

***NLC Monitoring Sub-committee Focal Point Meeting,
on 2/6/2004
at Department of Invertebrate Zoology training Lab, National
Museums of Kenya,
1200pm-1311pm.***

Attendance: Simon Musila-SMu (minuting), Nickson Otieno-NO, Solomon Mwangi-SM (chairing), Peter Simi-PS (ELCI), Enock Kanyanya-EK (KFWG), and Parkinson Ndonge-PN (NEMA), and Anthony Kiragu-AK.

Apologies: Erastus Kanga-EK (KWS), Alex Lemankoko-AL (FD), Ronald Mulwa-RM, and Musina John-MJ.

The chair called the meeting to order at 1200pm.

Agendas

1. Report of FD and KWS
2. Status Report
3. June Workshop
4. Gaps in Coverage
5. Mid-Term Review (MTR).
6. AOBs

1.0 Report by Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and Forest Department (FD).

SM reported that the report of monitoring in IBA sites managed by KWS and FD was unavailable since representatives of the two institutions had not attended the meeting.

2.0 The IBA Annual Status Report (IASR)

NO took the members through a draft of executive summary, explaining in detail its contents, and methodology used to get information for its compilation.

SM reinforced that IASR had been compiled from data collected using the Basic Monitoring Forms (BMFs) filled by individuals visiting and/or working in the IBA sites in Kenya. He reported that the IASR summary would be produced as small booklet, which will be the main focus of June/July workshop while the additional site accounts will be spiral bound and distributed to all stakeholders.

3.0 Comments of Executive Summary in the Meeting

PN suggested that the annex of a copy of BMF be removed the summary.

EK Clarified that Shamba systems, which has been outlawed, was initiated to ensure plantation establishment, hence, reduce encroachment into the forests and even ease pressure on extraction of forest products by local people. He reported that shamba system has been misconceived to be threatening forests, but its discontinuation without provision of an alternative can lead to additional pressure on forests. In line with this NO mentioned that corrections to the document will be made.

EK suggested that a summary of State, Pressure and Response for all 60 IBAs be provided in table in the executive summary (**action NO**).

Members were requested to read the IASR summary and give their comments within one week from the date of meeting. A soft copy of the summary would be send to all members to comment (**Action NO**)

4.0 June Government of Kenya (GOK)/NGOs Workshop.

SM reported that the IASR is a very vital document that need to be shared with other institutions in the country, since Nature Kenya work only in a few priority sites where detailed monitoring is taking place, while the other sites are being managed by other institutions. He mentioned that the monitoring exercise had identified threats to IBAs that needed to be communicated to all stakeholders.

He reported that about 50-60 people would be approached to attend the workshop. The aim of the workshop will be to refresh participants on Darwin IBA monitoring project and its contribution to national monitoring scheme. NEMA, KWS and FD will present their experience on the IBA monitoring.

Data of specific sites will be analysed and presented as an examples of site specific monitoring in the field with graphs and photos illustrations.

Presentations will also dwell on national reporting of Kenya in international conventions such as CBD. NEMA will be contacted (**action SM**) to organise a presentation or lead discussion concerning national reporting.

RSPB will give a presentation on monitoring in UK that has been running for the last 40 years. And how the information collected has been used in influencing policy making as well as conservation of UK species and habitats.

SM reported that the workshop would be for a single day targeting middle level professional staff.

PN mentioned that it was important for VIPs, or prominent people in charge of participating institutions are informed about the IBA monitoring process, in endeavour to get their support for the program. He suggested that since most of them are always very busy people, a one or two hour workshop could be organised in future for them.

He also requested that The Director of NEMA be send and invitation note for June/July workshop (**action SM**). In the invitation notes he suggested that a brief summary of IBA monitoring, its importance and institutions involved be included.

Members agreed that the workshop would be held at National Museums of Kenya, tentatively in the first week of July 2004. This will depend on the conversion of the IASR executive summary into a booklet.

5.0 Gaps in Coverage

SM reported that in some IBAs contact have not been established for filling BMFs. He sought to know if NEMA had contact in various parts of the country that could be used to monitor the sites. Members provided the following information in line with this; Mau Narok Grasslands-NEMA Officer Available (NOA), Machakos Valleys-NOA, Turkana-NEMA project, Kianyanga Valleys-NOA, Dida Galgalu Desert-KFWG-EK to provide contact of community group in the area.

On how BMFs can reach officers under NEMA, PN requested that the forms be send to The Director of NEMA accompanied by a cover letter, then they will be disbursed to the respective people in the targeted districts.

6.0 Mid-Term Review

SM reported that the Darwin IBA monitoring project had been evaluated by Alex Forbes of LTS international. Report produced by the evaluator will be circulated to members (**action SM**). He mentioned that the project had performed well and possibly could be requested to do a follow up proposal. He requested members for ideas that could the benchmark of a follow up.

7.0 A.O.B

PS requested for a hard copy of MTR report so that he review and give comments.

EK suggested that SSGs be equipped with skills and equipment for conducting photo monitoring, as additional data that can make collected

data more credible. SM reminded the meeting that though photo monitoring was impressive, it is expensive and may be unsustainable.

SM shared BMFs to PS of ELCI and EK of KFWG, to fill for IBA sites they may be visiting in their routine work activities.

EK requested if he could be given a chance to give a presentation during the early July workshop. SM promised to include him in the workshop program when preparing the final copy (**action SM**).

There were no other business and the chair called the meeting off at 1311 hrs.