



NGUSISHI WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

REPORT ON WORLD WATER DAY AND TREE PLANTING DAY

Held ON 22ND March, 2009

AT KABERE SPRINGS

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1. Ngusishi water users association hosted the world water day on 22nd March 2009. All the RUAs of the Ewaso Ngiro North were invited by WRMA. Mr. Wangombe of WRMA set the climate by doing the introductions and reading the agenda of the day.



Many visitors were excited by the highly designed self regulating weirs



The intake to five grouped users



A section of the crowd.



Banner inviting all to the occasion and site



Every attendant planted a tree

2. Attendance

All the 14 projects of the Association were represented. Visitors came from far and wide and various leaders were present. Partners led by LWF, Forest Department, the Administration, the police, Alan Dixon of 'Lets' Go Safari.'

The Buuri District Commissioner was represented by the DO1 Philip Kange'the.



DO 1 planting a tree at Kabeere intake

The DO 1 gave the government stand on water use and conservation and attendants were made to understand the government ban on irrigation during drought and the importance of water rationing.



Various groups were represented. A section of the crowd



WRMA regional manager introducing Dr. Antony King of LWF

3. Tree Planting

Wrma provided 1000 seedlings of indigenous species and Lwf also provided 1000 seedlings.

The actual planting started by leaders and partners planting the trees to mark the occasion. They were followed by the visitors and association leaders. In total 1000 tree seedlings were planted at the intake and the riparian land owners were issued with 1000 seedlings to plant.



WRMA RM planting a tree helped by Laikipia DFO-Margaret (Right)

Various speakers reiterated the biting drought and scarcity of food as all being driven by lack of water



Delulu of Oldonyo planting a tree

Mr. Murithi Muthuri, the association's afforestation chairman, made sure that the seedlings issued to the riparian community were planted by 24th march, 2009.

4. Entertainment

Wrma had taken care of foods and drinks for the occasion.

The association had mobilized various choirs to entertain the guests. Choirs from Chumvi water project, Kabubungi youth and concert group took stage and entertained as guests relaxed with sodas, water and food.



Above; Murithi Muthuri of NWUA and Maitima of WRMA are entertained by Kabubungi Choir; Below the DO 1 of Buuri district





Various choirs entertained guests. Above; Choir from Chumvi singing.

5. Care for the seedlings

An agreement between the association and the Kabubungi Water project is in place. The project has agreed to take care of the seedlings by protecting and watering them.

Mr. Muriithi who is in charge of the afforestation programme will monitor the process together with the association managers.

Wrma issued 4 spades and 5 watering cans which were issued to association on the same day for the purpose of taking care of the seedlings.

6. Vote of thanks

Ngusishi Water users Association, through Mr. Gordon Murray, thanked every body for attending the occasion and all the stake holders and partners for making the occasion successful.



Mr. Gordon Murray OF Ngusishi NWUA giving a vote of thanks

He said association was greatly honoured and will continue its water, soil and environmental conservation endeavours for its projects.

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