

Project Update: July 2019

Tree planting exercise in Mount Loleza Forest Reserve

The tree planting exercise was done by the project team and volunteers from the villages surrounding the reserve. Trees were planted in the degraded and deforested parts of the Mt Loleza Forest Reserve (MLFR) which were identified during the reconnaissance survey as well as the village forest of the Idugumbi village within the Mbeya range. Also, trees were planted in water catchments areas and other parts that were identified by the Village Environmental Committee (VEC).

We've also established tree nurseries in Idugumbi village which will be administered by the VEC. Villagers will be buying trees from the nurseries at an agreed price. The project team and Tanzania Forest Service (TFS) will be providing technical assistance and trainings regarding trees planting and environmental conservation in general.

We recommend that for restoration and conservation of the MLFR to be sustainable, continue support of the communities surrounding the mountain is very important.

Therefore, in the next project we will continue with the restoration activities and monitoring of the initiated small income generating activities (beehives and tree nurseries). We will also focus on protecting the water catchments areas and other threatened habitats within the MLFR.





