Project Update: June 2015

Activity: Stakeholders Identification

The main objectives of this activity were to:

- 1. Identify relevant stakeholders both locally and regionally to help in the development and implementation of local action plans for the protection and conservation of the river.
- 2. Build the capacity of the stakeholders through forums, meetings and training on the need for the prioritised conservation initiatives.
- 3. To promote cross sectoral information gathering and knowledge sharing for the protection of the river.

Our project received an invaluable cooperation and inclusion of the county commissioner through the head of environmental department at Migori County. We were further encouraged by the support from Migori High School who will help with the community and school outreach programmes since they already have established networks and activities that complement our objectives.

The following stakeholders were identified:

- 1. Migori Boys High School.
- 2. Department of Water and Fisheries.
- 3. Local hoteliers Group.
- 4. St. Luke Catholic church.
- 5. Agenga Primary School.
- 6. County government of Migori.
- 7. Kenya Foresty Service.
- 8. Lake Victoria Environmental Management Programme (LVEMP).

We are also working with more local user groups and will work to involve farmers and local businesswomen and men within the river basin.



Left: Cattle grazing on the banks of River Migori. Right: Tree seedlings ready for transplanting.