

## Project Update: July 2010

Activity/activities undertaken based on a drawn work plan in project document:

- A 2-day consultative workshop with government officials (from the Ministries of Forestry, Wildlife and Culture and Local Government) and representatives of the NGOs, community leaders and some indigenous communities was held at Hippo-View Lodge from 21-22 July 2010.
- The main aim was to lobby the government through relevant ministries to gazette Phirilongwe forest to be part of Lake Malawi National Park as one way of protecting threatened wildlife which are being killed by farming communities.

Milestones:

- A draft working resolution on the gazette of Phirilongwe forest was drawn and to be taken to Ministry of Wildlife and Culture so that it could be taken to Parliament for discussion.
- The workshop acted as an eye opener to the government officials and they promised to be in support of the gazette of Phirilongwe forest to be a protected area.



Left: Mr. Mpalika presenting the project to Government Officials to persuade them to gazette Phirilongwe forest as part of Lake Malawi National Park. Right: Mr. Kumwembe emphasizing the point of gazetting Phirilongwe forest to be part of Lake Malawi National Park.