FOUNDATION FOR WILDLIFE AND HABITAT CONSERVATION

Activity Monthly Report for August & September 2013

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1.0 Introduction

The Foundation for Wildlife and Habitat Conservation was involved in wildlife and habitat environmental advocacy issues in the communities surrounding the Game Management Areas in Chief Mukungule, Chikwanda and Chiundaponde.

A conservation brochure on sustainable edible caterpillars was developed during the period under review to use as a sensitization tool for communities who harvest caterpillars by falling big trees and setting uncontrolled wildfires.

During the period under review, the FWHC had an opportunity of attending the UN World Tourism General Assembly in Livingstone, giving the organization a unique opportunity for international interaction and experience sharing.

The month of September was not a busy month in terms of field activities. FWHC was however, engaged in a small environmental research on edible caterpillar harvesting and the impaction on the forest vegetation after people have done the collection. This assisgment was sponsored by the WWF who are working in the Miombo Eco-region particularly in the Bangweulu Wetlands of Chiundaponde Chiefdom. It was a work assigment of three weeks during the month of September 2013.

The Organization Strategic Objectives:

During the period under review, the organization was focusing on activities that were addressing the strstegic objectives as mentioned bellow:

- To attain a sustainable increase in household food and seed production
- To increase household income earnings
- To increase the capacity of FWHC and its local community groups (CBOs) to manage natural resources

2.0 Implementation of August Work Plan

Activities Done during the Period Under Review (August)

Planned Activities	Objective	Achievied	Not Achieved	Coments
Community meeting in Mukungule & Chikwanda projects	Monitor livelihood projects	✓ Conducted 8		Full participation done and attendance was good for all the meetings
Fisonge Watershed leadership meeting (chief and advisers)	Formal agreement for Fisone watershed	Only one meeting done out of proposed two		The royal establisment of the Bemba still under going throne reorganization atfer the death of the paramount chief Chitimukulu of the Bemba clan
Conduct 2 Monitoring trips to	Verification of boundary		?	The staff from the ministry of Agriculture and forest

the Muchinga Nature Conservancy (MNC) & verify coordinates	and pick coordinates for map drawing of the area			department were not available to facilitate theexercise
Attend at least 3 local networking meetings	networking	4 networking meetings attended		Lobbying and Advocacy DATF meeting Mpika community radio District coordinating meeting District I Welfare Assistance commiittee
Vilage food and seed security assesment monitoring trips	Plan for strategic food and seed strategic reserve mechanism for the community	2 out of 4 cooperatives were visited		Indicators show that the food security among village households is below average. Copping srategies need to be put in place now
Fund raising trip to Lusaka	Partnership appointments (fund raising)	Send 3 letters for bussiness appointments	?	Most offices closed and out in Livinstone (environmental institutions)
Attend UNWTO	Partnership and networks in conservation	24th to 29th		Issue were brought out signifying importnce of tourism in conservation of resources

3.0 Major Livelihood activities conducted in the project sites

Objective 1.To attain a sustainable increase in household food and seed production

Promoting small livestock and vegetable production

Women group leaders coming from Natwange womens with 16 memebrs, Twafwane with 16 members and Buyantashi group with 18 members all involved in small business enterprises, attending a zone planning meeting for their groups at Katibunga in Chief Mukungule.

The women have plans to increase the number of village chickens (local) and to start keeping pigs for sale. The FWHC is providing techical support in animal husbandry management skills trainings.

FWHC is helping communities plan and manage the land under cultivation for increased food security. The project is promoting off season crop production in Fisonge Village.

Objective 2: To increase household income earnings

The community members are diversifying into small business enterprises such as selling local chickens that members are keeping. The money from vegetable sales is invested into local chicken production plus selling traditional crops like groundnuts which the project is promoting.

Chicken rearing

Table 3: Food and income for the conservation groups

	Conservation Group	Activities	Remarks			
			Total crop yield	Sold	Reserved for consumption	Seed for replanting
1	Salamo	Beans x 50 kg	42	22	10	8
		Groundnuts, x 50 kg	35	15	8	12
		Maize	450	290	160	-
		Small livestock	-	12 goats 25 chicken	- -	- -
2	Tubondo	Maize x 50kg	340	220	120	
		Beans x 50 kg	60	38	14	8
3	Kaluba	Beans x 50 kg	31	20	5	4
		Groundnuts x 50kg	30	15	8	7
		Maize x 50 kg	690	380	310	-
		Small livestock		9		
4	Kaole	Beans x 50kg	40	27	10	3
		Maize x 50 kg	560	380	180	-
		Groundnuts x 50 kg	40	20	11	9
5	Muchinga Nature conservancy	Habitat conservation	Conducted 4 monitoring trips to the conservancy. We had one fifth of the conservancy burnt by wildfire Sighns of people tresspassing into the reserve,			
6	Fisonge Community	Forest and watershed protection Vegetable production	Conducted 5 monitoring trips Identified two places for setting up bee apiaries.			

Off season agriculture activities

The Fisonge community is currently utilizing the local stream to produce vegetables for home consuption and sale. Tomatoes and onions are the main cash crops being harvested this time of the season.

Helping single mothers with sources of income and food security

The project is supporting a total of 18 women in horticulture production. The farmers are using farm wastes and composted organic manure as fertilizer for the crops.

Objective 3. To increase the capacity of FWHC and its local community groups (CBOs) to manage natural resources.

The organization is working with local communities in preserving local natural resources such as forest, rivers, farm soils and wildlife.

Fisonge community is finalizing the local plans to secure and put part of their traditional forest land under a local partnership forest conservation program. This forest has several hundred important plant and small wildlife species that are contributing to the maitenance of a good and healthy ecosystem.

Habitat Protection

Above is the forest being considered for protection. It is an important watershed for the area.

Land Husbandry Management

Young farmers in the community are conducting extensive agriculture activities along the rivers. The project is helping them with sustainable agriculture practices that would protect the soil and at the same time increase their crop yields.

Hammer advises on making fire breaks.

Hammer examining the fertility of the soil.

The FWHC is helping local people to protect the river and its vegetation so that they can continue using it for both agriculture and domestic use.

Network meetings

During the period under review, Zambia was host to the UNWTO. It was an important event for Zambian conservationists and ordinary citizens. The event put the Zambian tourism industry on the world map. More people saw the direct link between tourism and the importance of wildlife and habitat conservation work.

Below are some of the event pictures.

Hammer standing with an over decorated Zimbabwean war veteran on the Zimbabwean side.

One of the side meetings

The campaign to protect Rhinos is still very strong. **Hammer and a friend at UNWTO**

Alex Phiri is a conservation activist and artist. He has collected over 23,000 finger prints to support campaign for Green Living and to Save the Elephant. Using his own funds and his 1970 old, small Nissan van he has covered half of Zambia providing wildlife and eco green campaign programes throught art. He has also been using waste paper for his innovative artistical work helping keep the environment clean and save trees. On the far right side Alex showing Hammer a heap of litter he managed to collect after an important political figure visited Livingstone. These are soft drink cans, biscuit waste papers, food packs from some important multi dolar shops.

Major Challenges

Environment

1. **Deforestration**

- Demand for domestic cooking fuel is on the increase. More rural people are cutting trees to manufacture charcoal for sale in urban places.
- Weaker law enforcement of local forest bylaws has contributed to deforestration. The forest department has very few staff to effectively conduct patrols.
- Promotion of fuel efficient cooking stoves in the rural areas and urban places can help cut down the heavy charcoal consuption and demand.

2. **Expanding human populations**

- More unplanned settlements are being experienced. We need to advocate for good country and land planning systems in the country.

3. **Improving Livelihood**

- Communities are being encouraged to diversify and grow different crops to spread the risk of crop failure due to the weather which is not stable nowadays.

4. Conservation Education *and* Natural Resource Protection and Conservation

- FWHC has developed a sensitaization leaflet which will be used to provide public awareness in Chiundaponde community. The measages on the leaflets are on the best practices for harvesting edible caterpillars. (see attacment)

5.0 The Muchinga Nature Reserve

- The 10,000 hectors pristine forest is slowly slipping off our hands. The land offered is long over due. This means we shall remain with only a part the one quarter of the forest land size. TIKVA a USA grass root organization initially provided funds as a matching grant we managed to secure 5000 hectors only.

7.0 Proposed work plan for October 2013

Activities	**when**	**where**	**Purpose**
Capacity building training	Week 1	Lusaka	Partynership meeting
Local/office/ report writing/correspondence Local meetings (DATF,DSWA)	Week 2	Mpika	Administration issues
Field visits	Week 3	Fisonge Mukungule Tubondo Mpumba	Routine monitoring
Attend GEF Council Meeting, 11-2-2013	Week 4	Washington DC	Networking

Donations:

1. Save African Animal Heritage €10,000 From Netherlands
2. John Alcott and Friends US $ 250 from USA (New supporters)
3. Owens Foundation for Wildlife Conservation – pledge of $7,000 for a new truck, with additional funding being sought from The Prince Bernhard Fund for Nature in The Netherlands

Donation from	**When**	Amount Received	Exchange Rate in US$
John Alcott		US $250	Us$1≈5,300 ZMK
SAAH		€ 10,000	
OFWC		US $7,000	
****FWHC own contribution in kind*		*August to September*	*ZMK 12,000*

The the budget line allocations for SAAH funds:

	Total allocation (€)	**%**	REMARKS
Expenditure plan			
1.0 Human Resource	**2,500**	**25**	
1.1 Administration /support staff	*		Meetings, stationary, office maintenance and repairs
1.2 Perdiums for field consultants	*		Hired specialized personnel conducting short assignments in the field.
1.3 seminers/conferences of participants	*		Participation, travel expenses, hall hire, meals and accommodations
Subtotal			
2.0 Travels	800	8	
2.1 Local transportation	*		Vehicle hire to the project sites, local movements within operation areas
Subtotal			
3.0 Equipment and supplies	**2,000**	**20**	
3.1 Purchase of vehicle spares	*		Tyres, tubes and replacebles
3.2 Vehicle service/fuels and oils	*		Major and minor service, new filters and oils
3.3 Service of office equipment	*		Computers,repairs,cables
3.4 Hire of transport	*		Local and outside Mpika
Subtotal			
4.0 Local office	**1,200**	**12**	
4.1 Office rent	*		Tenant agreement
4.2 Consumables	*		Detergents, brooms, dusters, soaps, soft drinks/snacks
4.3 Others (tel/fax.electricity, emails)			Communication
Subtotal			
5.0 Investment	**3,500**	**35**	
5.1 Sustainable land use management	*		Trainings and input purchase
5.2 Income generating activities	*		Micro enterprise trainings
5.3 Household food security	*		Crop seed diversification
5.4 Farmer capacity building trainings/trips	*		Farmer exchange trips, leadership training, advocacy and lobbying for natural resource equity.
Subtotal			