## **Project Update: October 2011**

In the setting of the execution of this project, a particular accent has been put on the sensitisation of the riparian communities and the youth. On 27th and 28th October 2012, the youth grouped in an environment club of the urban center of Bururi, accompanied by the forest rangers, and did two successive patrols in this natural forest to discourage all delinquents who illegally exploit the natural resources of this ecosystem. During these patrols, the young had the opportunity once again to discover the immense wealth of its biodiversity. This work of the young has been appreciated strongly by the services of the conservation and the territorial administration. On the other hand, the members of an association named in national language "Duteramiramashamba" that means "Stay up the forests" is assigned itself voluntarily a mission to maintain the fire - breaks and the limit regularly. On 28th October, in the morning, the women and men members of this local organisation maintained the forest plantations of repopulation lately planted in sites damaged of this reserve. This voluntary involvement of the communities and the young in nature conservation is a proof that the project of reinforcement of the integrity of the natural forest reserve of Bururi is changing the behavior of the riparian populations positively concerning this forest.

