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We welcome new and old members,  
the greater our membership the better our ability to achieve  
our aims and objectives.

Those who would like to become a member for the present year are requested  
to fill in this form and send to the address mentioned above or contact FORS  
by email!

Those with an account in Tanzania wishing to continue to subscribe by Standing order are requested  
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The Friends of Ruaha Society

FORS is a registered NGO based in  
Iringa, Tanzania near Ruaha National  
Park. FORS was started in 1984 to  
assist with the task of safeguarding  
the wildlife in the park and its envi-  
ronment. However, in recent years,  
FORS has changed its focus to in-  
volve the communities on the east-  
ern boundary of the park. FORS  
strives to **increase the responsibil-  
ity of the local communities  
around the park, in Idodi and  
Pawaga divisions, to slow the  
destruction of the environment  
and assist in the search for new  
balances between people, wildlife  
and the environment.**

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# FORS News

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## Radio Show Outreach

(By Magreth)

Friends of Ruaha Society  
(FORS), in collaboration with the  
Wildlife Conservation Society  
(WCS), is broadcasting an environ-  
mental education Program on Eb-  
ony FM 87.8 out of Iringa. The



aim of our radio programming is  
to reach the greater community  
with our environmental education  
messages since our main focus in  
the past has been working with  
primary school children and their  
teachers in and around  
Ruaha National Park. Lis-  
teners can call and share  
their views during the

radio show while also  
learning a lot about  
current environmental  
issues.

The next radio show is  
on Saturday  
April 12 so  
tune your  
radio to 87.8  
at 3 pm!!



## Distribution of Tree Seedlings

FORS is in the process of facili-  
tating tree seedling education in  
Idodi and Pawaga primary schools.  
We are currently looking for funds  
to assist us in this effort.



## New! FORS and Neema Crafts Solar Panel Project

(By Anette)

We are excited about a new  
cooperative project with Neema  
Crafts! Together we will introduce  
mini solar panels in the communi-  
ties in Idodi and Pawaga, areas  
where there is little electricity. By  
introducing solar panels, students  
can study at night, teachers can  
more easily charge their phones  
and families can listen to the radio  
together. And solar electricity is a  
source of energy that is sustain-  
able, renewable and clean!



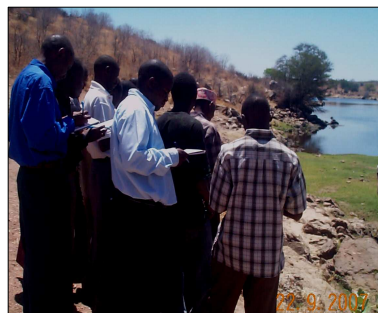


## Educational Safaris 2007

(By Jackson)

FORS' Environmental Education Program is made up of four modules: Water, Weather, Wildlife and Soil/Fire/Forests. The wildlife module is undertaken from July till September each year, and culminates with our Educational Safaris to Ruaha National Park (RUNAPA). Last year FORS sent 170 teachers and ward educational officers and 3500 students from Idodi and Pawaga divisions,

with generous funding from the Waterloo Foundation.



Teachers taking notes watching the hippos

get a chance to visit Ruaha are then encouraged to share their experiences



Students on a walking safari

The aim of these Educational Safaris is to give the students and teachers the opportunity to experience wildlife first-hand in order to increase their appreciation of wildlife and for them to better understand the interconnection between wildlife and shared habitats.

The students and teachers who

with other students, teachers and villagers.

Our trips this past year were our most successful yet and are surely making a difference (see External Evaluation below). Thank you, Waterloo. FORS is currently seeking funding for our 2008 Educational Safaris.

## Annual General Meeting 2008

(By Anette)

Our Annual General Meeting was held February 16 at our office in Iringa. We discussed last year's activities and plans for the new year, and received very useful suggestions and comments from our members.

We also elected FORS committee for 2008. Kate Forrester Kibuga continues to be our chairperson, Christina Coppolillo our secretary and Shanna Sheridan-Johnson our treasurer. Will Philips and Ayubu Msago will also continue to be committee

members this year. We welcome our three new committee members in the UK: Martin Walsh, Janet Hayes and Emma Forrester!

Martin, Janet and Emma have all been involved in FORS for many years through our past Ruaha Trust in the UK. Now that Ruaha Trust has been dissolved, they will continue their important contributions to FORS as committee members.



## New AEFF Films!

Simon Trevor and his African Environmental Film Foundation have produced 12 educational films on issues ranging from poaching and water conservation to the fate of the black rhino. In years past, AEFF's "The Great Ruaha River" has been a staple of FORS film shows. We are happy to report that we have just acquired 11 new AEFF films and will be debuting them at our film shows in Idodi and Pawaga this April.

**FORS has a NEW email address:**

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## Head Teachers' Meeting Feb 2008

(By Magreth)

Each year, FORS hosts a Head Teachers' meeting to kick off our Environmental Education Program in all of our participating schools. This year, for the first time, environmental teachers from all schools were also in attendance and we organized a joint meeting for Pawaga and Idodi. The District Educational Officer (DEO) - as our guest of honor - and the Ward Educational Officers (WEOs) also attended the meeting.

The meeting was used to encourage the sharing of ideas between Pawaga and Idodi teachers by using open discussions about FORS' EE program. We got important feedback about last year, discussed challenges and different ways to

overcome those challenges, and discussed plans for 2008.

The meeting was very productive and all teachers from Pawaga and Idodi divisions were happy to meet each other and to be able to exchange knowledge and experiences.

The DEO was very impressed with our program, and requested all present teachers to tell other teachers what they have learnt from the meeting and to con-



Teachers in group discussions



DEO talking to the teachers

tinue teaching their students efficiently and effectively so that the younger generation will have good knowledge and awareness about environmental issues.

## External Evaluation of FORS' Educational Safaris

(By WCS)

Amy Dickman, a graduate student working with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) recently conducted in-depth interviews with pastoralists across Idodi and Pawaga to try to gather information about how they view conservation and wildlife. Without prompting, 30% of the respondents independently brought up the FORS Educational Safaris and the benefits of this program.

Some of their comments were:

"There will be big changes in peoples' attitudes towards wildlife in the future, as schoolchildren are now taken to Ruaha National Park - they now know the value of the Park and the wildlife, as well as knowing the places where it is illegal to hunt."

"In the past, people didn't think that wild animals had any value and would just kill them - now children know more about wildlife and are taken to

the Park, so they will be careful to take care of wild animals as they know their value now."

"Ruaha National Park is good as schoolchildren are able to go to the park and see animals. Now that children can go to the Park, they will know what wild animals are and what we get from them, so people will be more positive about wildlife in the future."



## Thank you

- ⇒ Waterloo for funding 2007 Educational Safaris
- ⇒ WCS for recent grant given to help with our activities
- ⇒ Liz De Leyser for supporting printing of our teachers' manuals and donating books to FORS reference library
- ⇒ BTS for funding teachers' manuals, notice boards, cupboards, teaching aid materials and tree signs for our new Pawaga schools.
- ⇒ Rufford for funding MBOMIPA village game scout training
- ⇒ All our members - your support and encouragement is essential to our work

We are currently seeking funding for:

- ★ World Environmental Day
- ★ Storyboard Event
- ★ Teacher and Students Educational Safaris 2008
- ★ Solar Panel Project
- ★ Energy Saving Stoves Pilot Project
- ★ Participatory Forestry Management (PFM) Pilot Project

**New FORS t-shirts will be available soon and for sale in our office Welcome!!**