

## Project Updates: July 2014

We started the project activities in the third week of June 2014 by carrying out field survey in Enguserosambu Ward, Loliondo area. In this first phase of data collection we wanted to understand the contribution of traditional ecological knowledge in conservation of Loliondo II forest. We first identified groups to be consulted based on their indigenous forest knowledge and/or user groups that depend on forest resources for their daily activities. Different groups were identified including customary elders, famous people in the society, village government, women, traditional doctors, honey collectors, warriors, traditional nurses and midwives, community conservation trust, and local civil organisation. My field assistants and I visited four villages (Ng'arwa, Orkiu juu, Naan and Enguserosambu) that are part of the Loliondo II Forest in Enguserosambu Ward. A total of 49 interviews were conducted; 15 in Ng'arwa village, seven in Enguserosambu village, 13 in Orkiu juu village, 10 in Naan village, one with local civil organisation and three with District Forest Officers (DFOs) in Ngorongoro District. We plan to carry out phase two of the survey looking at land use and land cover change of the area by collecting GPS points in selected areas to serve as reference points for the satellite images that are to be acquired from LAND INFO Worldwide Mapping.



Left: Rufford grantee with famous elders in Ng'arwa Village. Right: Portion of the Loliondo II forest in Enguserosambu village