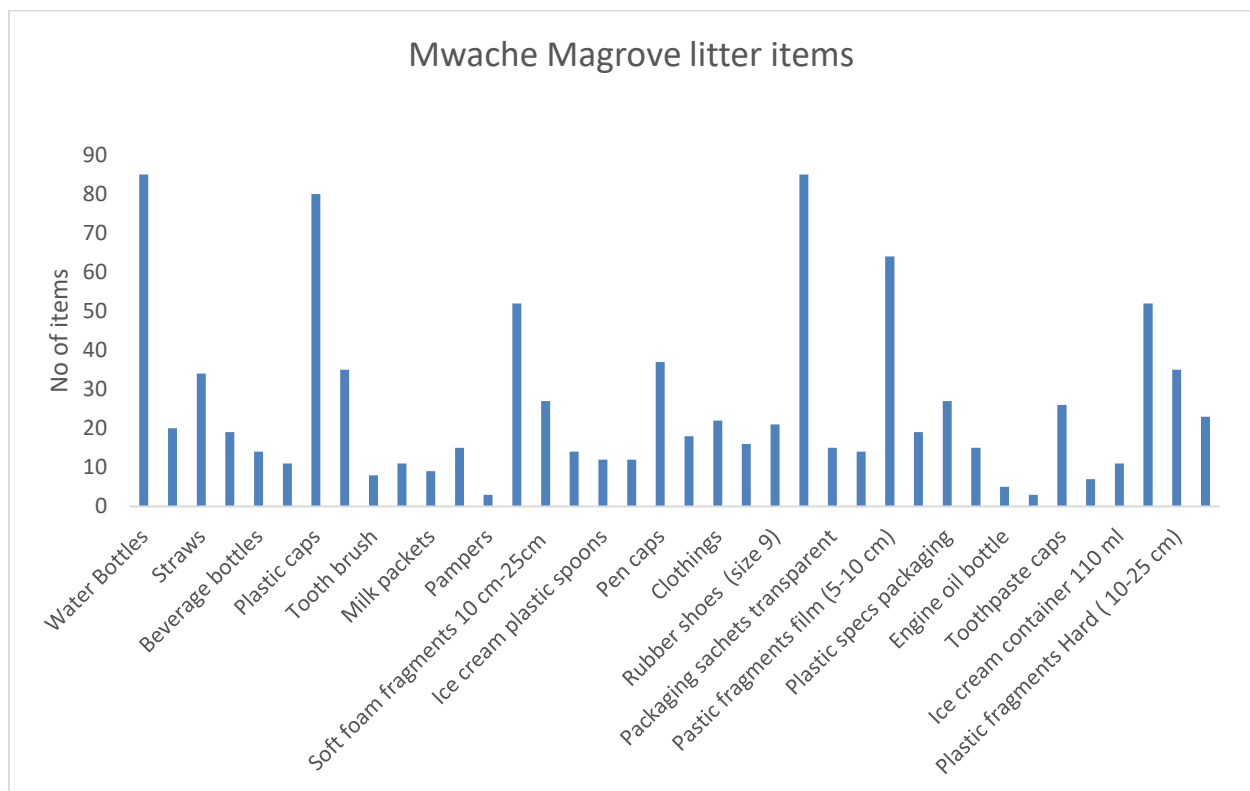


Project Update: October 2020

Due to current global COVID-19 pandemic we decided to change the strategy for the project implementation. Prior to lockdown in March 2020 monitoring of project progress was by routine site visit. But during the imposed partial lockdown by Ministry of Health in Kenya (i.e. from March to August 2020) the visit to the restoration site was restricted to small groups, with a lot of communication happening mostly by phone through the local contact person. During the partial lockdown period a lot of emphasis was laid on expanding mangrove nursery, this is important to avoid seedlings shortage which will be needed for restoration after uplift of partial lockdown. When the lockdown was uplift (i.e. in September 2020) we organised the first field work with a goal of mangroves litter collection in the restoration site as litter might have accumulated over time on restoration site, data generated from this exercise is captured in figure 1.



Different categories of litter collected on the mwache mangrove restoration sites after partial lockdown.



Left: Bidii conservation group planting more seedlings to expound on restoration this happened in March 2020. © Said Chirugah. Right: Tagged replanted mangrove plot for periodic monitoring. © Said Chirugah.



Progress on growth of expounded mangrove nursey after uplift of partial lockdown in August 2020. © Said Chirugah.