

Project Update: May 2013

Below are the activities carried out and also find attached representative pictures of the activities.

1. *Stakeholder identification.* Our project received invaluable cooperation and inclusion of the county commissioner (J.M Motari), and the County Chief Warden- Lake Bogoria National Reserve (Mr. William Kimosop) who not only pledged to form a taskforce to oversee the protection of the birds but also to consult with the national government about their support of setting up of a conservation plan for Sawaiti. We have also received immense support from some farmers who are ready to change their activities which are a threat to the wetland into more sustainable practices.

2. *Identification of possible agro-ecological activities for the protection of Sawaiti.* We were able to do a survey with many locals and it was evident that untapped potential exists on promotion of beekeeping which will promote conservation of the swamp.

3. *Monitoring and survey of biodiversity.* We continued with monitoring of the birds and vegetation. We noted an increase on the population which is attributed to the annual migration and change of weather.



Left: Project Team and local guides -Community conservation training. Right: Local authorities (County Commissioner J. M Motari) with team and local guides.



Left: Wetland use – livestock. Right: Wild honeybee colony.