

## Important Bird Areas Programme for Kenya

### National Liaison Committee

Minutes of the National Liaison Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2005, at the Centre for Biodiversity Seminar Room of the National Museums of Kenya.

**Present:** Helida Oyieke (NMK- *Chairing*), Paul Matiku (Nature Kenya), Maurice Wanyiri (FD), Solomon Mwangi (Nature Kenya), Peter Simi (ELCI), Ronald Mulwa (NMK), Eric Deche (Nature Kenya), Joseph Ruhii (CDTF-BCP), Enock Kanyanya (KFWG), Jim Nyamu (ACC), Tereshia Munya (Min of Lands and Housing), Charles Nyandiga (UNDP), Laurent Ntahuga (IUCN-EARO), Isabella Mbandi (WCK), Carly Stephen (UNDP-Nairobi), Mine Pabari (Consultant Darwin Evaluation), Simon Musila (IBA ReF), Martin Mwema (IBA ReF), Anthony Kiragu (Nature Kenya) and Joel Siele (Nature Kenya *Minuting*)

**Apologies:** Ken Mwathe (ACC), Betty Nzioka (NEMA), Parkinson Ndonye (NEMA), J.M. Munuve (NEMA), Irene Njumbi (Acacia Consultants), J. F. Odanga (Moi University), Collins Handa (NMK), Erastus Kanga (KWS), Fleur Ng'weno (Nature Kenya), Joseph Githinji (KTB)

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m. A round of introductions was done. The Chair requested members to propose items for the agenda and confirm it. Minutes of the NLC meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2004 were read.

#### Min 05/49. Matters arising -

- Min 04/42. Matters arising – Members were informed that Nature Kenya (NK) is in process of establishing a Media Working Group with the Nation Newspaper. The Nation Newspaper is one of the private sectors that are being targeted to sit in NLC meetings.
- Min 04/43. Institutional reporting – NK sent their contribution to be included in the promotional brochures that was developed by the KTB and they had linked up with partners in Germany (Birdlife Germany) to promote Kenya IBAs specifically Arabuko-Sokoke.
  - ELCI have created a website that is [www.elci.org](http://www.elci.org) and one can get more information on Forest Certification by opening this website. NLC Members were once again reminded to contribute to Eco-forum Magazine because they have never made any contribution.
- Min 04/44. Members were informed that a Task Force that was formed to look at all sites important for biodiversity met on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2004 where were able to look at the map of the Northern By-pass road. The discussion to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is still in process. After the EIA has been carried, members of the public to be informed on the outcomes. The EIA is being funded by JICA. The NGOs were requested to be bringing up their issues to the government early enough before a project is set up on the site that is not environmentally friendly.
- Min 04/46. NLC is will to assist NEMA in national reporting to CBD, therefore NLC members requested for an official letter from NEMA through the Director General that authorise the NLC to perform the above duty.
- The new members who were their first time to sit in the NLC meeting were given an overview on how IBA NLC came about and who are the members.

The minutes were approved as a true record of the previous NLC of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2004

**Min 05/50 Institutional Reporting****WCK**

Isabella Mbandi reported

- Members were informed that magazine is in circulation and the members were still welcome to contribute to it.
- WCK support working with communities as is the case with Lake Victoria Sunset Birders in Kisumu to promote school environmental education.
- NIC members were welcomed to the college that is situated at the WCK headquarter (Langata) to advice students and give lectures on environmental issues and also to the teach them more about birds and how to ring them
- It was reported that Mobile Education Unit do disseminates environmental education to pupils through the country.

**Comments/issues**

- Mt. Kenya Eco-resource Centre a Nature Kenya project will be in operation and WCK were asked for partnership in order to make the centre more active.

**CDTF-BCP**

J. Ruhui reported

- This institution supports conservation initiatives in Kenya.
- Its 5 year project programme is ending on September 05 but some projects are extending up to Jan 2006
- BCP have remitted all the money to the beneficiaries for the projects which are ending 2005
- The second phase will be a completely different programme shift from biodiversity to general environmental issues like link environment and poverty. This is a strategic plans for NEMA and is expected to start sometimes next year 2006
- BCP have supported Site Support Groups through Nature Kenya in Kikuyu Escarpment, Mt. Kenya etc.
- BCP have also support ed some Forest Department programmes

**Comments/issues**

- NLC members will look for a way they can assist the local communities through BCP funding.
- Members were informed there would be a paper document to be discuss in Brussels (EU) and the stakeholders will be invited to give their views later.
- On the new programme yet to come, Kenya Government and European Union have identified a consultant to look on the issues that have not yet been address by BCP on the previous project funding and the focus will be on Poverty and Environment

**Forest Department**

Maurice Wanyiri reported *to follow up on report*

- FD has restructured its programmes and staff to enhance its efficiency, effectiveness and better management in the forest estates (IBAs inclusive).
- Members were informed that there were eviction of squatters in Mau complex forest and other forests that had been inverted by squatters were also targeted
- It was reported that the Forest bill 2005 has been amendment and it is to be tabled in parliament once it is open in March 05. There is a high chance to be passed because of good political will

**Comments/issues**

- NLC Members request FD to update them on the progress between and the World Bank support.
- FD informed members that there was meeting that was going on at Nyeri at the same date the NLC was having theirs, that meeting was basically to discuss the issues affecting Mt. Kenya ecosystems.
- FD is now cooperative to work with other stakeholders unlike before
- On PFM Guidelines members were informed that pilot exercises are still going on in Arabuko-Sokoke, Mukongodo in Laikipia districts and there is a plan for other districts (written report to be circulated to members).
- FD have not utilized the funds that was given by BCP to carry out some conservation activities in the forest
- NLC members gave FD go a head to carry on with the conservation activities.
- At first there was a problem at Kakamega forest where one of the SSGs i.e. KEEP was not permitted by FD to put up a tree house that had been supported by GEF small grants but later they issued a letter authorising them to go ahead with the project. This is a positive experience with partnership.
- Therefore members requested FD to be flexible in working with other stakeholders

**NMK**

Ronald Mulwa reported

- NLC members were informed that NMK have an office of Centre for Biodiversity where all the records of animal species can be accessed and is also an office of sharing information on Biodiversity.
- NMK is managing a database on research papers
- Involves in collecting information Natural Sciences
- Currently, NMK are embarking on site based programmes i.e. working with other stakeholders such as KWS among other stakeholders. For example they are working with KFWG in Biodiversity survey in Ngong forest.
- NMK in conjunction with Makerere University are carrying out baseline survey in Mt. Elgon funded by IUCN

**Comments/issues**

- NMK information are available in form of Electronic and soft copies and each has a title and the subject.
- NMK cannot put all the information they have in the web site but they can only identify some relevant fields to put in the website.
- NK are working closely with NMK, the 94 years working relationship has translated the work on research (data from NMK) to action.
- Birders can now access Internet on the information concerning birds at NK office and there are plans to connect it to NMK, this is a support by the Kenya BirdFinder project and NMK is the host.
- NMK scientists contribute to Eastern Arc database which is being supported by IUCN

**UNDP**

Charles Nyandiga reported [to get matrix after Esther](#)

- UNDP will start new programme and a new country 5 year work plan targeting NGOs and CBOs
- There was 100,000 dollars to be spent within one year as from June 04 to June 05
- UNDP is supporting Forest Action Network to address issues affecting forests in Kenya
- Other projects supported by the UNDP are

- The one administered by ESDA a project on Energy Policy Development,
  - Medium size project instituted by ICIPE
  - One million dollars targeting private sectors
  - Small size project targeting schools
  - A project on dry-land targeting FD and IFAWE
  - Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources-FD funded by UNDP to carry out an inventory of indigenous vegetation
- UNDP reported there were other projects that have phase out and others coming up

#### Comments/issues

- NLC members asked the UNDP to circulate the complete matrix of the projects to all members and NK concepts to be included in the matrix

#### ELCI

Peter Simi reported

- With the formation of the Kenya Organic Agriculture Network (KOAN) a local network that constitutes of large & small scale farmers, Organic standard certifiers, sustainable agriculture training institutes, NGO's, and companies/traders
- Are in the process of formulating organic standards in harmony with standards recognized by the international certifying bodies such as AFRISAT, ECOSAT, IMO
- Creating marketing linkage between farmers and consumers
- Training of District Environment Committee members and legal officers on EMCA through video training aids in Narok & Isiolo
- Formation of an African Civil Society Network on water to engage more effectively with AMCOW (African Ministerial Council on Water) and the UN – CSD processes (the membership was still open)
- It was reported that Eco Forum magazine has been re launched as IKO! Which covers a broader dimension based on Environmental, socio-economic and cultural issues and NLC members were requested to send their articles to be included in the magazine
- On the Water and Sanitation Bill Stakeholders, it was reported that NGO Council has formed a consolidated working group to co-ordinate the process and to submit report to ELCI

#### Min. of Lands

Tereshia Munyua

- Reported that the physical planning department is putting up an Urban Physical Development Plan and NLC members were requested to give their views towards this process

#### Comments/issues

- National Land Use Policy (NLUP) is expected to be ready by June 05
- Some NLC members who are NLUP stakeholders have not been invited to attend the meetings that have been held to discuss on the formulation of new land policy. Example is NK who was nominated but have not been invited for the meetings.
- NK asked if she can still participate in NLUP forum
- Teresiha said there was a regional workshop in the week that came after the NLC meeting and most of the NLC members who are stakeholders were expecting to be invited officially.
- There was a concern that Kenya Land Alliance (Civil society) is drawing up a parallel land use policy to that coordinated by the ministry and therefore NLC requested KLA to team up with the ministry

- NLC was informed that the initial arrangement was participatory enough but the civil society felt that their views are not represented.
- CDTF-BCP funded the communities to develop Fourteen Falls site in Thika but there has been a controversial over the ownership of the land where the falls is located and the Ministry of Land was requested to take action otherwise the community is going to loose 10 million Kenya shillings meant for that project.
- The NLC was informed that the Director of Physical Planning was doing the assessment in the site

## ACC

### Jim Nyamu reported

- **ACC Mission is to 'Link science, conservation and people'**
  - **Goal** is to conserve biodiversity and enhance its values
  - Land- use study and land cover changes using satellite imagery in Kajiado, Amboseli, Magadi, South Rift and some parts of Narok District.
  - Initiative to create South Rift Tourism Circuit, which links Amboseli to Maasai Mara through Magadi and South Rift. Formation of task force is in the process and a Land trust consisting of landowners to take the process forward, has been formed
  - Game Scout ecological Monitoring has been intensified i.e. Amboseli has received a new grant of 6.132.000 from BCP to strengthen Game Scout Ecological monitoring. Game scout network has also been introduced in South Rift Magadi, Olkramatian and Shompole.
  - ACC is strengthening the governance of the Natural Resources i.e. building the capacity of local community based conservation. By training the Project Implementation Committees PIC and community committee members
  - Carrying out survey on livestock marketing and changes in seasons, drought. VSF (Veterinarians without Border) training of Para- veterinarians to improve livestock health in Magadi Shompole and Olkramatian.
  - Carrying out a study on elephant population (conserving elephant in Kenya and Tanzania border), identifying the critical areas for elephant and biodiversity conservation and tourism. This is being done with support from Liz Clairborne Art Oltenberg (LCAOF)
  - Several conservation areas have been established, Shompole 10,000ha, Olkramatian 10,000ha (both in Magadi), Siana 30,000ha, in Maasai Mara. Through this program benefits to the community through tourism's revenue will be enhanced.
1. Clarification: Are there any site support groups in, Amboseli, Magadi or Mara?
  2. How can ACC integrate its goal with these site support groups?

## KFWG

### Enock Kanyanya reported

- Got an endorsement letter from NEMA and JICA to carry an EIA for the construction of Northern by pass
- They carried aerial survey of Mau complex forest which was sponsored by BCP and UNEP and the findings were presented to Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Lands
- Forest Bill 2005, Alliance was formed to look unto the bill and there is a support by MPs, Regional endorsement, and respectful people in Kenya.
- KFWG inconjugation Charles Nyindiga presented a status report on the Forest blocks that had been aerielly surveyed to the Kenya Government and EAC forest sector in the region.
- There were copies of Participatory Forest Management (PFM) Guidelines available during the NLC meeting for members to look them.

## IUCN

### Laurent Ntahuga reported

- He said East Africa region office have four thematic areas

- i. Water and Wetlands programme focusing on the activities in L.Victoria (Kenya side)
  - ii. Marine and Coastal ecosystem programme
  - iii. Tree dominant landscapes and Poverty alleviation and Environment; this an area where they will be working more with the local communities
  - iv. Species and Biodiversity programme focusing on;
    - Multilateral Environmental Agreements
    - Biosafety and Bio-technology
    - Access in Benefit sharing
    - Africa Convection still to be adopted
    - Ecosystem approach (Indigenous Knowledge)
- IUCN is a lead agency in Mt. Elgon Ecosystem Programme

*For more details refer to Annex.....*

### **Nature Kenya**

Anthony Kiragu reported

#### **Comments/issues**

- It was suggested that NK to enhance collaboration at the site and the donors
- USAID funds projects at Arabuko-Sokoke forest through NK, also NK involves in a commercial project with ICIPE (Insect programme).
- NLC members were informed that Arabuko-Sokoke Management team controls what is happening in the forest whereas NK is the facilitator i.e. availing funds to the government and CBOs.
- BCP is a co-financer on the projects that is being carried out by NK in Arabuko-Sokoke forest
- Members suggested that a mechanism should be developed on how to execute the projects at the site especially where different donors are funding the same project in one area

*Detail report refer annex .....*

#### **NEMA's Key achievements since March 2004**

- i. Draft Biodiversity guidelines published
- ii. Draft Bio safety guidelines published
- iii. Draft Codes and standards document produced
- iv. Second National report draft produced
- v. National Capacity Self Assessment workshop
- vi. State of Environment Report 2004 in process

#### **Min. 05/51 IBA Monitoring**

- Production of IBA Status report 2005 is in process, forms were distributed to various institutions
- It was reported that the stakeholders to give their views/perspective on how the exercise can be done
- FD through their field officers have get used on how to fill the IBA monitoring forms
- Member wanted to know how the process is being facilitated and for how long someone volunteer in collecting the information at the site.
- On reacting to the above question members were informed that the IBA monitoring is a collaboration exercise between NK and the lead agencies from the government departments and parastatals. The only way to appreciate is by thanking all those who contributed

- It was suggested that the District Environment Officers should be targeted so that they assist in collecting the information

*Refer annex...*

**Min. 05/52 PFM Monitoring**

- There were copies of PFM Guidelines for the NLC members to look at them but time was limited
- Therefore members requested the guideline to be circulated to them electronically and any concerns/comments to be send to NK for compilation

**Min 05/53 CBD and National reporting**

- Members recommended that they need to consolidate their strengthen pertaining CBD and National reporting and to channel to appropriate body
- NLC has the responsibility/role to report to CBD and National reporting
- It was suggested that each NLC member to be assigned the role/responsibility on various thematic areas to report to secretariat.
- NLC members recommended that they can help NEMA to shape the process of CBD
- Write to NEMA requesting for an official recognition as CBD reporting is concerned

**Min 05/54 SBSTTA, Kenya and 2010 target**

- Due to limited time this agenda to be discussed in detail in the next NLC meeting

**Min 05/55 NLC Site Visits**

- Members were informed that the site visit will be towards the end of April 05 but it was left for Nature Kenya to work on it

**Min 05/56 A.O.B**

- NLC members requested the secretariat to be circulating agendas and the minutes early enough for them to look and contribute it.

**Min 05/57 Date of next meeting**

- Next meeting was scheduled for June 05 but exact date will be communicated to members
- Time and venue of meeting; from 10:00 a.m. at the National Museums of Kenya, Natural Science Seminar room.

There being no other business, the meeting drew to a close at 1:45 p.m.

**Annex 1****Activity Program of the IUCN Eastern Africa Regional Office (EARO) in Nairobi**

The IUCN/EARO is part of the global system of the IUCN-World Conservation Union that has its Headquarters in Gland (Switzerland) and pursues the mission of *influencing, encouraging and assisting societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and ensuring that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable*".

The Technical Programme of the EARO is based on 4 thematic areas led by 4 Program Technical Coordinators:

- Water and Wetlands Programme section; headed by Dr Kelly West: current activities are concentrated on river basin conservation (Rufiji, Pangani in TZ) and Lake Victoria basin (Kenyan Side) with an important Nile Perch project.
- Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Programme section: headed by Dr Melita Samoilys: current activities concern marine biodiversity assessments in coastal areas in Tanga and Mnazi (TZ) but will soon embrace also the Red Sea.
- Biodiversity and Species Programme section: headed by Dr Laurent Ntahuga, current activities are centered around the Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs) with a main focus on CBD implementation and intend mainly to develop capacity for biodiversity conservation in the region.
- Tree-dominated landscapes and poverty alleviation Programme section: headed by Edmund Barrow, current activities are focused on livelihoods and conservation as well as on forest and dry-land conservation in Kenya