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Sustainable wetland restoration

This activity targeted the restoration of wetland plants around Eyasi basin. The main objectives and outputs achieved are as follows:

- Gaining a better understanding of how the Eyasi wetland functions and the importance of establishing an integrated programme for their sustainable management.
- Create conditions which would extend and regenerate priority wetland

The actions included:

- Surveys and maps were prepared and used to assess the state of the streams, rivers, locate habitat and identify restoration priorities for the Eyasi basin.
- A stakeholders group, Eyasi Water Basin Management Forum, was set up to guide project delivery, plan for future wetland management and promote understanding about wetland ecology and its values
- Removing non-native, invasive species.

Setting up of tree nursery

The objective of setting up a tree nursery for the community was:

- Restore the already barren and cleared land with indigenous trees.
- To set up an income generating activity especially for the youths and women who have no permanent and sufficient source of income. They sell the tree seedlings to the locals and schools around the project area.
- We also hope to encourage the growing of fruit trees and woodlots as an integrated management practice for provision of fruits, firewood and also environmental protection and management.



The training was done on how to make tree nursery and on selection of seeds and planting of seedlings. The selection of the seeds was based on site specific conditions and the trees that are found in the area. The group members were each tasked with the collection of the seeds and careful storage.

