RUFFORD SMALL GRANT (FOR NATURE CONSERVATION) CECTOP: COLOBUS ECO CULTURAL TOURISM PROGRAMME FINAL REPORT (A PREPARATION FOR SECOND RSG APPLICATION)

From the month of September 2003, when the proposal for CECTOP was compiled and eventually submitted for the first time to the kind attention of Rufford Small Grants Management for funding and beyond, some significant administrative, conservational, technical and economic changes has occurred on the original project plan.

The changes has consequently require more time and funding to reach completion.

This report is summarized in four main sections i.e.:

Section I: The Original Plan (on the first RSG awarded to CECTOP in July 2004) Section II: The Changes Section III: The Actual Expenditure Section IV: The New Plan

Section I: The Original Plan

Much has been detailed out on the Original Plan when the first RSG was submitted. But some following facts would guide us accordingly:

- CECTOP aims at, first educate, then, in collaboration with the village community, establish and run participatory ecology conservation and cultural tourism project intent to attain longlasting biodiversity management and create numerous and reliable employment vacancies, business opportunities, but mainly spend the general revenue so realized to grant village social economic development projects so that villagers of all sorts, equally benefit from the efforts.
- The objective is to raise grassroots community conservation awareness and motivate each individual villager appreciate and feel responsible with the economic and ecological values of the surrounding biodiversity. This initiative shall offer them alternative economical options, alleviate poverty thus easing

and control massive exploitation of forest resources and further advancement into the forest area for more farming land.

- CECTOP is a pilot project, where skills and experience shall guide several other similar undertakings elsewhere.
- CECTOP shall incorporate three villages namely, Imbasenyi (of the Maji ya Chai Ward), Nkoanekoli and Sangananu (both of the Nkoaranga Ward) in the Arumeru District.
- Imbasenyi Village as a partner to CECTOP shall hold three tour stations, namely the Colobus Reception Point (RP), Imbasenyi Primary School (PS) and the Native African Social Club (SC).
- Kiwawa (a section of the Nkoanekoli village) had no substantial area size and population for legal standing as a complete village.
- Tour stations and respective purposes were as outlined hereunder:

1.The Colobus Reception Point (RP)

The guests shall be briefed of the vision, mission and the relationship between TCMT and CECTOP. Also listening to the outline of their tour itinerary ahead.

2. Imbasenyi Primary School (PS)

Guests experiencing an African Primary School

3. Native African Social Club (SC)

Guests experiencing an Native African Social Club life.

4: The Ngurdoto Water De - Fluoridation Research Station (WDS)

Applied means of removing excessive fluorides in edible water.

5: The MTBS Snake Farm (SF)

Its snakes, snakes, snakes. See, talk, feel, and love snakes.

<u>6</u>: African Traditional Homestead and Herbarium (AH&H)

Mzee Jambo to host the entire show on the traditional lives of various African families.

<u>7</u>: Luncheon Point (LP)

Executive Chef and supporting staff explodes guests' appetites with their traditional and international delicacies.

8: Kibola/Nkoanekoli Colobus Monkey Forest (CMF)

Chief Guide walks our guests in paradise.

<u>9</u>: The Wildlife and Ecology Conservation Education Center-Kibola (WECECK).

A small center aimed to educate volunteering youth from areas surrounding Game and/or Forestry Reserves on the concept and techniques of Joint Management of Natural Resources.

10: Tifurie Ndooro ("We Love Colobus") (TN)

Village Women Art and Craft Market.

<u>11</u>: Picking up Point (PP)

Fare well and seeing off place.

- Four tour stations were to be right inside the Kibola Forest area, namely:
 - The Wildlife and Ecology Conservation Education Center-Kibola (WECECK).
 - Luncheon Point (LP)
 - Tifurie Ndooro (TN)
 - Picking up Point (PP)
- CECTOP day would host a maximum of 15 guests, so is the number at each and every station within the program including the LP, AH&H and CMF.
- Estimated annual visitors to the program are 1950.
- Estimated Annual Operative Cost is USD 72,150.00 equivalent to GBP 40,404.00.
- Estimated Annual Gross Income is USD 195,000.00 equivalent to GBP 109,200.00

Section II: The Changes

A. The Administrative Change

In place of the strategic Momela road, the District Council of Arumeru have decided to make Chief Sandi road (further to the east) the new border line separating the Ward of Maji ya Chai and that of Nkoaranga.

- Following this adjustment, the Imbasenyi Village of the Maji ya Chai Ward have relatively decreased in area size in favour of a smaller Kiwawa sub village of the Nkoaranga Ward (where also the Nkoanekoli and Sangananu Villages are located).
- Kiwawa, formerly a section of the Nkoanekoli village, has substantially increased in size and population where is now legally allowed to stand as a complete village and exercise independent leadership.
- Most of the conservation area earlier in target on Imbasenyi village has now been (administratively) relocated to the Kiwawa sub village.
- It now makes the project easier run under a common umbrella of Nkoaranga ward.
- the introduction of Kiwawa sub village as equal partner within CECTOP stakeholders saw a logical, acknowledged and peaceful removal of imbasenyi Village from CECTOP.

However, this administrative change has resulted into a need to replace tour stations based within the Imbasenyi Village area for new ones in the Kiwawa sub village.

- Suitable and strategic sites were found and/or established within Kiwawa sub village.
- The referred tour stations are:
 - 1. COLOBUS RECEPTION POINT
 - 2. NATIVE AFRICAN SOCIAL CLUB
 - 3. A PRIMARY SCHOOL (PS)

B. The Conservational Changes

These changes aims at further promoting the pragmatic and longlasting conservational impact of the biodiversity and consequently the general social economic well being of the village community members.

B.1. Removal Of All Tour Stations Out Of Kibola Forest.

- The core idea here is to exercise minimum human impact on the Kibola forest aimed at minimizing possible temptation or excuses for one to illegitimately work or wander inside the forest.
- All four-tour stations namely:
 - 1. Wildlife Ecology Conservation Education Centre Kibola (WECECK),
 - 2. Luncheon Point (LP),
 - 3. Tifurie Ndooro (TN) and
 - **4.** Picking up Point (PP), are absolutely moved to new sites outside the forest area.

B.2. Combining Of Three Tour Stations Together

For our organizational efficiency and for the benefit of our guests, WECECK program participants and the general public, the purpose of the Reception Point has been promoted by combining it with new Wildlife Ecology Conservation Education Centre - Kiwawa (WECECK) and a simple Water Defluoridation Demonstration Point.

- Having the Water Defluoridation Point at the RP will save us of more than 40 minutes of tour program time.
- The time saved will merit our visitors of an extra tour of neighbouring Ngurdoto Catchments Forest.
- Luckily, the Ngurdoto Water Defluoridation Research Station agreed to foot required expenses in this crucial alternative.

B.3. Establishing A Sustainable And Close Conservational Relationship With Neighbouring Arusha National Park.

- Significantly, both CECTOP and Arusha National Park (ANAPA) hares a common ecosystem of Mount Meru.
- We therefore consider that, by incorporating a brief tour of ANAPA in CECTOP day and likewise inviting tourist on transit to ANAPA to briefly visit a part of CECTOP, the mutual

conservational visions and missions of the two parties shall be shared with as many of their stakeholders and visitors as it would be possible.

• There are several interesting cultural sites of the ancient Meru tribe confined within Arusha National Park where our guests would benefit paying a visit.

B.4. Adding Up A Concession Tour Of The Neighbor Ngurdoto Catchments Forest (CF) Within CECTOP Day.

- Like Kibola and several other sister catchments forests surrounding the Park, the Ngurdoto Catchments Forest borders the Arusha National Park on its South Eastern side.
- The Ngurdoto Catchments Forest seasonally provides alternative habitat to various migrating park game species including buffaloes and giraffes, among big mammals.
- The forest's delicate welfare is in the hands of the villagers of Ngurdoto under a remote monitoring of the Arumeru District Council.
- It is also important that guests visiting CECTOP day shall have first hand opportunity to compare and contrast between areas under (least capacitated) folk management to that of the intensively protected, well equipped, well skilled Arusha National Park mechanism, just on the other side of the boundary line.
- We strongly hope that, our creative plans of sharing fees with neighbor villages would similarly boost up morale towards sustainable conservation of nature.

C. Technical and Economical Changes

This is the section of the project that the renewal for funding is focused on which are aimed at improving the project's operational effectiveness to make CECTOP a unique ecological and cultural tourism masterpiece in East and Central Africa.

- The intention is to Magnified capacities and incorporate fourtour stations on a single and strategic area along Momela road heading towards the Arusha National Park.
- The combined tour stations in question are

- the African Homestead and Herbarium,
- Luncheon Point,
- Tifurie Ndooro and
- the Picking up Point
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- Access, management and organization of the combined tour stations shall be easy and cost efficient.
- ANAPA receives more than 26,000 foreign visitors in a year.
- The four stations shall serve a good number of visitors on transit to ANAPA where the additional services provided shall by far increase the project's income without in any way lower standards and privacy of our full day visitors nor interfering with the usual life of the village or that of Kibola forest.
- Apart from decent increment in revenue projection, more importantly our conservation mission shall be adequately being told to visitors when in tour of the complex.
- African Homestead and Herbarium shall be styled like Cultural Museum showing the in depth historical and cultural richness of the African people.
- All along divisional walls, walk in tunnels shall be built where cultural sceneries, paintings, carvings etc. shall be displayed or shown while in motion towards another sections.
- The Luncheon Point which was originally planned to accommodate about 15 visitors to CECTOP shall now be expanded to fit extra 30 visitors on transit to ANAPA and serve picnic packages as well.
- Most local and foreign tourists in Tanzania are on fairly tight schedules. It may suit many to combine CECTOP day and visit to ANAPA in one day.

Section III: Actual Expenditure

Out of the first RSG, the following Stations and work has been achieved:

1. Colobus Reception Point Cum Wececk

A plot of land measuring 1.5 acres was acquired. Upon full completion, consisted at the Reception Point cum WECECK shall be:

- 1. Offices for at least 04 officials
- 2. Open view lounge for CECTOP visitors.
- 3. A lecture parlor for 50 persons at a time.
- 4. Up standard washrooms
- 5. Storage room
- 6. A very reliable security wall and a metal gate
- 7. Running water connection, reserve tank and taps.
- 8. Mains electricity
- 9. Botany studies cum shade trees, lawns and immaculate flowerbeds.
- 2. Native African Social Club

A plot of land measuring nearly 02 acres was offered and a decent traditional club facility and auxiliaries were built.

3. Tour Route Establishment

In some sections of the tour route, roads or passages had to get done or rehabilitated, shade trees grown and some concrete piping put on crossing water streams.

4. Transportation

To carry seedlings, manure, water, protective stakes, mulches etc.

The Financial Breakdown

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		Pounds	Shilling
1	Compensation for the old structure which is converted into WECECK parlor and store room	1250.00	2,500.000.00
2	Compensation for tap water service line	175.00	350,000.00
3	Building of the Reception Point, wash rooms, security wall, good gate and a power line	2000.00	4,000,000.00
4	Building of the Native Club and auxiliaries	925.00	1,850,000.00
5	Transport to carry 6000 tree seedlings, manure, water, protective stakes, mulches etc.	275.00	550,000.00
6	Making up and maintaining of the tour route and laying of concrete pipes	375.00	750,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENDED	5000.00	10,000,000.00

Total Expenditure is G B Pounds 5000.00

Section IV: The New Plan (Which calls for a second RSG Application)

The changes above mentioned has resulted into the following tour program.

Station 1. The Colobus Reception Point (RP)

<u>Station 2</u>. Kiwawa Primary School (PS)

<u>Station 3</u>. Native African Social Club (SC)

<u>Station 4</u>: The Ngurdoto Catchments Forest (CF)

Station 5:

The Ngurdoto Crater Rim in the Arusha National Park (NCANP)

<u>Station 6</u>: The Momela Lakes in the Arusha National Park (MLANP) <u>Station 7</u>: The Tululusia Waterfalls in the Arusha National Park (TWANP)

Station 8: The MTB's Snake Farm (SF)

Station 9:African Homestead and Herbarium (AHH)Station 9 A:House of Indigenous Bantu Planter, Hunter and Herdsman
(Kaya)Station 9 B:House of Pastoralist Maasai (Boma)Station 9 C:House of an Early African School Teacher (Colonial Employee)

Station 9 D: Herbarium <u>Station 10</u>: Luncheon Point (LP)

<u>Station 11</u>: Kibola - Nkoanekoli Colobus Monkey Forest

<u>Station 12</u>: Tifurie Ndooro ("We love colobus monkey") Art and Craft Market Station 13:

Picking up Point

The stations requiring establishment funding as according to details stated on the technical and economical changes of the project plan are station number 9 (A, B, C and D), station number 10, station number 12 and 13.

Our application for a second RSG shall shortly follow.

Thanks and best regards

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