

## Project Update: April 2011

The implementation of our project provided an interesting but an obvious scenario for the debate that pits the conservation of the Roan antelope *Hippotragus equinus* and the habitat against the need to improve people's standard of living (broadly expressed as 'development'), which has been engaged with respect to many environmental resources, all over the world. In Kenya particular attention has been paid to charismatic megafauna and to the protected animals in the game reserve. Our project used a co-management and stakeholder's approaches to provide a long-term protection of the Roan antelope and its habitat. Being the first conservation project of the Roan antelope in the lake basin, it connected a spectacular example of dramatic ecological change, population increase with significant social and economic impacts. It allows us to focus on changes in the lacustrine ecosystem of Yala Wetland but also on the lives of riparian communities on the lake shore.

