

## **Project Update: March 2018**

### *FIELD SURVEY AND INCEPTION WORKSHOPS REPORT*

#### **Background**

I acknowledge the grant offered by Rufford Small Grant Fund under project No. 23125-1 titled; Promotion of *Dovyalis caffra* live fences for reduction of human-wildlife conflicts in Enduimet Wildlife Corridor (EWC), Kilimanjaro, Northern Tanzania. After the first phase of the project, which accomplished Activity 1 (A1): where the inception meeting with local communities was conducted as stipulated in the project application proposal, which had xxx, Us Dollars. This report covers the implementation of the project second activity 2 (2A) which was mainly about to promote the application of *D. caffra* as deterrence mechanism to reduce domestic animal predation. About xxx \$ amount of money was spent for promotion of *Dovyalis caffra* where two nurseries center with more than 24,000 seedlings were established in two different villages namely Irkaswa and Lerang'wa (See Picture A, B, C, D, & E).

#### **Project Output**

Twelve (12) Stakeholders were indoctrinated about how to establish the nurseries although they had a preliminary knowledge especially those who were the members of the existing environmental committee. In each village nursery we had 12 people who are the leading member to take care of the nurseries especially watering. Furthermore, equipment's such as wheelbarrow and siphon worth xxx UsD were bought so as to facility nursery activities. The detailed photos of the conducted activities and supplied equipment's (See Appendix 1)

After stakeholder discussion 10kg seedlings of *Dovyalis caffra* were distributed to two (2) village environmental committees. The seeds were obtained from quality seedling reliable dealer in Arusha region. The seedlings were planted for germination period of 21 days, which started from 14<sup>th</sup> day of February to the stage of hardening in July whereby they will be distributed to designated pastoralists households. The germination is expected to be around 7 of March 2018.

#### **Way forward**

- Training and distribution of training materials in form of brochures and through use of local forest experts to ensure more livestock keepers are aware of the importance *D. caffra* live fences in reduction of livestock predated by wild carnivores
- Supporting the village environmental committees to establish *D. caffra* nurseries in Irkaswa and Lerang'wa
- To select households that will benefit direct from the *D. caffra* project nurseries

#### **Conclusion**

The project activity number 3 (A3) was partly implemented as shown in the pictures. Currently, the project now is focusing much towards the nursery rearing in two villages namely Irkaswa and Lerang'wa.

## Appendix 1



**Left:** Environmental Committee in Irkaswa Village receiving 80m Siphon tube, Spatula, Wheelbarrow, 12,000 Polythene bags and Watering cane. The villagers requested the equipment's mentioned above as the fundamental inputs for nursery development during *D. caffra* promotion. Also gender equality was spearheaded during the nursery development to ensure equal opportunity for all gender in *D. caffra* promotion. (©Wilson F. M). **Right:** Villagers in Irkaswa and Lerang'wa during the nursery preparation. More than 12 people were indoctrinated with knowledge on how to prepare organic soil and put it into the polythene bag before sowing the seedling. (©Wilson F M).



**Left:** Preparation of nursery by putting some measurement so as to ensure the neatness of the nursery that will simplify maneuvering during the rearing. (©Wilson F M). **Right:** Nursery development in Irkaswa village. (©Wilson Maanga)



**Left:** Further nursery development by committed women in Irkaswa. (©Wilson F M). **Middle:** Nursery development in Lerangwa where 12,000 seedlings were planted, germination will be after 21 from 14 of February 2018. (©Wilson F. M). **Right:** Further preparation of the nursery in Lerang'wa village. (©Wilson F M).