



## **Tanzania Forestry Working Group April 2007 Summary Report – Cassian Sianga**

### **Planned activities**

During the month of April the following activities were earmarked to be implemented:-

- Mapping of partners organizations (understanding who is where, type of work they are doing and their capacity).
- Planning meeting to develop road map for timber trade (tactics and fund raising/budgeting)
- Feed back meeting to FWG and discuss on possibility of developing the IFM

### **Achievement and reasons for deviation**

- Mapping of partner organisation started by making field visits to southern Tanzania organisation. A visit to Rufiji and Kilwa was made and three organisations were visited. A report of the visit is available. It was not possible to make more visits due to time constraint and availability of resources.
- The meeting which was planned to develop road maps of timber trade was not conducted. Other meetings were conducted by partners to explore ways of taking reports of the TRAFFIC forward. These meeting were done in Dar where meetings were held with Simon (TRAFFIC), Steve (MPINGO), Meshak and Adrian both of TFCG.
- A proposal was written seeking funding for an advocacy and public awareness initiative which has been accepted and funded by GTZ. Initial preparation for the workshop has been done. This was a result of initiatives coming out of the last FWG meeting.
- A FWG meeting was planned for this month but did not take place as we were banking on having it after receiving the money for the advocacy initiative workshop.

### **Activities done and were not planned**

- A meeting was held in FARM Africa office to discuss a TOR preparation for a study they are intending to conduct. The meeting was attended by George, Alfei and Tslaa of FARM Africa. The study is on sustainable forest based livelihoods. A continuation meeting planned for April 27<sup>th</sup> but was postponed because Alfei was on another mission.
- Attended Policy Forum annual meeting held in Dar.

### **May planned activities**

- Organisation and facilitation of an advocacy and public awareness initiative (planning meeting and conducting of a workshop).
- Conduct a FWG meeting
- Attend an FBD technical meeting for stakeholders on forest regulations.
- Circulate reports to members as need arises
- Start updating the list of FWG members