

RUFFORD REPORT 2007

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- I.** Accounting period: 20/03/2006 - 2007
- II.** Grant amount: £4141, approximately TShs 10,123,745
- III.** Purpose of the Grant: Capacity building of conservation scouts working in the communities surrounding Ruaha National Park.
- IV.** Expenditure: Tshs 10,123,745 For more details, see expenditure report

Introduction

FORS has been working in the communities along the border of the Ruaha National Park, communities that make up a vital and dynamic part of the greater Ruaha ecosystem. These communities are now part of the new Wildlife Management Area (WMA), making them an increasingly important part of the conservation equation.

In line with this goal FORS is assisting MBOMIPA (the local governing group of the new WMA) to provide further education for their village game scouts (VGS).

Objectives

The objectives of the course are:

- To enable participants to effectively control the illegal use of natural resources through promotion of sustainable utilization methods.
- To enable participants to understand the rules and regulations governing natural resource utilization and learn ways of protecting human life/property against dangerous and destructive animals.

The young scouts who attended the training participated in courses on Natural Resources Management and Legislation. The topics within these courses included wildlife, forestry, fisheries and beekeeping. Short courses were also offered in Ballistics, Principles of Accounting, First Aids and HIV/AIDS, Field Crafts, Parade and Physical Training.

End of Grant remarks

The game scouts chosen to do the training were those who had stood out in their work in the field as scouts. Many of these young men never had the opportunity to attend secondary school, greatly limiting their opportunities in the future. Their participation in the training allowed all of these promising young men to grow and learn in ways that will now allow them to be an integral part of a professional organization working to conserve the environment and better the lives of local people.

All twenty of the young men have returned from their training courses, better prepared to take on the role of conservation and enforcement. Several of the scouts will now move into leadership roles as the organization professionalizes. The training made possible by the Rufford funds will allow MBOMIPA to now move forward with a solid body of trained professionals.

It is FORS' hope that we will be able to continue supporting MBOMIPA in their efforts to protect this important part of the greater Ruaha ecosystem.

Appendix 1

Photographs of the MBOMIPA VGS attended Likuyu Sekamaganga College for training 2007



MBOMIPA VGS on marching.



MBOMIPA VGS enjoying to receive their certificates



MBOMIPA VGS on the long day parade after returning from the training.

Appendix 2

Budget for Community Conservation Training Centre (CBCTC)

Expenditure.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>TShs</u>
28/06/2007 (1 st Batch)	Fees	10Vgs	3,000,000
	Transport	10Vgs	340,000
	Uniform and Boots	10Vgs	800,000
	Allowances	10Vgs	810,000
26/09/2007 (2 nd Batch)	Fees	10Vgs	3,000,000
	Transport	10Vgs	400,000
	Uniform and Boots	10Vgs	800,000
	Allowances	10Vgs	823,000
Administration costs	Office work and communications		150,745
Total:			10,123,745
Total inflows (£ 4141)		Tshs	10,123,745
Total outflows		Tshs	10,123,745