

Project Update: August 2010

Our 'Green Foot Prints' video documentary was finished this month. The video gives some background information about pro-poor eco-tourism project at Mabamba, how the eco-tourism and conservation agendas are blended in the project etc. It also highlights the various attractions at Mabamba and current threats. We are working on uploading the video for accessibility on-line at www.naturepalace.net.

The recent Parks Forum (www.parksforum.org) meeting in Australia, used badges made from degradable, mostly recyclable materials by the local community at the Mabamba Bay Ramsar Site, in Uganda facilitated by the project. Peter Bridgewater, Chair, UK JNCC and former Secretary General of Ramsar convention secretariat (2003 – 2007), remarked that this was a global first in offering participants a name badge made from degradable, mostly recyclable materials from the local community at Mabamba Bay in Uganda, a key and important Ramsar site for, among many other things, the Shoebill stork.

He remarked that 'Parks Forum Delegates were especially pleased with the result, which was an attractive pouch containing name and affiliation, but also all tickets for events, and the pocket size programme. So it was much more than a "name badge" and, even if degradable, will have plenty of opportunity for use beyond the meeting'.

The report is accessed on the Ramsar Convention website at

<http://www.ramsar.org/news>

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http://www.ramsar.org/cda/en/ramsar-news-newsmabambabay/main/ramsar/1-26%5E24775_4000_0