

Crocworld



SCOTTBURGH 16 AUGUST

CROCWORLD CONSERVATION CENTRE WAS OPENED IN 1985 BY CROOKES BROTHERS LIMITED. THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE CENTRE WAS TO FARM NILE CROCODILES FOR THE MEAT AND SKIN TRADE. SINCE 2009 THE CENTRE HAS FOCUSED SOLELY ON TOURISM, CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION.

STHABISO STARTED BY WELCOMING FOUR NEW MHC MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN 2026 AND WERE HIKING FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH THE CLUB. THE WEATHER WAS BEAUTIFUL, SUNNY WITH A MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 23 DEGREES. THE 10KM TRAIL GAVE US A SCENIC VIEW OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE INDIGENOUS FORESTS, SUGARCANE FIELDS AND AMAHLONGWA RIVER.

OUR ROUTE TOOK US THROUGH THE FARM AND ORIGINAL HOMESTEAD OF THE CROOKES FAMILY. STHABISO WAS VERY RESOURCEFUL IN GIVING THE HISTORY OF THE AREA AS HE WAS BORN IN THE SAME AREA. FROM THERE WE WENT THROUGH THE BUTTERFLY FOREST BUT SADLY THEIR SEASON WAS OVER AND SO WE MISSED WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN AN EXCITING PART OF OUR HIKE.

WE HAD OUR LUNCH WITH A REFRESHING VIEW OF THE INDIAN OCEAN BEFORE OUR SAFE RETURN.

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