

## Project Update: May 2011

- A total of 20 out of 21 schools have been visited to evaluate the previous carried out conservation project. In 10 schools the tree nurseries exist with tree seedlings fairly good, in six schools tree nurseries exist but there are seedlings and in four schools the nurseries have already died. The main challenges observed were lack of water, theft and destruction by local people and livestock due to absence of fences at schools and irresponsible management.
- Materials for awareness and training were designed, developed and disseminated to local community members in Kisarawe. These included 120 posters, 800 brochures and 800 flyers on environmental conservation targeted to school children and local community members in the villages. All materials were developed in Swahili language which is the national language here in Tanzania.
- Tree nursery works was accomplished fairly well. The aim was to raise and plant about 5,000 trees of different sorts. The original arrangement was to raise them at community level. The project secured a public owned area in collaboration with local leaders at Msimbu village Kisarawe and established a tree nursery. One local youth was trained to manage the tree nursery and seedlings. However, due to lack of water, especially during the dry season, the survival rate was about 60%. So, at the beginning of January 2011, more tree nursery work commenced at the University of Dar es Salaam (through JEMA tree nursery) to raise more trees to supplement the deficient as per plan. Till the end of the project, a total of 3,100 tree seedlings were raised in Kisarawe and 2,450 were raised at the University of Dar Es Salaam. Some of the trees were disseminated to the schools (best performers) and others to the local community members for planting around their areas and within the forest reserves in Kisarawe. About to sustain the tree nursery in Kisarawe, the trained youth who serve the project has a plan to raise some more seedlings and sell to local community members. In addition, the local authority in Kisarawe has plans to support the nursery for its uses as well.
- Training of local community members was done on practical basis. Ten local community members and four best school environmental teachers based on previous project from Kisarawe were invited at the University of Dar es Salaam to see practically the conservation work. The training was conducted at JEMA tree nursery. The training involved visits to some conserved areas within the university. It also involved practical demonstration on how to establish and care for a tree nursery, plant and care for a tree. Participants also were exposed to solid waste recycling programme which is well practised by University students and local members through JEMA at the University. Materials including posters, brochures and some books were disseminated.

Activity	Percentage Covered
Project Notification to all stakeholders	100%
Land acquisition for tree nursery in Kisarawe	100%
Establishment of community based tree nursery in Kisarawe (raising and caring for the seedlings)	80%

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Percentage Covered</b>
Development of training materials	98%
Conducting training to Village Environmental Committees	95%
School visits to evaluate their tree nurseries and identify upgrading needs	95%
Trees dissemination and planting at schools and within the forest	100%
Project evaluation, report writing and submission	50%

#### **Up – Coming Events**

- Final report writing and submission. The report will be ready by the end of June, 2011.

#### **General Remarks**

The project has been well done despite some challenges due to the real situation on the environment.