

Project Update: December 2010

The project team is pleased to report that from 18-29 October and 15-26 November 2010, 15 sensitisation meetings were held with traditional chiefs, local communities and other stakeholders living around the following protected areas in the Southern Region of Malawi namely; Lake Chilwa Ramsar Site, Liwonde National Park, Mulanje Mountain Forest Reserve. In each project area, five meetings were held as the population densities in the region are higher than in the Centre and the North. The aim of the meetings was sensitise traditional chiefs and local communities about the project and its goals. It was also aimed at soliciting support from communities and other stakeholders who are interested in biodiversity conservation. We are pleased to report that a total of 3,112 people attended the meetings and about 92% expressed their full support towards the implementation of the project activities.



Left: One of the meetings held with other stakeholders held at Phalombe District Assembly. Right: One of the sensitization meetings held at TA Mwambo St. Micheals's School near Lake Chilwa Wetland.