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Activities for the month of September

- Continue working on issues related to the forest governance campaign proposal; send copies to members and possible donors for funding.
- Start collecting proposals/issues from members which they would like to discuss in the next FWG meeting after finalisation of Mama Mitsu proposal.
- Participate in the National Forestry and Beekeeping Programme Review, stakeholder's workshop

Achievement and reasons for deviation

- The Mama Mitsu (illegal trade campaign) proposal was finalised and created a new venture for getting donors to fund it. DANIDA has shown interest in funding the initiative in a different form. They are more interested in focusing at Independent Forest Monitoring (IMF) system. This necessitated the rewriting of the proposal to conform to what they need, work which is still going on. The Embassy of Norway has also shown some interest in funding part of the proposal and we are waiting to have a discussion soon with them.
- As we were struggling with getting funding for the “Mama Mitsu” we have not started collecting proposals/issues from members which they would like to discuss in the next FWG meeting. This has to be taken care of as from now.
- With other TFWG members (TFCCG, MPINGO, DONET and WWF) participate in the National Forestry and Beekeeping Review Programme retreat which was held in Morogoro as from August 17th to 21st, 2007. The aim of the retreat was to prepare a document for the 3rd joint annual review of the national Forestry and Beekeeping programme with focus on the contribution of NGOs to Forestry and Beekeeping sector. NGO were assessing their activity contributions towards achieving the goal and objectives of FBD development programmes and sub programmes during the financial year 2006/07. A circulation of the templates for the reports was made available to all members and for the reports received a consolidated report was made and sent back to all. A field visit organized by FBD will be made in Morogoro followed by compilation of a. Charles Meshack will be representing the NGO sector during in the field trip and final review. If you have any information that you think may be of interest to the review for the NGO sector please pass it to Meshack.

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

- “Training on Governance of natural resources and protected areas” in Tabora
In collaboration with the University of Applied Science of Western Switzerland (UASWS, Geneva) and the Association for the Development of Protected Areas (ADAP, Geneva) conducted a two week (September 17th to 28th, 2007) course entitled: “Governance of Natural Resources and Protected Areas”. As I could not participate for two weeks Fred Nelson represented TNRF in the first week and I joined the Team in the second week. Mrs. A. Finger-Stich represented UASIS and ADAP and was the course facilitator. The training aimed at providing participants with tools to analyse, evaluate and improve governance systems in their varied professional situations. It also aims at evaluating the application of community-based resource management policies in Tanzania in order to identify the determinant of success of such policies through inter-sectoral case studies (wildlife, forestry etc.). The training was designed for practitioners employed in natural resources

management, including professionals and students coming from partner organisations in Tanzania. If you have interest in the course contents please contact TNRF secretariat for details.

Activities for the month of October

- Finalizing the campaign proposals as required by different donors, send copies to members.
- Start collecting proposals/issues from members which they would like to discuss in the next FWG meeting after finalisation of Mama Mitsu proposal.
- Attend SWAP Steering Committee meeting in Dar Es Salaam