

## Project Update: January 2010

The trained community members have started removing some of the invasive plant species such as bracken fern from Nyika National Park. In the meantime about 5 ha of the total land area covered by invasive alien plant species have been cleared of these plants. In addition, 10 meetings have been conducted in villages and offices of some stakeholders around NPP. The main aim of the meetings was to sensitise and lobby community members the importance of forming Task Force Committees (TFCs) whose objective is to foster monitoring and future eradication of resurfacing and new species of invasive alien plants in the cleared areas. A total of 306 community members have been sensitised and 75% have expressed willingness to take part in the monitoring exercise.

