



## **Cassian Sianga – Monthly Report January 2008**

### Planned activities for the month of January

- Conduct a FWG meeting to take forward the two projects, Mama Misitu and Independent Forest Monitoring.
- Visit the Director of Forestry and Beekeeping and introduce him to the two project documents.
- Visit the Foreign Embassy of Finland to discuss the funding for Mama Misitu project.
- Conduct interview for the Mama Misitu campaign manager.

### Achievement and reasons for deviation

- A TFWG meeting was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and had two main agenda; the first one focused on Mama Misitu project and the second on Independent Forest Monitoring. Minutes of the meeting have been posted on the website.
- Visited the Director of Forestry and Beekeeping Dr. Felician Kilahama and had very friendly discussion with on regarding the two projects (Mama Misitu and Independent Forest Monitoring). He said that he had not read the projects but from the briefing which we gave him he was very supporting to see the on the ground. He promised to read the documents and give us some feedback. We also discussed the project documents with Mama Hadija Ramadhani and Deusdatus Bwoyo both of FBD and also were very supportive to the projects. Bwoyo is the FBD SWAP coordinator and Hadija is in charge of forest development in FBD. These two are key people for the two projects in the future.
- Visited the Ministry of Foreign Affaires of Finland and had discussions with Tim and Batulaine on modalities to finance Mama Misitu project. They advised us to split the project document into two. The first part to be a preparatory work which they can fund from within the country budget as a local consultancy and the second one to be the implementation phase which will be funded from a special facility directly trough the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland. With Andrew we have done that and have forwarded the documents to Tim.
- With Charles Meshack and Andrew conducted an interview for the Mama Misitu campaign manager. Rehema Mtingwa was selected by the team to take up the post on approval from the Steering Committee.

Activities done and were not planned

- Participated in a day meeting organized by WWF on a project “Strengthening CSOs in Tanzania. The CSOs focused are those dealing with natural resources issues (Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife). The project document which was presented is missing a lot of baseline information regarding the CSOs that are in the country implementing natural resource initiatives. We requested WWF to make a good scan of these CSOs and see what support they really need.

Activities for the month of February

- Undertake orientation for Rehema in Arusha and Dar Es Salaam (FBD, TFCG etc.)
- Attending other issues as may be required by TFWG members
- Take three days off