

Project Update: March 2018

Introduction

The overall aim of the project was to conduct vegetation survey in Ruvu South coastal forest and capacity building to the surrounding communities in order to conserve ecological habitats for endangered sokoke pipit bird. The project was proposed and funded by Rufford Foundation following continuous forest degradation caused by poor forest management and over exploitation of forest resources by the surrounding communities.

Permission from relevant authority

Ruvu-south Coastal Forest Reserve is managed by Tanzania Forest Service Agency, under Kisarawe and Kibaha District Forest Managers. The project lead reported to this authority and was granted permission and support to conduct forest ecological survey. Moreover, the permit to conduct community training and empowerment in the villages surrounding Ruvu-south Coastal Forest Reserve were sought from Kisarawe District Council. Village leaders and officers are administered, managed and reports to the Executive Director, Kisarawe District Council.

Project inception meetings



The project leader conducted an inception meeting with forest officers, village leaders and members of the village natural resources committee. During these meetings, the project leader clarified the aim, objectives and deliverables of the project. They all together planned and agreed on how to participate and timelines of community trainings and formation of women income generating.

Project lead Ms.Dorah Mbogo (second right) emphasizing a point during inception meeting

Forest Ecological Survey

Having obtained relevant permission and support from village leaders and forest agency, survey team were organised and officially started to conduct ecological and vegetation survey. The exercise started on 19th March, 2018, and due to difficult terrain and forest roads, the team expects to carry out the exercise until the end of April 2018. The team leader will report on the overall survey findings in the next interim report.