

Project title: *Implementing and Monitoring an Adaptive Management Framework in the Albertine Rift*

Region or Country: Africa, regional, with a focus on the Albertine Rift

Duration: Three years; 1 October 2009 – 30 September 2012

Donor: THE JOHN D. AND CATHERINE T. MACARTHUR FOUNDATION

Collaborators: (BirdLife/ Durham University/Albertine Rift Conservation Society (Arcos)

Partners: Nature Uganda (**Uganda**), ABO Burundi (**Burundi**) and ACNR Rwanda (**Rwanda**)

Focal Area: Conservation and Sustainable Development

Amount of Financing: USD 430, 000

Overall Goal: Improving resilience of Key Biodiversity Areas (IBAs) in Africa against the impacts of climate change, using the Albertine Rift as a model

Objectives:

1. To develop, implement and monitor national climate adaptive management frameworks, based on the regional AMF developed in a previous project
2. To develop capacity at national and site level for implementing and monitoring the main components of the AMF
3. To develop and test an adaptive management model system for enhancing resilience of at least one forest block against projected impacts of climate change on biodiversity and share experiences and lessons widely through the climate adaptation information system - Africa Climate Exchange (www.africa-climate-exchange.org)

Project Activities

- **Policy and advocacy component**
 - Hold a regional workshop to develop and refine frameworks and guidance for national activities
 - Review of existing climate adaptation plans and strategies in three participating countries and identifying opportunities for input and mainstreaming adaptation measures.
- **Capacity Building component**
 - Organising a regional Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop on the AMF and how to implement and monitor key components
 - Training one student to Master's degree level in the use of modeling techniques to determine species-climate relationships
 - Organising national training workshops on the AMF and how to implement and monitor key components of an AMF.
- **On-the -ground action component**
 - Detailed planning of the adaptation measures required for the Nyungwe-Kibira Forest block and surrounding forest patches
 - Review of status and trends in land-use around Kibira-Nyungwe and Echuya Forests and identify location-specific appropriate measures for enhancing adaptation to climate change.
 - National training workshops to engage a wide range of institutions to collect relevant data for tracking impacts of climate change on conservation and monitoring targets
 - Undertake fieldwork to implement monitoring and documentation of the baseline situation tracking monitoring & conservation targets

Progress:

- Start up regional workshop held in Bujumbura, Burundi in Feb 2010
- Monitoring and Policy and Advocacy workshop held in Musanze, Rwanda in November 2010
- Analysis of cc policy documents in Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda finalised.
- Policy and Advocacy Officers trained in Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda
- Msc Student from Makerere University supported. Data collected, attached finalized at Durham University and data analysis completed.
- Site-level adaptation planning workshop done for Nyungwe National National Park, Rwanda
- The Africa Climate Exchange (www.africa-climate-exchange.org) running
- Information on the project disseminated at various high level meetings including CBD COP10 in Nagoya, Japan in October 2010.

Challenge: Climate Change is a cross cutting issue that needs mainstreaming in all programmes.

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