

Project Update: January 2012

Due to abnormally high and continuous rainfall from August to December 2011, many trees had not made seed or conditions were difficult to collect seed, so much of the field work needed to be delayed until conditions were more favourable. Tree identification training with the Scouts and seed collection training with local community members have just restarted after the school holidays. Local field guides have been produced with the kind assistance of the World Agro-Forestry Centres' book, *Useful Trees and Shrubs for Kenya*.

The drying shelter has been completed; we are awaiting delivery of the seed drying racks ordered last year, and additional equipment has been purchased for the centre. In addition our KEPHIS (Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services) Certification as seed suppliers has been applied for and we hope to receive this shortly.