

Project Update: March 2012

A plant nursery shelter has been constructed to accommodate an important learning site for museum visitors and the public at large. It is part of the museum contribution to the project. The involvement of the youths in this project has been considered all along, members of the Roots & Shoots who are also friends of our museum have worked in the garden to support the project. They are Arusha students from 10 primary and secondary schools who are devoted to caring of the environment through acquiring knowledge and sharing. The youths were involved in the preparations of a permanent plant nursery that is part of the mini botanic garden. Polythene tubes were professionally packed with soils mixed with manure with recommended ratios that will be used to sow varieties of indigenous seeds. The museum plans to involve and impart knowledge to as many students as possible.

Another recent development was to involve museum staff in a 1-day workshop to understand the importance of the plant nursery and its management basics. The main facilitator was from the Roots and Shoots – Mr. Japhet J. Mwanang’ombe. Main areas included nursery methods, seed collection, seed sowing, transplanting and the general maintenance of plant nurseries.

