

Project Update: September 2013

From June 2013 to August 2013 we carried out the following activities.

Activity 1. Fundamentals of Ornithology - a course for bird guides and birders-Our team supported one local guide to attend the Fundamentals of Ornithology. This is a course organised by four conservation institutions including the Ornithology Department of the National Museums of Kenya, A Rocha Kenya, the Tropical Biology Association and Nature Kenya (the East Africa Natural History Society). The course is designed for both professional and amateur birders who want to improve their understanding of birds and their skills in the field. The course covers topics including birding field craft and ethics, evolution and classification, scientific names and bird ringing amongst others. A certificate was awarded at the end of the training.



Activity 2. 7th World Environmental Education Congress (<http://www.weec2013.org/en/>)- Through the support of friends and family, our team leader attended and presented a poster (Wetland Conservation through Environmental Education) during the 7th World Environmental Education Congress (WEEC), which was held in Marrakech, Morocco. The Congress theme was Environmental Education in Cities and Rural Areas: Seeking Greater Harmony; and covered the following thematic niches:

- i. Promoting environmental education and networking.
- ii. Intercultural dialogues.
- iii. Social movements and building ecological societies.
- iv. Communications and the impact of social media.
- v. Ecological economics and green economies.
- vi. Ethics, ecophilosophy, human-nature relationships.
- vii. Greening education.
- viii. Creative impulses: arts, imagination, and emotional understanding.
- ix. Pedagogy and learning.
- x. Research in environmental education.
- xi. Risk, health, and environment.

