

Project Update: December 2014

The first project trip to Lake Jipe project area was done from for 4 days in the first week of December 2014. The aim of the trip was to introduce the project to the district and village authorities. Among the activities carried out during the trip:

1. Introduction of the project in the district level.
2. Introduction of the project to the village level.
3. Discussion with one secondary school authority on the participation of the school in the project (all other schools had commenced end of year holidays).
4. Evaluating the amount and catch quality in landing sites of some villages.
5. Training some villagers on appropriate beekeeping techniques. The training was conducted in three different locations. The areas covered in the training include:
 - Appropriate techniques for beekeeping in Tanzania at large and Jipe area in particular.
 - Some important negative and positive behaviour of honeybees and ways to overcome the negative ones.
 - Choice of a quality apiary (bee farm) and its layout.
 - How bees are managed in both traditional (fixed comb) and box (movable comb) hives. The advantages and disadvantages of each type.

N.B: We have prepared a TRAINEE MANUAL on IMPROVED BEEKEEPING and 40 copies were distributed to the trainees.

The way forward:

Next trip is planned in the second week of January 2014. Among other activities,

1. Continue with beekeeping trainings in the same and other locations.
2. Initiate training in local chicken keeping in all the villages.
3. Introduce the idea of improved cattle keeping.
4. Support tree nurseries in schools.



Left: Participants of improved beekeeping in Jipe Village. Right: Practical session on beekeeping training in Mkisha Street, Butu Village.



Left: Trainee manual on beekeeping. Right: Trainees on improved beekeeping in Butu Street, Butu Village.