

LOGISTICS FOR PEP PARTICIPANTS FIELD VISIT, MALAWI

Sunday, 28th February, 2008

Field Trip Guide: Forestry Department, Malawi

Costs: Less than US10 per person

Departure Time: 14h00 from Capital Hotel, Lilongwe

CARBON SEQUESTRATION FACT SHEET: MALAWI FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

NAME OF PROJECT:	Tree Planting and Management for Carbon Sequestration and Other Ecosystem Services Programme
PROJECT GOAL:	To increase the area under forest cover in Malawi to enhance carbon sequestration and other ecosystem services delivery that shall contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases and in particular carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.
PROJECT OBJECTIVE:	To promote commercial tree planting and management by farmers.
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:	a) Promote tree planting, sustainable management and conservation of trees and forests b) Develop linkages to carbon markets and markets for other ecosystem services delivery c) Establish an effective management and administration for Malawi's entry into the global carbon market; and d) Establish a trust to coordinate carbon market and payment for ecosystem services
EXPECTED RESULTS:	1) Forestry cover increased 2) Carbon markets and payments for ecosystem services delivery established 3) Community livelihoods improved through carbon trading and payment for ecosystem services; and

4) A 'TRUST' to coordinate carbon market and payment for ecosystem services established and operational

2007-08 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The project is implemented by the Department of Forestry (Headquarters and Forestry Research Institute of Malawi) in collaboration with Leadership in Environment and Development- South East Africa (LEAD) based at Chancellor College of the University of Malawi.

In the 2007-08 Financial Year, Government of Malawi funded MK80 million to the project to improve tree planting by farmers and a total of 148 farmers from 148 constituencies were registered. Lilongwe Registered 18 farmers.

FIELD VISIT SITES

Site 1

Site A: Village Forest Area

Village: Ulutumba

Traditional Authority: Mazengeru

Area of Village Forest Area: 36ha of indigenous forest mainly miombo species

Local Level institution: Ulutumba Village Natural Resource Management Committee. Functional with constitution and has developed a participatory forest management plan. The committee was established under the AfDB funded Lilongwe Forestry Project (1996-2004). Current activities like training of local communities in forest management have been funded by Limbe Leaf Tobacco Ltd. Apart from VFA management, homestead planting is encouraged.

Site 2

Name of Forestry Program: Tree Planting for Carbon Sequestration and other Ecosystem Services

Individual Farmer: Mr GAVENI

Location: Chigwenembe Village, in Traditional Authority Chitekwere, about 60 km off Lilongwe-Blantyre Road.

Number trees planted: 2,140 on 0.5 hectares.

Species: *Senna siamea* and *Senna spectabilis*

