

## **Project Update: February 2011**

On February 18<sup>th</sup> 2011, Tsamtsam Island hosted its first group of self-catering tourists who brought their own camping equipment. The trial group allowed OELO members to get much needed training and experience with tourists. Four local hunters practised guiding a forest walk, leading canoe trips, and organising other activities. The guests sampled a traditional dinner of fish stew and cassava root, learned about the ecology and history of the lake region, and spent an evening around an okoumé fire sharing stories and conversations with village residents. Feedback from the trial tourists helped OELO refine its business plan and proposal to move the pilot project into the proposed full project phase to be started this summer.

