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The project team is pleased to report that from 13th-17th July 2009, the team visited 12 villages which surround Nyika National Park. Further, the project team also sensitised government and non-state actor officials in the Departments of Forestry, National Parks and Wildlife, Agriculture and Fisheries, including local NGOs and CBOs in Rumphu and Karonga districts. The aim of the visits was to sensitise local communities, government officials and non-state actors on invasive alien species (IAPs) and their impacts on indigenous plant and wildlife diversity.

One of the milestones that were achieved during the exercise was that a total of 520 people acquired and assimilated the knowledge about IAPs and the impacts that they cause on our indigenous biodiversity. There were also informed about their modes of introduction and spread.

