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## WildiZe Visits FORS

FORS was honoured to welcome WildiZe Foundation's Eli Weiss back in early June. WildiZe has generously supported the Educational Student Safaris and the Environmental Story Board Event for the past several years. The organization funds 40 projects in Africa, all in the name of wildlife conservation.

During Eli's short time in the area she managed a visit to Ruaha National Park as well as spending World Environment Day at Makifu Primary School

FORS Takes Stock

In February FORS held its Annual

General Meeting, electing a new

committee, adopting a revised

constitution and reporting on the

overall state of the organization.

tended by members and other in-

terested parties who undertook last

year's mandate to rework the

FORS constitution. The organiza-

tion is now working under this

updated document. The 2006 com-

mittee was elected with returning

members Kate Forrester Kibuga,

Christina Coppolillo, Dorothy

Bikurakure and Shanna Sheridan-

Johnson welcoming Will Phillips

and Maggid Mjengwa to their

ranks. A grateful farewell was

given to departing committee

members, Annet Witteveen and

Annet has been instrumental in

the creation and implementation of

the FORS EE Program as well as

the overall administration of the

organization for several years.

Janet was active in proposal writ-

ing while also working to create

new administration systems as

well as overhauling those already

in place. Thank you, Annet and

Janet! You will be missed!

Janet Haves.

The meeting was well at-

where she showed wildlife videos to a large and rapt audience. Later she traveled to Lunda, base to the Wildlife Conservation Society's Rungwa-Ruaha Living



Eli with students at Makifu school.

Landscapes Conservation Program and home to FORS commember, Chris mittee Coppolillo. After catching her

breath, Eli and travel companion, Shukut carried on to Iringa for a visit to the FORS office and an evening with Program

Manager, Anna Simon. Maria FORS thanks Eli for taking the time to visit. Her feedback regarding our work is invaluable and the Student Safaris that WildiZe supports continue to be the most excitconcrete ing, effective and way of reaching and teach-

ing young local children about wildlife and the need to protect the ecosystem.

# Ongoing Fundraising Efforts

FORS thanks the ongoing support of Harry Vlek of the Netherlands who is again supporting our EE Program in Idodi.

We'd like to thank Eli Weiss and the WildiZe Foundation out of Aspen, Colorado for their continued support for our Student Safaris and the Environmental Story Board Event.

Without support from UNDP we'd be unable to be making such great headway into Pawaga division schools.

We'd also like to thank the All Austin Cooperative Nursery School for their consistent interest in our work and efforts on our behalf.

We are always trying to raise more money to support our work. Currently we are writing or have proposals pending to fund:

-Learning Lab in Ruaha National Park (see our previous newsletter)

-Further scholarships for ranger training

-Teacher and student educational safaris into Ruaha National Park

-Professional development workshops for teacher's locally relevant environmental issues -Activities that supplement our EE Program including World Environment Day and Water Week activities.

-Daily operation of the NGO including office rent, vehicle upkeep, staff salaries and benefits, etc

If you are interested in helping, please contact FORS at: friendsofruaha@yahoo.com



The Friends of Ruaha Society

FORS is a registered charity 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 environment. However, in recent years, FORS has changed its focus to involve the communities on the eastern boundary of the park. FORS strives to increase the responsibility 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 www.friendsofruaha.org

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## FORS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM **NOW ON THE MOVE IN PAWAGA!**

Bv Shikunzi John.

(United Nations Development several visits to the schools and FORS and promised to Program) had granted funds to



Happy Pawaga students

FORS for the establishment of its Environmental Education Pro- communities of Ilolo Mpya ward. offer their support to the Idodi, the teachers and students are participating in this first phase of this area live along the border of the program are Luganga, Ma- Week (16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March) of Ruaha National Park. Imple- gozi and Ilolo Mpya. The visits film shows were conducted mentation has begun and the ini- served as an opportunity for in all the communities and tial work has been hugely encour- FORS to become familiar with schools of Ilolo Mpya ward aging.

Bv Anna-Maria

Experienced teachers in Idodi division are now running the day-to-day portion of the Environmental Education Program virtually on their own. The Program was designed to be largely sustainable after several years and in the Idodi schools, our vision is coming true.

FORS staff continue to coordinate program activities with close collaboration with head teachers and their teams. Yearly activities that have been implemented to date include the following: Our Head teacher meeting was

Our last newsletter started in March of this year when members alike were very shared the great news that UNDP members of the FORS staff made happy to learn more about

The Pawaga program Teachers and community

Teacher workshop

gram in Pawaga division. Like The villages and schools which program. the communities and visa versa.

During Water

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## **Idodi Environmental Education Updates**



held in January at Tunga-Idodi Opening workshop malenga Camp site.

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By Mpota, M.H - Head teacher Ilolo Mpya p/school

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This year the teachers and the students of Ilolo Mpya ward in Pawaga had a chance to commemorate the World Environment day on 6<sup>th</sup> June for their first time as part of FORS EE program. The celebration took place at Ilolo Mpya primary school.

The celebration started at about 10:00am with processions from all three schools: Magozi primary, Ilolo primary, Luganga primary, and Mkombilenga stream 'B'of

acting chairman of Iringa district council and the ward councilor of Ilolo Mpya ward, Mr. Fundi Mihayo. He opened the ceremony with a short speech.

Groups of artists made up of both students and villagers entertained each other with singing, drama, traditional dance, rap, debate, and poems all of which conveyed this year's environmental message. ( "Let's prevent dry areas from becoming deserts"). There was a sense of fun competition between the



The Maasai students on the stage.

Ilolo

The celebration included 1,367 students from standards one to seven as well as guests from organizations as MBOMIPA, such MKILIMA, and Village Natural Resource Committees

The guest of honour was the

schools which added to the day's festive energy. The best performance was an extraordinary Maasai ngoma performed by young Maasai students. The traditional dance moved guests from their seats as the boys jumped sky high while the girls were giving clicking sounds like birds.

FORS staff. Shikunzi John.



The villagers were also there for the celebration

honour so he could make to expand when they are able proper presentations. Art and within the greater Pawaga area. writing supplies were given Shikunzi John thanked people to several groups from the for accepting the invitation to Story Board Event in the come together, participate and categories of Best Story, Best learn about the environment. Illustrations, Most Relevant He said it is his hope that peo-Environmental Message and ple have learned a lot from the Best Overall. Ilolo Mpya entertainment of the day as primary school was given the well as increased their motivaaward for the School Envi- tion to work together in efforts ronment Assessment.

also took the opportunity to ber! give his regards to the FORS committee and asked them to

gave prizes to the guest of continue with the program and of environmental conservation. Mr. Mihayo gave his He also thanked all the teachers

guest-of-honour speech and and students for organizing insisted on the need to con- such a successful celebration serve the environment. He and for being enthusiastic colalso thanked FORS for their laborators in the FORS Envieffort to deliver environ- ronmental Education Program. mental education to the At about 3:00pm the ceremony teachers and students and for was officially closed. Followenabling them to celebrate ing lunch, the guest of honour, what he called "a special teachers and students returned day" which formally was not to their schools and homes. celebrated at ward level. He The event was a day to remem-

## **Expansion and Distribution of FORS Teachers' Manual**

A vital part of the FORS En- hands-on workshops and vironmental Education Pro- follow-up visits, the mangram is the teachers' manual which contains lessons, teach- the daily implementation ing methods, tips and remind- of the Program. ers, materials, etc that accom- Due to very limited repany the FORS curriculum. sources, each participat-Although FORS provides the ing primary school has schools with many in-person, been sharing one manual

ual is an essential piece of

and the hard work of Program for the past several years, Manager, Sarah Vatland, the making it difficult for indimanual is being revised and vidual teachers to have the printed and we hope to raise time they need with the enough money so that each lessons and materials, both teacher in all of the FORS for planning and impleschools will have his/her own menting the work with stucopy of the teacher manual dents. With a generous do-

nation from Liz de Leyser ★Continued on page 4



Thank you WildiZe Foundation for your generous funding of Students Ruaha **Excursions** 

Duote: was very happy to hear that I would go to Ruaha National Park. couldn't sleep the night before the safari. I woke up at 4:00am, turn on the radio to see whether I was late. My mum told me to go back to sleep but I couldn't. I started getting ready for the safari. Oh l couldn't wait to go"! Class two student from Mlowa.

Ruaha River Update: The View from Lunda

### By Dr. Pete Coppolillo

The late rains in Tanzania extended the Great Ruaha's period of non-flow this year. As the drought forced the closure of Mtera Hydropower plant and the reduction of Kidatu to half capacity, it started to seem inconceivable that the river could come back.

But after 119 days without flow (21 Sept. -17 Jan.) and on the heels of a 33 mm cloudburst the Great Ruaha roared back to life. Unfortunately, there was little behind the initial runoff, as the Ihefu Swamp was still filling, so the flow lasted only 2 days.

The River and its wildlife endured 26 more days without flow, and then on 16 February, another cloudburst helped the river to flow again, this time for good.

As I write now, the River is steadily declining but still flowing well. The overall level is significantly higher than this time last year, so we are hopeful that flow will extend well into October.

We are also encouraged by the restoration efforts in Usangu so I (cautiously) encourage FORS' readership to watch this space for good news in the future!

Dr Coppolillo is an Ecologist from WCS-Rungwa-Ruaha Living Landscape

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## **Idodi Updates**

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schools in Idodi met for the planning of the 2006 Environmental Education activities. Action plans were created and all schools were in charge of their own follow-up to these plans and the monitoring of program activities.

The Opening Workshop was held in February and involved all teachers of the participating 11 Idodi schools. Teachers explored updated information on different aspects of water conservation as preparation for Water Module, which is the first of four that make up the core of the Environmental ogy such as water steriliza- division:



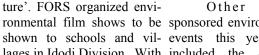
Top Up training session.

dents.

tions and Film Shows took on class notice boards. FORS WildiZe.

The national theme for this mary school which exyear was 'Water and Cul- cels in this activity! ture'. FORS organized envi-Other FORS ronmental film shows to be sponsored environmental

Head teachers from eleven lages in Idodi Division. With included the Environ-



shown to schools and vil- events this year have



Film Show in Idodi

Education Program. The great collaboration and sup- mental Assessment durworkshop was also an oppor- port from Maajabu Films out ing which school envitunity to introduce some envi- of Arusha, two films were ronments were assessed ronmentally friendly technol- shown to villagers of Idodi based on waste separa-'Water is tion, general surroundtion by the solar method. Life' (produced last year by ing, tree planting and Teachers were amazed by the FORS and the Brock Initia- maintenance, student fact that water could be clean tive) and 'Great Ruaha involvement in taking and safe for drinking pur- River'. The celebration and care of their school enviposes through this cheap and awareness-raising event was ronment, erosion control easy method. As curious timely, given Tanzania's etc. The winners were learners themselves, they all severe drought this year. Tungamalenga School

Weather Re- (Idodi ward), Mlowa cording continues as School (Mlowa ward) students, already fa- and Mahuninga School miliar with weather (Mahuninga ward). recording activities Mlowa School is very from previous years, proud of their little forest use locally made re- full of Muarobaini cording instruments. (neem) trees and has Instruments include approached FORS to homemade wind seek assistance of pur-

vanes and rain chasing more seeds gauges. Schools con- which grow well in committed to starting a small tinue using the thermometers Mlowa area which is experiment on 'solar water given to them by FORS in very dry. The Story

purification' by treating 2004 and FORS also pro- Board Event, continued teacher drinking water before vides weather recording as an important part of introducing the idea to stu- charts to the schools for this the World Environment activity. Students fill the Day celebrations, thanks Water Week Celebra- charts daily and post the data to generous funding from

place as part of the FORS continues to encourage the Class six of all eleven tradition to commemorate making of local weather in- primary schools in World Water Week together struments and schools are led Idodidivisionparticipated with participating schools. in this effort by Makifu pri- in this event.

### FORS in the press.

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FORS: Education is process. It that can take many years to see the change. In a recent evaluation environmental awareness in the communities where FORS works has increased. Teachers and students gain experiences and share them with their families at home. For both of them, learning and teaching environmental subects is now more interesting than it used to be.

Citizen: How did you involve teachers in preparing the curriculum?

FORS: Members of the FORS team stayed in Idodi villages for three months, meeting with teachers and students to get to know local issues before the curriculum was created. It was an opportunity for local people to contribute what they wanted and how they wanted it to be done. **Citizen:** What are the challenges that you face in your activities? FORS: FORS's biggest challenge is funding our work. We have so many ideas and would like to reach more schools!

**Citizen:** What are your thoughts on what government should do to effectively implement the new environmental policy especially with regard to school children? FORS: Policies need to be clear to villagers, including the schools and teachers, and to organizations such as ours. What exactly does an education policy say and what exactly are the components, actions, steps etc., government plans to put into place?

Then FORS and other organization like ours will be well positioned to explore ways in which our own Environmental Education Program can work with partners and with the government to address relevant issues and support the new policy.

FORS article appeared on page 13 of the Citizen magazine, on 17th April, 2006

ByFors staff Apollinary Damas, a RUN-APA scout, was featured in our last newsletter as one of several scouts who received a scholarship to study in Pasiansi through FORS and Mr. Michael Sweatman Apolly recently completed his studies and visited the FORS

office. Below is an excerpt of our conversation: **Ouestion**: How did you find the studies in general?

Apolly: Studies were so hard: you need to have a real heart of courage. There were a lot of subjects to be taken in a year. Just imagine, there were about Question: How many students say, "Yes Sir!" in every wishes him all the best in his 20 subjects!

Question: What type of subjects were those?.

things such as animal behaviors and the long ones were things like wildlife management.



Appolinary Damas

did vour class have? dents. Among these there were commander.

Apolly: Short subjects were fifteen strong girls and ninety Question: What thing do nine boys. last exams?

# Story Board Event

By Rehema Kaitila, Field Student, Sokoine University of Agriculture

groups for Best Illustrations, Most Relevant Environmental

This year's World Environment Day celebrations once again included the popular Environmental Story Board Event for school children of Idodi and Pawaga. Thirteen schools participated in the event. The theme of the event was 'The Voice of the Environment.' Students were asked to give voice to a relevant aspect of the environment through both story and illustration.

Students worked in small groups to write and illustrate the stories which were then presented on a display board. Prizes were given to



Message, Best Story and Best Overall. The final products were sensational making it

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of our fellows passed away. Question: What is one of most interesting in the col- from this opportunity? lege?

very much though some- certificate in Wildlife times it was boring to get Management. I got division up early morning! Parade is a regu- Question: What are your lar place of assembly for future career plans? reviews of troops

challenging?

the college was similar to army camp so you have to FORS congratulates Apolly and event even if it is the issue future plans. Apolly: We were 104 stu- of fetching water for the

you remember most?

**Question**: Did you all pass the **Apoly**: I can't forget my first trip to Mwanza in Apoly: No. Three students which I had an accident on

failed and unfortunately one the way to the college.

Question: What thing was your major achievements

Apolly: I passed the exami-Apolly: I liked the parade nation and achieved a basic

in the two with the average of B.

Apolly: I would like to join Question: And what was the anti-poaching unit. This something you found really has been my lifetime dream and I must thank Mr. Sweat-Apolly: You know, life in man for his sponsorship.





have worked collabora- to the economy of Tanzatively and creatively, as we nia. A winner in the Most say in Swahili, 'Asiyekubali kushindwa si mshindani' meaning it's taking part that

Some of the wonderful drawings from class six pupils.

counts, not the winning. One of the best stories was from the perspective of ued support for this event!

very difficult for the judges! Tanzania's wildlife explain-Every group seemed to ing how important they are Relevant Environmental Message category told how trees contribute to water cycle but also had the trees complaining that they receive little attention from humans.

> Prizes included high quality writing and art materials and well as FORS t-shirts. We hope these students will expand their talents as writers and artists while also expanding their knowledge of environmental issues.

Congratulations to all participants and a big thank you to the WildiZe Foundation for the contin-

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## **EE** in Pawaga

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FORS staff and William from Maajabu films were greeted by amazingly large crowds at every showing and students participated eagerly in the discussions following. These were wonderful events with which kicked off the EE Program's work in Pawaga.

In mid-April FORS held an opening workshop at Magozi primary school for all three schools. The workshop was opened by the Ward Education Officer, Mr. Peter Mosha. FORS explored general environmental education concepts with teachers and the workshop also served as an introduction to the first module of the Program which is Water. With the assistance of Mr. Pascal Mgelekele, head teacher of Makifu Primary School in Idodi, the Pawaga teachers had the opportunity to hear about the experiences

for several years. This colgram.

The second teachmid-May and was an opences and give feedback thus far. Teachers and students from all three schools

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had successfully imple-Water module and the feedback session was lively and useful for both FORS staff and the Pawaga teachers. The workshop also allowed FORS to introduce the second module of lessons,

from Idodi, where the Pro- teaching methods and activi- the next year FORS, with gram has been underway ties around the topic. Finally, continued support from schools were helped in their UNDP, will continue expanlaboration between Idodi preparations for World Envi- sion of the Program to other and Pawaga schools will be ronment Day, including the Pawaga primary schools. an important piece in the School Environment Assesssustainability of the Pro- ment and the Story Board Event

On 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2006 ers' workshop was held in all the teachers and students of Ilolo Mpya ward gathered portunity for teachers to at Ilolo Mpya Primary ask questions, share experi- School for World Environment Day. (see World Environment Day article).

FORS is working hard to fund some of the Program's supplementary activities for the new Pawaga schools, most importantly the safaris to Ruaha National Park that so many Idodi students and teachers have enjoyed over mented activities within the the past several years. It will be the first trip into the park for virtually all of the Pawaga children and teachers if fundraising efforts are successful. Please inquire with FORS if you are interested in assisting with this effort. In

Keep posted.....

Maji ni Uhai film will be shown on JTV soon!!!

Environmental education in class.

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## Good-Bye to Sarah and Anna

The Friends of

degrees, Sarah at the Univer-



and Anna at Wageningen University in the Netherlands.

Sarah and Anna Ruaha Committee offers a have been with FORS for heartfelt thank you to Pro- almost three years and our gram Managers Sarah Vat- Environmental Education land and Anna Maria Simon. Program would not be where Both young women are leav- it is today without them. As ing FORS to pursue graduate FORS' first-ever full-time employees, and

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due to the nature of the rest of the FORS Team working on a volunteer basis, Sarah and Anna have had a great deal of responsibility as well as independence. They have handled both beautifully and are leav-

sity of California at Berkeley ing a legacy of hard work, enthusiasm and dedication as

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teacher's information that for one manual. helps teacher to fully teach

the





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## **Good-Bye to Sarah** and Anna

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they move on to further their education.

their tenure with FORS living out in the villages becoming familiar with the people and communities they would be working with. More recently, they have been based in Iringa, running both the administration side of the organization from our town office and traveling frequently to the Idodi and Pawaga villages to implement the program they both worked so hard to create.

While Sarah and Anna -Maria have given FORS three years of hard work, FORS members can feel proud that the organization has offered valuable work experience to two promising young people. The investment will serve both women well while also offering something back to the FORS Mission: Sarah and Anna are both pursuing degrees in environmental conservation, largely inspired by their time with FORS. Their graduate degrees require fieldwork which both Sarah and Anna plan to do in the area around Ruaha National Park, in collaboration with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and FORS.

We wish Sarah and Anna-Maria all the best in the future and will look forward to their returns to Tanzania!

## **Book Donations**

FORS would like to thank an anonymous donor from the All Austin Cooperative Nursery School out of Austin, Texas for their very generous donation of brand new science text books. FORS is donating the beautiful books to the fledgling secondary school in Pawaga Division.

## FORS COLLOABORATES WITH RUAHA NATIONAL PARK IN NEW ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES FOR SECONDARY

### Bv Shikunzi John.

Ruaha

The two women began

schools located in the areas close to the park. The program is focused on exposing students to theoretical and practical activities related to environmental conservation. FORS'

environmental education efforts to date have largely targeted

primary schools in Idodi and Pawaga divisions. Our activi-

ties at the secondary and resources of the national park with its EE work in pricommunity level have been and their value ecologically, mary schools, we look forlimited due to the challenge economically, culturally and ward to further collaboraof raising funds to expand socially. Students and teach- tion with RUNAPA as they our effort so we were ers also participate in discus- move forward in the area's thrilled to learn about RUN- sions to identify current chal- secondary schools. Team-APA's plans and honoured lenges for environmental work with our local partto be asked to collaborate conservation and brainstorm ners is our surest way towith the new effort. strategies to address these wards successful environ-As an initial activ- challenges. Members of the mental conservation. ity, RUNAPA is hosting FORS Team have been prestudents from seven secon- sent to share environmental

# Press

After going through the FORS in the various subjects that contain environmental aspects, we identified the relevant topics of water, wildlife, weather, soil, forest and fire. The FORS Team then designed a curriculum with the main focus being to supplement what the students are already meant to be learning in the environmental realm. The curriculum uses more participatory ways of teaching and learning compared to the traditional Tanzanian classroom.

In April, Citizen Newspaper approached the FORS team for an interview on the Environmental Education Program. The interview was for the education column which appears every Monday in Tanzania's Citizen Newspaper. An excerpt from the interview follows: Citizen: What method do you use to get the children to understand these environmental issues?

FORS: FORS prepared a comprehensive environmental curriculum based on the national curriculum.

Fundraising for this activity is ongoing. If you would like to make a donation please contact FORS. A donation of approximately \$10 will pay

school year . The manual contains lesson plans and

Teacher Manual by the start of the 2007

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Front page of

teacher manual.

dary schools for two trips education experiences with National both of two days into the teachers and students and Park (RUNAPA) has initi- park. During these trips the lively discussions have ated a conservation educa- students get first-hand ex- ensued allowing a prolific tion program in secondary perience with the natural exchange of ideas and information.



Students following carefully the FORS presentation

Each school ends

the day by producing an Environmental Conservation Action Plan. Many of the plans created so far have included plans to both use FORS as a resource and to collaborate with FORS in future environmental conservation efforts. As

FORS continues

Citizen: Has your project already made an impact on the people of this area?



FORS beneficiaries.



**Participating teachers** 

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### **FORS Team Evolves**

FORS would like to introduce Shikunzi John, a graduate from the University of Dar es Salaam, who began working as an Intern to the Program Managers in March of this year. After his Intern contract was over Shikunzi agreed to stay on for another Shikunzi with white Tshirt at RNP three months as a Trainee and we hope he will be able to of Health Science as a research to graduate programs this more permanent basis!

Shikunzi has а Bachelor of Arts in Education in education and the environgeography and the environ-family where both parents' ment. He came to FORS from professions are in education," SPW (Student Partnerships Shikunzi says. "I'm enjoying Worldwide) where he volun- my work with FORS because teered in a school health edu- it gives me the opportunity to cation program and then later work directly with rural comworked as their Network As- munities. I've been able to sistant Program Coordinator. learn about the challenges Shikunzi also worked on a these communities face and USAID funded project with then directly assist in address-Muhimbili University College



continue working with us on a assistant for a health sciences fall. project.

"I became interested with an emphasis on history, ment because I come from a

ing these challenges. I hope that this experience will help me to someday be an important person in the field of community development through education."

We welcome Shikunzi ! He is a welcome addition, especially at this time of transition as Program Managers, Sarah Vatland and Anna Maria Simon, move on

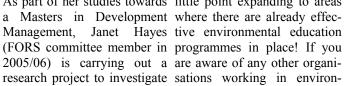


(see article: "Good-Bye'.) Stay tuned for further news of the evolution of the FORS Team!

## Should FORS expand? A research project

As part of her studies towards little point expanding to areas a Masters in Development where there are already effec-2005/06) is carrying out a are aware of any other organiresearch project to investigate sations working in environthe feasibility of FORS expanding its environmental education programme to other parts of Tanzania. FORS feels that its has developed an excellent programme and is keen to ensure the largest numbers of school children and their communities possible receive effective environmental education in order to protect those organisations, please let many more parts of Tanzania Janet know by the following and its precious wildlife. But e-mail: iust how feasible will it be for janethayes tz@hotmail.co.uk. FORS to expand?

Janet is just starting out on the comments, observations or project but a key part of the further queries about the proresearch will be discovering ject. what other organisations are The project will be completed doing in terms of delivering in the autumn so watch this environmental education in space for news of the results! Tanzania: obviously there is





education in Tanzania. or better still have any contacts in

Janet would also welcome any

### **Field Experience with** FORS



My name is Rehema Kaitila. а second vear student pursuing bachelors

in science in Environmental Sciences at Sokoine University of Agriculture in Morogoro, Tanzania. I am doing my field training with FORS for a period of five weeks. I heard about FORS' Environmental Education Program and since I am interested in environmental education and its implementation, it seemed a perfect match

Through practical field activities I have been exposed to Participatory Rural Approach (PRA), educational activities and village involvement in conservation work. I have

## Miti ni uhai Film



FORS in collaboration with Ben Please of UK has produced another Environmental Film called 'Forests are life.' The film is designed to complement the Tanzania Primary school syllabus, covering all the tree related topics. The film is in Swahili language suitable for primary school students. The film is a continuation of 'Maji ni Uhai' film.

The two films have supplementary information to FORS Environmental Education Modules of Water, Wildlife, Weather and Soil/ Forest and Fire.

gained valuable experience in each step of the process involved when working Tanzanian with rural schools on environmental education efforts.

I love the creative tools FORS uses to reach children. One of my favorites is the wildlife riddles that are used in the Wildlife Module. They are both informative and fun and kids are encouraged to use their own ideas while gaining new knowledge.

I really like and believe in the idea of investing in young students, who are the true stakeholders of environmental education. Education is the kev to life! These children will grow with their environmental education experiences in their minds and hearts and will have positive attitudes towards the environment. Keep on moving FORS!



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