

Project Update: October 2010

The main activity was a field tour of Wambabya wetland. The aim was to assess its current status, the activities within the catchment area and compliance with the Uganda wetland management policies. The tour was conducted in the upper and middle segments of Wambabya. Pre-planning meetings were organised to select members to participate and other modalities during the tour. Twenty people living close to the wetlands participated. A walk around with selected members was undertaken, trekking through the hilly, valley forested area of the wetland.

It was observed that close to 50% of 30 m buffer zone was being encroached on. The main activities practised within the area included crop farming.

The main challenge remains the demand for incentives and compensation for people to get away from the buffer zone. The tour showed to the farmers that a lot remains to be done if compliance was to be achieved.



Left: Farmers living along Wambabya wetlands pose for a photo at the end a field tour. Right: Farmers on a briefing during the field tour session of Wambabya wetlands.



Left: Farmers tour part of River Wambaya where ruinous activities of the wetland take place. Right: Wambabya course where the field work is taking place.



Participants walk -cross the Wambabya bridge during the field tour.