

Project Update: February 2010

Activity/Activities undertaken based on work plan:

- Local subsistence farmers were selected from villages around Nkuwazi Forest using Participatory Rural Appraisal meetings. These were local farmers who have been actively involved in unsustainable collection of devil's claw from the forest reserve.
- Selected potential farmers who comprised of both men and women were trained in nursery establishment, seed collection, seed treatment, seed storage, seed planting and seedling management.

Milestone:

- A total of 180 farmers (96 women and 84 men) were trained in seed propagation and seedling management. Of this, 53% were women and the training empowered them to become self reliant in agricultural production and income generation.
- The training has assisted to the knowledge and skills of local farmers selected and trained in cultivation and management of devil's claw and this will help to protect the plant from becoming extinct and improve income for local farmers in the project area.



Left: Group Headman Inkosi Mberembe holding a meeting with local farmers in the project area. Right: One of the trainings held to local farmers on Devil's Claw propagation and cultivation at Kalwe Primary School.