

Project Update: January 2014

As stated in our proposal, the first phase of our project implementation is community appraisal. Seventeen Peasant Associations (PA), the least governmental administration unit at the rural area, have been recognised as residing adjacent to the park's periphery. So far, we have reached 10 PA spending 3 to 5 days in each PA for the community appraisal and induce a positive first impression. In every PA we conducted detailed and enthusiastic awareness raising discussion, arguments and concurrence, first with the local community elders, administrators, formal and informal institution leaders and representatives. Next, we have conducted interactive discussions with the whole community. The entire community appraisal was so interesting and the communities in the respective PAs were so contented that the park has recognised their participation is the milestone for the success and sustainable conservation of the park and its inhabitants. At the end the community in the respective PAs have selected 5 -7 individuals that eventually forms the tasking group.

Here with we have attached some pictures taken by the Maze national office.



Left: Awareness rising for elementary school students. Right: Discussion with junior and high school students



Left: Discussion with local community in one of the respective PAs. Right: Discussion with local formal and informal institutions leaders in the respective PAs