

Project Update: December 2013

Activity 1. Meeting with local authorities and local community conservation group

The team met with local authorities and the local conservation group and discussed ways that the community could stay involved in the project. The local youth agreed to form and register a community conservation group that would assist in facilitating some of the conservation activities around the wetland. Some of the team members were later invited to Yellow carpet farm in Mogotio, where one of the community members is starting bee keeping project and needed our inputs.



Left: A beekeeping initiative at Yellow Carpet farm-Mogotio. Right: One of the team members (Moses-right) chatting with Yellow Carpet farm owner (Mr. Ronald)-Mogotio.

Activity 2. Rufford Poster presentation

The team leader (Martha) attended and presented a poster during the Rufford Grant Recipients' conference that was held in Mombasa, Kenya, which was a great forum for idea exchange and networking.



Left: Martha presenting poster during the East Africa RSG Recipients Conference-Mombasa. Right: Common Reed Frog-Sawaiti wetland.

Activity 3. Great Rift Valley flyway launch

The Great Rift Valley flyway was recently launched in Eldama Ravine, around 50 km from Sawaiti. Stakeholders including County Council of Baringo, Birdlife International, Nature Kenya, Tour Operators, local farmers and the Friends of Sawaiti were invited and they had a chance to take part in the event and interact with the local community in Eldama Ravine.

Activity 4. Guided walk to stakeholders

The Friends of Sawaiti group led a guided walk to the stakeholders who had attended the Great Rift Valley Flyway Launch.