



# Newsletter

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October and we are drawing to the close of our year here at Kaya Mawa. Four weeks left until the big refit starts!



We have however managed to make a covert start with our new family house. Two ensuite rooms (one double one twin) with a beautiful sitting room with white floors and sofas. All the fixtures from the lampshades (made from Baobab string) to the wall art are made at Katundu Textiles. We have gone one step further and just finished a plunge pool set into the rocks right by the lake. All we are waiting for to finish is the bathroom fittings, which have been stuck with customs for the past 5 weeks!

We are very proud to announce that we have set up a new company here on Likoma. Following the hard work and success of Josh and Becky (our managers at Mango Drift) at transforming our dive operation from 'a couple of dives a week sort of place' to a professional PADI recognised dive centre, we have set up Likoma Island Divers bringing Josh and Becky in as share holders and managers of the company. They have great plans to extend the business and the courses offered along with re-igniting the push to try and set up a marine reserve here on the island. The dive company will be based at Kaya Mawa with a new purpose built dive centre and class room developed during our refit. One of the great things about becoming PADI recognised at Kaya Mawa is that if you wanted to do a course while you are here rather than be stuck in the classroom you will now be able to most it on line from home before you get here. More time relaxing on your deck.



## Likoma Fact.

Likoma Island used to be almost completely forested. But during the Mozambique civil war Likoma Island welcomed 45,000 refugees to its shores. Sadly the first thing to go was the forest, the wood was cut down to build shelters and for fires for cooking. Only the North Eastern tip of the island has remained un touched and is now a forestry reserve. Ironically the Likomans now have to buy there wood from the Mozambique's.

Hurrah..it's mango season. The trees are brimming with Mangos. Nothing like walking into work and picking your own breakfast on the way.



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