

### **Responsible Tourism and Community Projects**

Ibo Island Lodge and safaris is owned and operated by Kevin and Fiona Record who have been actively involved in tourism development during the last ten years. As the first tourism investor on Ibo Island and specialist tour operator to the Quirimbas Archipelago, we believe that it is critical that local communities benefit from tourism development.

Our central aims being to achieve long term, sustainable means of generating income and benefits to the communities, and to implement and manage programs that provide training, mentorship and education.

Ibo Island Lodge employs approx 30 permanent staff. The extended families of these staff members rely on these salaries. Ibo Island Lodge therefore directly affects approx 600 people's lives on Ibo. In addition, many third party services, food supplies and services are sourced from Ibo Island itself, directly affecting approx another 20 to 30 individuals. Again these people support extended families of up to 20 people. With this in mind the Ibo Island Lodge development and projects positively affect as much as 50% of Ibo islands population.

#### **Kindergarten English literacy and adult tourism training:**

To provide an ongoing program dedicated to tourism and environmental education, English literacy and training for communities at large with real employment opportunities at the lodge.

#### **The market garden agriculture project:**

Aside from Ibo coffee, traditionally the region does not produce much agricultural produce, and so a small lodge vegetable garden project on Ibo has focused to date on building skills and capacity with the aim of producing fresh vegetables, herbs and fruits for the lodge. It is hoped that in time the lodge will be able to produce all its fresh requirements from the lodge garden.

#### **The silversmith's jewellers program:**

Traditional silversmiths hand craft exquisite intricate jewellery using ancient Arab techniques and tools. SEE IBO SILVER. Guests as well as day visitors to Ibo can learn more about these projects from the lodge.

