

### **Project Update: July 2013**

In July 2013, a particular emphasis was placed on educating communities and other stakeholders in the protection of the Natural Forest Reserve of Bururi through radio and television.

On 30th June 2013, with the local radio Isanganiro, a 30-minute broadcast was hosted on the fight against poaching and captive wild animals. Now we see many people who poach of wild animals in their habitat. Primates and chimpanzees in particular are the most targeted.

On Rema radio and television on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013, a television show was aired on the biodiversity of the nature reserve of Bururi and the fight against bushfires. This show was rebroadcast over three times.

On 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013, a team of journalists from the National Radio and Television (RTNB) made with the chief warden of the Natural Forest Reserve of Bururi an interview on the main tourist attractions of the reserve.

These sensitisation activities through the media bear much fruit. More citizens of the capital Bujumbura and others citizens from others urban centers come regularly to visit the forest of Bururi. Recently, a major sports club "Intore ku Rugendo" visited the forest of Bururi on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013. It has become a habit for officials of Bururi centre to climb every Friday afternoon the mountains of the reserve of Bururi for to contemplate the biological richness and ecological systems of the forest.

August 2013 will be characterised by the preparation of the open week in the natural reserve of Bururi. A particular focus will be on youth participation and planning their activities related to conservation and promotion of ecotourism.

