

*ZACC Sponsored Rubondo Island National Park
Visits for Mwanza Jane Goodall Roots & Shoots
Clubs/CHEC – October 2011*

*AoTOP & Roots & Shoots/CHEC,
Mwanza, Tanzania*



PHOTOS BY STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND ORGANIZERS

THE AFRICAN OTTER OUTREACH PROJECT (AoTOP), CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT CARETAKERS (CHEC) AND MWANZA DISTRICT ROOTS & SHOOTS CLUBS THANK ZACC AND THE WOODLAND PARK ZOO FOR SPONSORING THE SECOND FIELD TRIP FOR THE ROOTS AND SHOOTS PARTICIPANTS IN MWANZA DISTRICT, TANZANIA (OCTOBER 14 – 17, 2011).

WITH YOUR GENEROUS DONATION, 16 STUDENTS, 3 TEACHERS, AND THE DISTRICT COORDINATOR WERE ABLE TO GO ON OUR SECOND FIELD EXPERIENCE TO A NATIONAL PARK, RUBONDO ISLAND, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LAKE VICTORIA.

INTRODUCTION

Our earth belongs not only to us but also to future generations; the human factor is the main element causing the pollution, which means that the entire world's people are responsible for protecting the environment.

This excursion trip to Rubondo Island National Park, aimed at contributing to the growing community of environmentalists in the region and around the country, who are interested in establishing working relations between different Jane Goodall roots and Shoots environmental groups, through enhancing district cooperation and network.

This trip previously was planned to take effect on September 2011, but we could not make it happen, due to the fact that, Mussa Mashishanga who is the district coordinator was busy with preparation of Youth and Children Tunza Conference 2011 in Bandung Indonesia, hosted by UNEP and the Indonesian government; whereby two roots and shoots members were selected to attend it, which one of the attendees Anatoria Paul participated in the first trip to Rubondo. The report on the event will be sent along with this report. The second trip to Rubondo NP was prepared and organized by the District JGR&S/CHEC coordinator Mussa Mashishanga with focus on students in various schools specifically primary and secondary schools which are participating in the JGIR&S program which did not take part in the first excursion trip.

For this case, 16 students and 3 teachers were given an opportunity to participate in this trip whom were accompanied by the JGR&S/CHEC Mwanza district coordinator.

Selection

The previous approach of selection (used in the first trip) was applied to all club members interested in participating in this opportunity, whereby all club members were required to write an essay about what they anticipated learning, and how they would make use of what they learned after returning to their respectively schools.

The schools participated in the second trip (October, 2011) are as follows;

1. Ibinza Secondary School
2. Bwiru Girls secondary School
3. CapriPoint secondary school
4. Malulu Primary school
5. Bugungumuki Primary school
6. Lwanhima Primary school
7. Pasiansi Primary School
8. Jeshini Primary school
9. Nyangulugulu and
10. Children's Health and Environment Caretakers –CHEC was represented by one member

However, Bugungumuki and Capripoint could not submit their essay; therefore we missed to get participants from those schools, therefore I replaced with students from other participating schools.

The participants in the October trip to Rubondo Island National Park were as follows;

Students

Fibi Petro
Emmanuel Simon
Ngwa'shi George
Gizera Johnston
Joseph John
Pendo Juma
Joseph Charles
Sloka Ahadi Kashanga (JGR&S/CHEC Member)

Laurent Joseph
Mariam Mawazo
Monica John
Annastazia Masano
Chausiku Mathias
Nasra salumu
Bernice William
Noelina Masano

Teachers

Ms. Damali Ngw'ihembi
Mr. Mayunga Nyanda Mathayo
Mr. Gibai

JGIR&S/CHEC Coordinator

Mussa Mashishanga

TRIP PREPARATION

Mussa Mashishanga (club coordinator) and Ms. Skola Ahadi Kashanga (CHEC member) took care of preliminary supply shopping in Mwanza. During the week prior to the trip Mashishanga visited the Mwanza City office and make final arrangements for the trip with the authority. These arrangements included getting written approval from the District Education Officer for the students at government boarding schools to participate and written permission from the parents of these students.

THE TRIP

All participants were escorted by their parents/teachers at the meeting point, Nyegezi Bus terminal. And from there the whole group started the trip to Rubondo. Despite the fact that, the trip was too long, but made children more enjoyable since most of them were more excited to be one of the trip participants. After reaching Mganza, the group was welcomed by TANAPA staff, and started a trip from Mganza to Kageye by boats.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

During this second trip, students were given presentations by Hobokela Mwamjengwa on Rubondo Island NP, its history and biological diversity. Additionally, Hobokela spoke to the students about Tanzania's national park system, its variety, and importance to the country and conservation of Tanzania's wildlife heritage. Interspersed with classroom presentations were

walks and boat excursion to view some of the island's habitats and wildlife. These included walks to the Maji Matakatiifu Bay, Pongo viewpoint and the island's forest, as well as a walk through the forest to visit the tourist camp north of the Kageye Ranger village. Also boat excursion took the group to view crocodiles and birds. Prior and during these walks the group was accompanied by TANAPA rangers who explained some of the flora and fauna seen which included bush buck, vervet monkey, hippopotamus, numerous birds species, insects, and lizards.

Additional activities included watching TANAPA wildlife videos which were provided by Sister Hobokela. Of course, the kids and teachers also were provided with time to relax and explore some of the area surrounding the Kageye camp.

Clubs members once again had a terrific time, built memories that will last a life time, and learned a great deal about what Lake Victoria looked like. Each of the students are required to write a report on their field experience. Along with report, we have provided a short report on the first report submitted by a student among other reports submitted.

A big thank you to you our supporters **ZACC AND THE WOODLAND PARK ZOO** for your commitment and generous support; which you gave us and enabled this project to be successful. We hope, you will continue working with CHEC/JGR&S in Mwanza in the future.

The 2nd Trip in Pictorial

DAY 2 – 1ST VISIT TO THE EASTERN SHORE OF RUBOND



DAY 3 – BOAT EXCURSION AND CLASSROOM





DAY 4 – LEAVING THE ISLAND





**THANK YOU ZACC AND WOODLAND PARK ZOO FOR GIVING US
THE SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT RUBONDO ISLAND NATIONAL
PARK!**

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