft products in UK, making sure that the bulk of those sales make their way back to the community.

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