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I am pleased to report that from 19-23 January 2009, the project team led by Mr. Changunda held four interactive participatory meetings with local communities and local stakeholders living around Kasungu Wildlife Reserve on the Zambian side (See photo). The main aim of the meetings was to solicit constructive views and suggestions which can be developed and fed in wildlife and environmental monitoring and evaluation (M&E) programmes. The project team received constructive suggestions and views from local communities and local stakeholders which will help them to develop effective and prudent M&E programmes to be used by local communities and local stakeholders themselves residing in the area. One of the remarkable outcomes of these meetings was the formation of Task Forces (Working Groups) in various villages which will be empowered to undertake this work of M&E to ensure that the wildlife and their ecosystems are effectively managed and conserved.

