

Project Update: February 2013

February 2013 was characterised by contact with the local administration to organise a green walk in the nature reserve Forest of Bururi for staff of different services. The purpose is to arouse love to the officers for the forest and hence their contribution to its protection and management.

It was therefore agreed to develop the sports afternoon every Friday inviting officials from the municipality of Bururi for a sporting walk in the reserve, coupled with interpretation of the natural history of this forest and awareness on the ecological and socio-economic value of the biodiversity of the forest. This began on Friday 22nd February 2013. The mayor of the town of Bururi personally led this walk and took the opportunity to invite officials present in this sporting walk to be true ambassadors of the forest.

This green ballad of officials has inaugurated an awareness campaign to love and discover the biodiversity of the forest, which is full of many endemic animal species and plant in the Albertine Rift region whose *Cardioglossa cyaneospila*, *Myosorex bururiensis* and *Impatiens bururiensis*.

To duplicate the experience of environmental education and awareness around the natural forest of Bururi, we have compiled all actions supported by RSGF in a paper during the execution of the first and second project that we distribute to colleagues and other chief wardens of protected areas of Burundi.

