

## Project Update: May 2011

From April-May 2011, the project team held 20 meetings with local communities living around KWR on the Malawian and Zambian side. The meetings resulted in establishment of 50 associations/clubs (30 associations on Malawian side and 20 on Zambian side). About 800 local communities were trained in promotion of various income generating activities (IGAs), e.g. bee keeping and wax production, fish farming, poultry and guinea fowl rearing, livestock farming, vegetable farming, farming of fruit trees and improved bananas, and arts and craft making. Communities trained are expected to train other local communities so that the knowledge and skills acquired should be passed on to a wider community living around KWR. The skills acquired will help improve food security and income of poor local communities and can influence in changing peoples' attitude towards over-exploitation of biodiversity in protected areas. Random monitoring conducted in the impact areas have shown that local communities have acquired adequate skills in IGAs and some have ready started applying the knowledge and skills gained.

