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Ecofinder Kenya (www.ecofinderkenya.org) community based Lake Victoria papyrus wetland monitoring and surveillance funded by Rufford Small Grants Foundation continues to register positive results. The grassroot training of wetland scouts and site conservation groups is yielding tangible outcomes through reduction of fire outbreaks in the wetlands, increased incidence of resident birds and rescuing of locally threatened semi-aquatic antelope sitatunga. Hippopotamus are equally being sighted during hippo boat rides. The wetland scouts involved in monitoring and surveillance during the daily livelihood activities in the wetland villages have spearheaded rescue of sitatunga antelope from local butchers and handing over of the same to Kenya Wildlife Service for release into the wild. Ecofinder Kenya and Kenya Wildlife Service provides incentives to the wetland scouts through free local parks, reserves and sanctuaries entry and voucher for seeds or fruit trees among other incentives.

