



EASTERN AFRICA BAMBOO PROJECT (K)

OVERVIEW OF KENYA
PROJECT PROGRESS
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Status of 2007 progress against planned activities

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Planned Activities	Targets Set	Present Status/milestones	Remarks
<p>Activity 2.1.1. Upgrade KEFRI Guidelines for establishment and managing plantations of bamboo in Kenya and translate into Swahili</p>	<p>Technical capacity for bamboo propagation enhanced on various levels according to the absorption capacity of the respective beneficiary groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines revised and translated into Swahili • 2000 copies each version published • Beneficiary farmers trained and given copies 	<p>100% done</p> <p>Booklets available in KEFRI Kenya and in MoARD Ethiopia</p>
<p>Activity 2.1.3 Introduce new mother planting stock to start/extend bamboo nurseries to provide seedlings to farmers and producers</p>	<p>Improve supply side for bamboo as a cash crop Provide seedlings for private sector and institutions to start applied research and commercial plantations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC plantlets imported from Belgium viz. <i>B. vulgaris</i> (500), <i>B. oldhamii</i> (1), <i>B. bambos</i> (125) <i>G. amplexifolia</i> (125), <i>D. asper</i> (250) • Seeds of <i>D. strictus</i> and <i>B. tulda</i> were imported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous process • Seedlings are undergoing proliferation. • Some dispatched to sites

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<p>Activity 2.2.1 Train Kenyan extension workers in bamboo plantation management and propagation as rural multipliers</p>	<p>Extension workers are equipped with knowledge for propagation and cultivation of bamboo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 extension staff from Olenguruone project site were trained in May 2007 (Report available) • 6 forest and agricultural extension staff trained in Shinyalu Kakamega project site in May, 2007 (Report available) • 3 forest extension staff from Lari site taken through a revision of the hands on exercise in Kinale nursery in October, 2007 (Reports available) • Staff from Olenguruone and Shinyalu refreshed in nursery hands on practical in established community nurseries. (Reports available)
<p>Activity 2.2.2 Conduct community based trainings on bamboo propagation, stand management</p>	<p>Beneficiaries from 3 selected sites trained on best nursery and plantation techniques and put into practice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% done • Beneficiaries from Olenguruone (42) and Shinyalu (25) have been trained twice in May and October, 2007 • Lari (40) was revisited in October, 2007 • Community Nurseries established in sites and inputs/tools provided - Olenguruone (1), Shinyalu (1) and Lari (2)

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Activity 2.2.3 Create demo micro plantation on farm lands in pilot villages	Show case on farm bamboo plantations established and managed following revised guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Seedlings distributed to farmers after training •Lari (5), Shinyalu (3) to each beneficiary and extension staff 	Field reports are available. 3 ha in Lari and 0.5 ha in Shinyalu
Activity 2.2.4 Create rural pilot plantation plot on government land particularly on degraded land	Show case on farm bamboo plantations established and managed following revised guidelines	0.8 ha of <i>Dendrocalamus giganteus</i> was added in the government land in the KEFRI plot, Muguga as region representing Lari Division	60% Done Additional planting will be done during the 2008 tree planting day
Activity 1.2.4 Commence product oriented technical training courses for rural and urban bamboo producers	Kenyan trainers trained on latest technology on bamboo development as technology transfer channels in Kenya	6 Artisans (Trainers) have been trained in Karura Forest Product Centre	Training report available Products available for display in Karura showroom 5 prototypes of chairs, (5) coffee tables, (2) stools, laminated boards

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<p>Activity 2.3.2 Conduct two national and one regional policy workshops with government stakeholders to present results of 2.3.1 to develop a long term regional policy.</p>	<p>One national workshop organized with government officials and private and public stakeholders to stress the need for policy considerations</p>	<p>100% done •One day event held on 13th November, 2007 at KEFRI</p>	<p>•Workshop report available •Recommendations presented to Policy Liaison Committee Meeting</p>
<p>Activity 2.3.2 Study tour Bamboo Development Policy</p>	<p>For political decision makers for awareness raising</p>	<p>Director KEFRI (Dr. Paul Konuche), The permanent Secretary MENR (Prof. James Kiyiapi), Conservator of Forest (Mr. Antony Mwangi Maina) visited China in April, 2007</p>	<p>Awareness raised among the policy makers</p>

<p>Activity 3.4.3 Conduct a national BAMFAIR to raise public awareness for bamboo products like furniture, handicraft bamboo food products</p>	<p>Organize bamboo products exhibition for publication, promotion and awareness raising Raise the image of bamboo products among stakeholders and other people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Products, seedlings and culms were displayed at the Nairobi International show between 1-7th October, The products were also presented in Nyeri and Kiambu trade fairs and also in Public Service week in Kiambu and Nairobi 	<p>Reports are available Awareness raised as many inquire more on products and seedlings</p>
<p>Activity 3.4.1 Conduct BAMTECH meeting</p>	<p>(a) Disseminate results from marketing and feasibility studies to the private and public sector and (b) create production and marketing linkages between entrepreneurs</p>	<p>Held on 13th November, 2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of studies synthesized and presented. • Different stakeholders presented their approaches/experiences in bamboo 	<p>Linkages among entrepreneurs and producers created Report available</p>

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Activity 3.4.6 Cross visit from Ethiopia NPSC to relevant bamboo stakeholder institutions and private sector companies in Kenya for experience exchange	Conduct meeting of the Regional Project Steering Committee in Kenya	Was changed to take place in Addis Ababa due to post election political unrests. Work plan, budgets, reports of progress will be approved and new proposal ideas will be looked at.	Ongoing
Regular Public relation activities	Bamboo is considered as a business with other crops and industrial raw material and income earner within the wider community in Kenya	Brochures designed and printed, 3 posters designed and produced Articles published in the daily Nation newspaper of 3rd December and in Business daily newspaper in August and October Website developed Participated in UNIDO Africa industrialization day exhibition 2008	Image of bamboo as an industrial crop raised and many people are eager to get into bamboo activities Website has been developed and to be hosted in February, 2008.

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Conduction of NPSC and other meetings	Two meetings for the NPSC in June and in December, 2007	Meeting held in May, and August, 2007. The August meeting was held in the presence of the Project Manager Progresses of the project evaluated by the NPSC, other planning also done	100% done
Project Operation	Office and computer stationeries, project vehicle maintenance and fuel	Smooth implementation of activities experienced with smooth operation of the related subordinate issues	Continuous and in time

Challenges

- The training of farmers in carpentry and handicrafts did not happen as we had only 2 trainers. They had been building capacity in Karura FPRC with 6 other artisans

Conclusion

- The work plan approved during the 2nd RPSC meeting the activities reported 85%

Thank you