

## Project Update: June 2010

Members of my project team are pleased to report that 1, 500 local communities are trained in tree nursery establishment and management. As a result, 20 tree nurseries have been established around 10 villages that border Nyika National Park. A total of 50, 000 seedlings have been raised in these nurseries. We are pleased to report that 20 ha of Nyika National Park that were colonised by IAS have been planted with indigenous tree species. This programme will help restore all areas that were infested with IAS to almost their natural habitats. The restored habitats will consequently help attract displaced wildlife and promote regeneration of other indigenous plant species from the seed bank which could not germinate due to presence of invasive alien species that were suppressing them by altering microclimate of the area.

