

## **Project Update: December 2008**

We are pleased to report that from 13th – 26th July 2008 and again from 20th- 31st October 2008, the project team developed and produced 5,500 posters and 10,000 leaflets (see photo) on the importance of bats in both English and local languages. These education materials were distributed to 18 schools, local communities and stakeholders in the project area and other parts of South Africa. In addition, two radio and two television programmes on the importance of bats were broadcasted on SABC 3. The main aim of these programmes was to make people aware of the importance of living together with bats and why it is important to protect them and conserve their roots.

One of the great impacts of this activity is moral and technical support that the project team has received from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism as their two members of staff have joined us in the implementation of the project. Secondly, at least 90% of the population of South Africa has received relevant information on bats and why it is important to protect them.



Round table discussions on the importance of bats in Studio A at SABC.