

Project Update: June 2008

Main Activities

1. Equipping DAP Vision Eco-Dramactors, training and play writing.
2. Preparation for Stakeholders' meetings of KCCSA.
3. Stakeholders meetings:
 - Land owners meeting was held on 27th June at Bugonda village adjacent to the proposed Chimpanzee Sanctuary. Attendance was 38 adults comprising of household heads and wives.
 - Major agenda item discussed was the mode of operation of the KCCSA and the roles of the various stakeholders.
 - On the 28th June a seminar/meeting was held at the Sub-county headquarters. It brought together various stakeholders including political leaders, religious and opinion leaders, elders and civil servants. Participants numbered 78. The seminar was facilitated by among others a renowned conservationist and tour operator from Kabarole Tours based in Fort Portal. The main objectives of the seminar were to introduce the concepts of conservation and eco-tourism development and the roles of the various stakeholders.
 - Other activities conducted during the seminar included drama performance by DAP Vision Eco-Dramactors and demonstration of construction a modified traditional bee hive and bee keeping basic practices.
 - The nearest radio station (Kibaale-Kagadi Community Radio –KKCR) reporter covered the seminar events and conducted interviews with the various participants. The proceedings were broadcast in the news bulletins and interviews records produced in the subsequent programmes.
4. Two follow up meetings have been held in the community with the interim Executive meeting of KCCSA continuing to register new members.
5. The Chairman DAP has drafted a constitution for KCCSA which is currently under review by the community group for endorsement and eventual registration with the Resident District Commissioner.

Upcoming activities:

1. Arrangements have been made for DAP Chairman to meet organized communities with chimps in the remaining six sub-counties in the district during the month of August.
2. Two Radio programmes: one with members of KCCSA and the second with District officials.
3. Follow up meeting with the District Technical Planning Committee (DTPC) on their plan for 2008/09 Financial Year.
4. One day study tour for KCCSA to Kyabigambire Community Chimpanzee Project in Hoima District.

