

# Annual Report 2010

## Celebrating our achievements in 2010:

- Emmanuel Ole Kileli visited Canada for six months. He was based in Montreal but traveled extensively and made presentations in Yukon, Ontario, and British Columbia.
- The Canadian High Commissioner in Tanzania, Mr. Robert Orr, visited a project site in Dar es Salaam and met with our community partners.
- The Protected Areas and Poverty Reduction Research Alliance [PAPR] held a knowledge mobilization workshop at the College of African Wildlife Management in Mweke, Tanzania.
- Our CIDA Africa project initiated eight community demonstration projects with community based organizations in Dar es Salaam.
- PAPR researchers held community meetings in the Serengeti and Saadani study areas to review community issues.

## Momentum is Growing: A message from Bob Peart, President

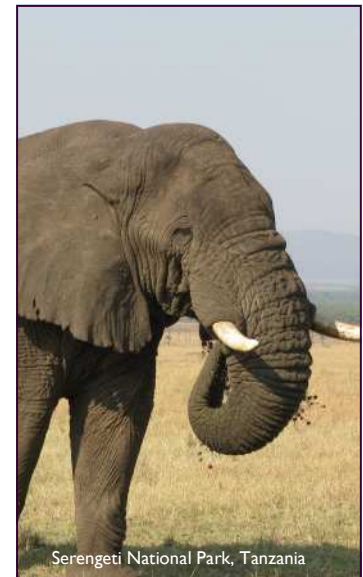
Our commitment to ecological sustainability and community empowerment is being successful in building capacity and momentum in Tanzania. We are providing leadership on two critical issues: 1) the PAPR is investigating the relationship between protected areas and poverty; and 2) our CIDA Africa project is encouraging more sustainable urban planning.

We were particularly pleased to bring Emmanuel Ole Kileli, Chair of EMAYO, to Canada for a cross-country speaking tour in communities in Quebec, Ontario, BC and north to Yukon. Emmanuel enthralled people

with his descriptions of Maasai culture and of the important work of his organization.

We are also proud that the Child and Nature Alliance, which the Kesho Trust nourished for three years, is proving successful at building awareness about the health concerns for children who are disconnected from the outdoors. The goal is to build a movement that ensures the opportunity for all children to get outside and play.

Thank to all our donors and partners for their continuing support in helping us achieve our vision.



## Our Strategic Directions

### Vision

A world where healthy, strong communities live in harmony with their environment and are instrumental in ensuring that the protected areas and conservation lands they live alongside are thriving and achieving the objectives for which they were established.

### Mission

To facilitate and support community led activities that foster positive relationships between local communities and the conservation of their protected areas. We work with community organizations and individuals to facilitate and enhance their capacity to achieve long term sustainability of community based conservation and development initiatives.

### Goals

- To preserve the natural environment in and around protected areas;
- To strengthen communities and build the capacity of community-based organizations by supporting them to identify and carry out local initiatives which sustain and benefit from environmental conservation.

### Strategic Aims

In order to achieve our vision of a world where healthy, strong communities live in harmony with their environment, the Kesho Trust will:

- Promote and facilitate positive community development activity that is compatible

with conservation and which allows communities to benefit more fully and directly from their position as neighbours to important conservation lands.

- Form partnerships with local community organizations who share our values and goals and help them find appropriate development strategies, mechanisms and learn the skills needed to improve their lives.
- Promote a belief in the value of community based environmental conservation and help build stronger and mutually beneficial relationships between protected areas and local communities.

## Highlights of 2010

### Knowledge mobilization workshop, Mweke Tanzania



Participants at the Knowledge Mobilization Workshop at Mweke, Tanzania

In July researchers from the Protected Areas and Poverty Reduction Research Alliance [PAPR] participated in a two day 'Knowledge Mobilisation

workshop' hosted by the College of African Wildlife Management (Mweke). After several months working with the communities of Nyio-

choka and Rwamchanga bordering the Serengeti and Saadani, Matapwili and Mkwaja adjacent to Saadani, our Community Co-ordinators, Ally Abdallah and Edward Mturi presented their findings during the workshop for discussions with the research team. Several issues including the need for sustainable employment and income, access to natural resources such as firewood and the increasing pressure of human-wildlife conflicts were raised on behalf of communities. Participants then discussed ways to respond to these key issues. This was good progress for the knowledge

mobilisation component of the PAPR which is being facilitated by the Kesho Trust.

Information meetings were held in all three villages in the Saadani study area immediately following the workshop. Villagers were able to see the importance of their views in the process and had the opportunity to suggest follow up actions. Since then, village research committees have been established and activities focusing on generating more detailed information about their issues has begun.

### Emmanuel visits Canada: girls education benefits in Elerai

In February, Emmanuel Ole Kileli, Chair of our partner organisation EMAYO, came to Canada under the sponsorship of the Kesho Trust through the generous support of Suzanne Simard. His time in Canada was both an opportunity to improve his English and an opportunity to meet and speak with Canadians about the work EMAYO is doing in Tanzania. His presentations were

well received by many school and university groups, community organisations and the public primarily in BC, Yukon and Ontario. He also travelled in the prairie provinces and spent considerable time in Montreal.

People were generous in their support of Emmanuel's work. As a result EMAYO is now supporting secondary education for girls from Elerai village. This support for girls will have

a significant impact on the strength of the community and the role of women in its future development.

Emmanuel really appreciated the opportunity to visit Canada and the warm welcome and considerable support he received. He returned to Tanzania in August and is now enjoying his degree program in community development at a university near Iringa.



Emmanuel speaking with host Gordon MacRae in Dawson City Yukon



High Commissioner Robert Orr visiting our project in Mikocheni A, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

### Canadian High Commissioner visits Mikocheni Project

In August, the Canadian High Commissioner to Tanzania, Mr. Robert Orr, visited our Mikocheni Participatory Development Project. With him were the CIDA Senior Development Officer, Ms. Victoria Mushi, and Gender Equality Advisor, Ms. Margaret Rugambwa. The Mikocheni Project which Mr. Orr visited promotes development in unplanned settlement areas. Many settlement upgrading initiatives depend on outside funding, however, this project is based on mobilising local resources for develop-

ment through community action led by our local partner organisation, SAFINA.

The focus of the visit was on SAFINA's work to manage solid waste collection and recycling and on work at a local vocational college which has become a learning centre for the community on how collected waste is separated and composted. The project aim is not only to help improve the environment but also to create wealth by using organic waste for gardening. Mr. Orr com-

mented that "the private-public partnership in the Mikocheni Project is very important for community development and aligns well with the Canadian Government's efforts to implement integrated economic cooperation projects".

The presence of the High Commissioner in their community was a most unusual event and residents were pleased he made the effort to come and learn about their community and their work.

## Highlights of 2010

### Nature Child Reunion

Bob Peart remains instrumental in the strategic development of the Child and Nature Alliance (CNA). Just completing its first year of operation the CNA has focused on creating a national voice on the concern for the health of young children and their ever-increasing separation from nature.

The CNA built critical partnerships across the country, launched the Natural Leaders Alliance, initiated broad strategic work with health sector and developed an interactive website that can map the success of

the growing movement - just as the Kesho Trust envisaged a number of years ago.

We continue to support the efforts of Wayne Sawchuk to bring youth into the wilderness of the Muskwa-Kechika in northern British Columbia. Our vision, with Wayne's guidance, is to expose young children to the wild spaces and wildlife of the northern forest ecosystems, to show them nature at its wildest and to develop an appreciation of how all life is interconnected in the web-of-life.

As 2011 emerges we are helping to plan a Healthy by Nature Forum in Vancouver September that intends to explore the strong connection between being outside and human health. See our website as more details emerge.

Our goal remains to get as many children and youth as possible back outside playing and enjoying nature. We look forward to working with you on this endeavour.

Wayne Sawchuk leads outdoor adventures in the Muskwa Kechikka



### Community demonstration projects

Our CIDA Africa project is working with municipalities in Dar es Salaam to influence the policies and practice of urban planning while at the same time helping implement practical community development actions. This year we initiated 8 community demonstration projects - 4 in June and 4 more in October.

The demonstration projects are very varied. They support: solid waste collection and composting; planning, legitimizing

and developing urban agriculture; training on container gardening; entrepreneurship training for a savings and credit organization of disabled people; start up of a tourism enterprise conducting tours of Dar es Salaam; and, establishment of a new cycle messenger service in the city.

Our support is helping to catalyze community empowerment, improve livelihoods and promote environmental sustainability.

The Mikocheni A unplanned area has been a primary focus of our project, embracing the work on solid waste management. But it is also about capacity building of local organizations.

Using a participatory approach multi-stakeholder groups within unplanned settlements have developed Community Action Plans which prioritised settlement planning and upgrading as well as infrastructure and housing improvement.

**“Private - public partnerships are very important in community development.”**

### Community profiles developed in Saadani and Serengeti study areas

Community co-ordinators Edward Mturi and Ally Abdallah have been meeting with villagers and local leaders in support of the PAPP project. Detailed village profiles for communities in the study areas have been produced and include information on average household size, sources of income and services available. The results have already begun stimulating more questions and discussion.

Communities in the Serengeti have focused their attention on livelihood issues. Women

identified problems of limited access to natural resources, such as firewood. Youth talked more about how to access income opportunities, while elders raised issues of access to grasses for grazing cattle and for use in construction.

Communities around Saadani highlighted problems caused by animals, restricted access to land, disputes over borders, how to share the benefits between the Park and surrounding villages, and how to benefit from tourist based services.

Despite localised differences a key frustration for many of the communities is their lack of voice in decisions on the best use of local natural resources. As one villager said “..we have been labelled ‘invaders’ as a result of the creation of the National Park borders yet we are just trying to support ourselves”. Ongoing work with communities is aimed at improving relationships between Park management and the communities so that conservation and community development can be achieved in harmony.



Community meeting in Saadani Village, Tanzania



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The Kesho Trust was incorporated as a society in 2005 in British Columbia, Canada and was registered as an International NGO in Tanzania in 2006.

Our Africa projects are successfully progressing with encouraging outcomes. Individual donors have been crucial in their ongoing success and we have also appreciated the important support for our project activities from IDRC and CIDA.

A summary of our 2010 statement of accounts is provided here. Our Financial Statements are prepared by Ounsted and Co. of Victoria, BC.

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Summary of Financial Statements Fiscal year 2009 / 2010		
Consolidated Balance Sheet		
	2010	2009
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets	\$13,325	\$18,054
Investments [trust fund]	\$5,000	\$0
Accounts receivable	\$210	\$575
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$18,535</b>	<b>\$18,629</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current liabilities	\$1,400	\$800
Long term debts	\$0	\$0
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>	<b>\$800</b>
Consolidated Statement of Operations		
	2010	2009
<b>Revenue</b>		
Donations	\$30,744	\$19,257
Grants	\$113,442	\$55,831
Other income	\$300	\$4
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$144,486</b>	<b>\$75,092</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program delivery	\$137,028	\$66,010
Administration	\$8,152	\$6,685
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>\$145,180</b>	<b>\$72,695</b>
<b>Excess of revenues over expenditures for the year</b>	<b>(\$694)</b>	<b>\$2,397</b>

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