

## Project Update: August 2012

Tree identification training was done with the three Scout troops and field work is commencing now. One of the most enthusiastic troops is actually based off the range of the maps we received from the Kenyan Army, so we have requested maps to cover both their area and two other forest areas.

We made a decision to train local Ranger Scouts (18 and above) rather than general community members as our seed collectors for several reasons: the first being that there is the organisational structure to oversee them; the second being for ease of access to the gazetted forests, where the best sources of seed are; and thirdly that the scouts already have good training in camping and outdoor skills. Initial training has been done, followed by 3-4 day field trips in Eburru, Bahati and Kipipiri Forests, with our current seed collector, to identify seed sources and collect material.



Left: Ranger scout seed collector training. Right: Scout tree identification training.