

Duna Lodge (Mozambique)



Duna Lodge is a small complex of cabins in different shapes and sizes on the beach of Guinjata, considered by the New York Times to be one of the best beaches in the world for its extraordinary naturalness. Here we have focused our efforts in the defense of marine and coastal **biodiversity**.

We are committed to working with local authorities and international cooperation agencies to promote the local development of the population through the promotion of **sustainable nature tourism**, for which the Duna team works closely with different associations and foundations, both local and international. We fight with them and alongside them to achieve sustainable development in this underdeveloped area of Africa on the basis of promoting nature tourism and defending the ocean's biodiversity.



To this end, we have a whale-watching and surveillance platform shared with the maritime authority and which helps to prevent the hunting of sea turtles, the plundering of their nests and the death of young dolphins and manta rays in illegal nets. In this way, we help to preserve the extraordinary naturalness of this bay and generate employment for young fishermen.



In the construction of Duna, we set ourselves the challenge of always using local materials, carefully respecting the dunes and not cutting down a single coconut tree to make room for the constructions, avoiding the use of foundations and respecting the natural shapes of the Dunes.

These poles are "cimbiris", an extraordinarily dense and resistant wood that is the basis of most of the traditional constructions in Mozambique. For the walls and roofs of the houses, the "makute", the dried and plaited leaves of the coconut trees, are used in different shapes to form walls and roofs.

With these elements and by joining the sticks together, large structures can be built, supported on poles buried in the sand. In this way the houses are set up as "palafitos" with wooden floors, avoiding the use of foundations and respecting the natural shapes of the Dunes.