

Project Update: August 2015

Proposed Outcome

MONTHS 1-4. Training and Workshops: The training strategy will be basically designed to serve the aims of the project. These are to protect, to promote sustainable use and to integrate wetland biodiversity management into socio-economic development context of the Eyasi Basin. The training and workshops will also provide the stakeholders with necessary knowledge and also enhance proficiency in science to teachers and students.

We carried out our first activity, which ran for 4 months. We completed the training and workshops on promotion of sustainable utilization of wetland products and services. Three community groups of 10-15 persons were trained in wetland biodiversity, wetland products value addition and basic monitoring and assessment of biodiversity.

Wetland biodiversity

The biodiversity of Eyasi wetland was taught to the community through fieldwork activities. This included identification of plants, insects and mammals amongst other biodiversity. The names were recorded with both the English and local language. This allowed those who had not been trained in the first project to be trained.

Training on value addition

Many local weavers produce mats and chairs, which are sold at local markets. Ten community members were trained on value addition in order to sell less produce but at high price and therefore reducing the need to harvest more papyrus and other resources.



Left: Community Members training on Biodiversity. Right: Stakeholders Forum.

Basic monitoring

Community members were taken through the basic vegetation and animal monitoring process as recommended by the National Environmental Authority in Tanzania. The monitoring

complemented the one done in the first year of the project and we were able to see the progress of those trained as they were able to also train the other new community members.



Left: Training on energy saving solutions. Right: Training on value addition of wetland products.