



Cassian Sianga – Monthly Report November – December 2007

Activities for the month of November

- Continue liaison with donors and FWG members on funding possibilities of Mama Misitu and IFM.
- Attend MJUMITA annual workshop.
- Participate in a SWAp learning process for steering committee members and FBD staff to be organised by FBD.

Achievement and reasons for deviation

- There was a continued consultation's with donors on Mama Misitu and the IFM during the month. Some donors who demonstrated interests in financing the proposals requested to align the proposal in their formats. This was being done in consultations with some working group members.
- Attended a two day workshop for MJUMITA which was held in Morogoro from the 7th to 8th November, 2007. MJUMITA is a Swahili abbreviation of Kiswahili words meaning a Community Forest Network; a network of Communities living adjacent to forest resources in Tanzania. The workshop was addressing key issues of good governance in participatory forest management in Tanzania. The theme of the workshop was "Good Forest Governance and Forest Management in Tanzania". Apart from communities living adjacent to the forests others who participated in the workshop include CBOs, NGOs and government authorities which are PFM practitioners in the country.
- A SWAp learning process for the steering committee and Forestry and Beekeeping Division staff was held from the 27th to 30th December, 2007. The three day learning session discussed forestry and beekeeping policy framework, linkage between policy and its implementation, capacity to implement SWAp, accountability and performance monitoring and ways to support the process as a next step for implementing SWAp. This three day session was followed by a half day session which drew participants from Development Partners and other related Ministries. Other important Ministries such as VP Environment, PMO-RALG, Minerals and Energy were not represented. The Chairperson of this session was Permanent Secretary – MNTR. A summary presentation of the SWAP learning session was done by the facilitators followed by a presentation of key issues that came out and steps to be taken.

Activities done and were not planned but were demands from member organisations

- Participated in a one day feedback workshop organised by OIKOS Tanzania to develop a Joint Forest Management Project in Meru/Usa central government forest plantation. The workshop drew participants from the Forestry Training Institute-Olmotonyi, SUA Practical Training, Meru/Usa Forest plantation, Arusha Regional Catchment Office, Arumeru District Authorities, OSOTWA, OIKOS - Tanzania and the concerned village community members. The session discussed the draft proposed report of a Joint Forest Management Project and gave some recommendations for improvement on both technical issues and policy issues.
- OSOTWA Mt. Meru CBCO organized a workshop to present a PFM model of Olkokola village – Arumeru District in Arusha Region which they have been developing. The two day workshop (20th to 21st November 2007) drew stakeholders from different sectors that have influence on the project and the bulk of them were from Olkokola Community. The community is in the early stages of establishing a community based village forest management project and seems they have very good support from District level authorities as was seen from the District Commissioner wards secretary, the councillors and village elders who participated in the workshop. The role of TNRF here was to assist in making sure that policy issues are in accordance to project field implementation.

Activities for the month of December

- Participate in a task force team for EMPAFORM to develop a strategy for an International PFM workshop to be held in year 2008.
- Take end of year leave.