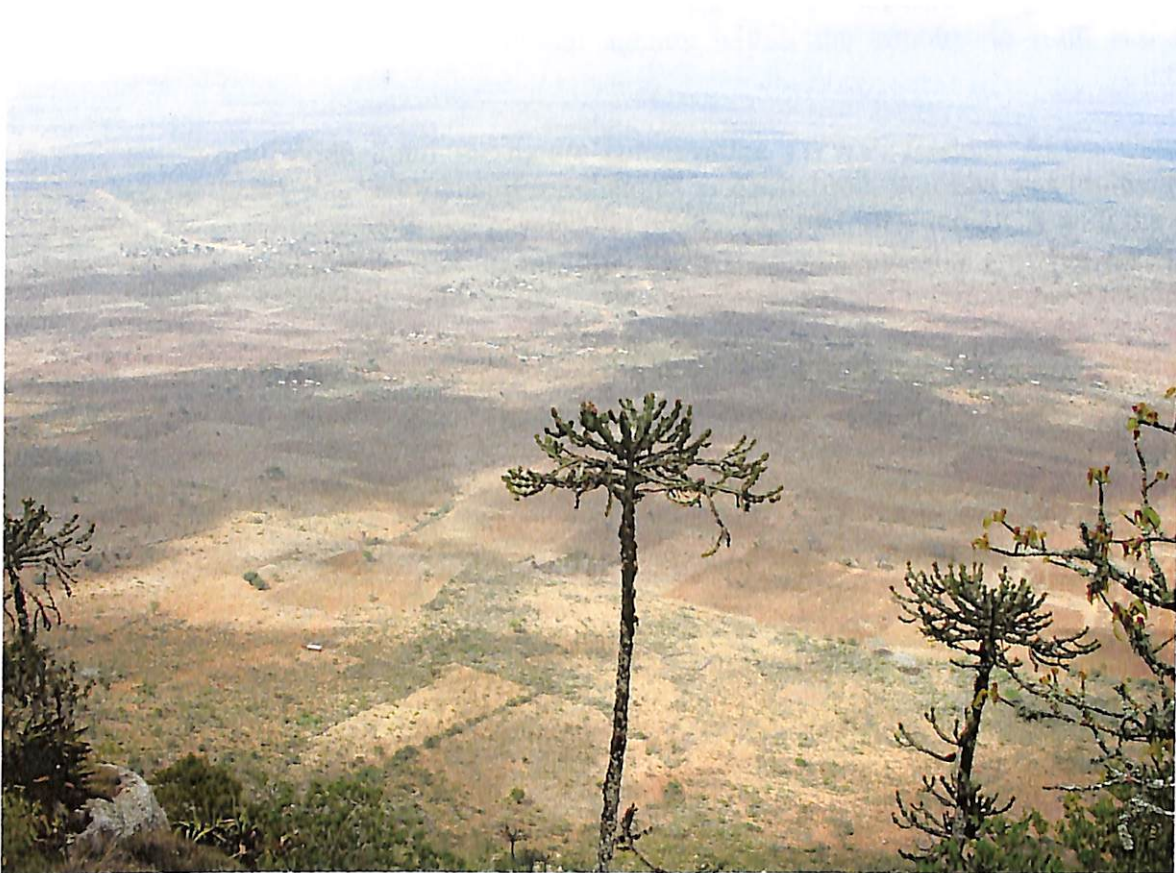


REPORT

MUTUAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION BETWEEN KENYA AND TANZANIA



21st to 25th October 2002

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Introduction

The overall goal of Social Forestry Extension Model Development Project (SOFEM) is that inhabitants of semi-arid areas in Kenya are equipped with appropriate techniques to plant and manage trees through establishing farm forests by the local residents. The Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) and Forest Department (FD) in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) have since November 1997 been implementing SOFEM activities, particularly in the semi-arid District of Kitui in Kenya.

One of the expected outputs of SOFEM is that information on farm forest establishment is shared by the people and other related organizations. Apparently, not much thought was initially given to the resounding idea that a Team of SOFEM project staff (Annex 1) could go out to a neighbouring country or an international agency within the country to train and share its experiences.

During the World Wide Fund for nature conservation (WWF) Eastern Africa Conservation Forum whose theme was “partnership for change” in April 2002, SOFEM was invited to exhibit its activities and achievements as a partnership project (KEFRI, FD, and JICA with the farmer(s) at the core). It is during the Forum that SOFEM’s outputs especially growing and managing *Melia volkensii*, attracted attention of the participating national and international agencies.

A request and invitation was extended to SOFEM by WWF Tanzania Programme Office to train and exchange its experiences with its development partners in Tanzania (Forestry and Beekeeping Division (FBD) and Ministry of Agriculture’s extension services). This presented not only a new front to SOFEM’s capacity in a cross border mutual technology transfer and information dissemination, but also an encouraging reflection of SOFEM’s success in Social forestry and farm forestry development in Kenya and Africa. In addition, the fact that no effort was seen as excessive to ensure that the training was implemented with desirable impact is a reflection of the high level of maturity in the long standing cooperation between the Governments of Japan and Kenya in the sector of environment and development.

The Process

What is commendable about the cross border mutual technology transfer and information dissemination by SOFEM Team is the implementation process. It can be implemented in any country to any organization or group with similar interests. The ultimate impact is that it becomes a pre-requisite to organizations or groups interested in initiating or enhancing activities similar to SOFEM’s. The success of the process can be attributed to the re-structuring and development of the SOFEM’s Information section from December 2001, the elaborate Final SOFEM Conference held in September 2002 and the competence and positive attitude of the SOFEM project staff as well as the relentless support through JICA Kenya Office.

It is undeniable that SOFEM has made a mark in its dryland forestry conservation activities. However, it is only through a sound and articulated process that this impact could be felt and recognized by farmers and other stakeholders in related fields and organizations in Kenya and neighbouring countries.



The Mutual Technology Transfer

The Pre-training Discussions

JICA Tanzania Office

The SOFEM Team made a courtesy call to JICA Tanzania Office on 21st October 2002 as scheduled. The Team had discussions with the JICA Resident Representative Mr. S. Aoki and Ms. K. Matsushita on the purpose of training, involvement of WWF Tanzania Forestry Programme and areas of JICA support in Tanzania, among others.



Courtesy call at JICA Tanzania Office

FBD and WWF

The SOFEM Team held a pre-training meeting with the WWF Tanzania Country Representative Dr. H. Mwangeni and a team of senior officials from FBD led by Mr. G. Matiko who represented the Director of FBD Prof. Idi Saidi. The meeting, which set the learning-training environment for mutual technology transfer and information dissemination was held at the Courtyard Hotel in Dar-es-Salaam. A similar meeting was also held with the officials of the Kilimanjaro Village Forestry Project (KVFP) led by the Project Manager Mr. J. Butuyuyu and Same District Forest Officer Mr. J. Mboya. However, in Same, two field visits were made to the villages to see on-going tree planting and tending activities by the farmers through past JICA support and their own initiatives.

The Training

SOFEM's cross border mutual technology transfer and information dissemination in Tanzania was conducted between 21st and 25th October 2002 (Annex 2). The purpose of the activity was to train and share experiences as well as establish opportunities for cross border/regional cooperation to enhance the capacity to promote Social/Farm forestry development between Kenya (through KEFRI and FD) and Tanzania (through FBD, Tanzania Forestry Research Institute (TAFORI) and District Councils) in collaboration with Japan (through JICA Kenya and Tanzania Offices).



Training session in Dar-es-Salaam

The training consisted of a one-day programme each in Dar-es-Salaam (Annex 3a) and the KVFP facilities in Same District (Annex 3b). KVFP was formerly supported by JICA until the year 2000. A total of 55 out of expected 60 participants attended.

Training in Dar-es-Salaam (DES)

The training in DES attracted a total of 24 people (Annex 4) from WWF (3), FBD (20) including 2 Ex-participants of the Regional Training Course for the Promotion of Social Forestry in Africa and Agricultural Extension (1). The purpose of training in DES was to enhance awareness of SOFEM's activities, achievements, potential and to establish avenues for collaboration through mutual transfer of technology and information dissemination in Social forestry/Farm forest establishment or community forestry as it is referred to in Tanzania.

The training venue was at the Courtyard Hotel, which was indeed both accessible and well known for hosting such events. Besides the presentations, an exhibition consisting of photopanel, publications, panel boards, display of *Melia volkensii* seeds and documentary videos, enhanced knowledge of understanding and practice among the participants. Indeed, their interest and enthusiasm was beyond our expectation. Further, FBD documented the proceedings of the process in a video coverage for future reference.

Training in Same

Training at KVFP in Same District was conducted on 24th October 2002. It was unique as it presented a practical situation similar to that of Kitui in Kenya. A total of 31 participants attended (Annex 5). It addressed eagerness among the communities JICA once supported in tree planting to see a follow-up of their collaboration. Although they were good people with good intentions, they still needed further technical development support and some financial input to fully address their needs. Consequently, the training programme (Annex 3b) offered an ideal opportunity to this realization, particularly to the extension staff who were at the core of promoting tree planting. In addition, the farmers visited at Hedaru, Mwakenye and Kwamoma

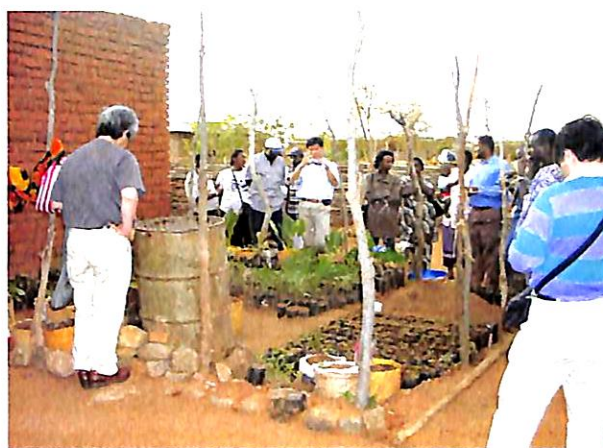
during the field visits were not only encouraged, but looked forward to learning new knowledge and skills through the trained extension staff.



Training session at KVFP, Same



Demonstration session at KVFP, Same.



Field visit at Hedaru tree nursery

Training in Same was relatively cost-effective because the existing facilities provided by JICA during the KVFP were still in very good condition, which is a reflection of their value to FBD and the surrounding communities. However, construction of accommodation facilities could enhance the Centre's value for training at grassroots level since it already has a conference room and equipment, dining hall as well as demonstration nursery and field sites within easy reach.

Sustainability Issues

Despite the good intention of SOFEM, the presence of JICA Tanzania Office at least during the official opening or discussion session could have greatly enhanced the purpose of the noble initiative of cross border mutual technology transfer and information dissemination.

There was need to strengthen linkage between JICA Tanzania Office and FBD on forestry issues, particularly a follow-up of the submitted KVFP development proposal.

The willingness to participate and contribute is an essential component of sustainability. However, areas of cost considerations which may require inputs from the host country include hire of meeting venue, as FBD has none of its own; training materials transportation, accommodation and subsistence, as local costs.

Perhaps an all encompassing but smaller Training Team may be necessary as a cost-effective measure for a similar activity in other neighbouring countries such as Eritrea or Uganda.

Conclusion

It is envisaged that a cross border/regional mutual technology transfer and information dissemination is not only cost effective but offers a better opportunity to enable development cooperation to contribute in addressing the challenges of achieving self-reliance by facilitating flow of ideas, knowledge and skills for social forestry development, especially sustainable farm forest establishment for the benefit of the resource poor rural households and local institutions.

Way Forward

1. Kenya and Tanzania have large areas of their land located in semi-arid areas. Initiatives for Social forestry development focusing on these areas (particularly Kitui in Kenya and Same in Tanzania) with support from JICA were started in the same decade (mid - 1980s). However, the latter ended earlier and perhaps pre-maturely to exact more impact from trials and experiences necessary to enhance confidence and self-reliance in tree planting and management. A regional/cross border project could influence similar development in Tanzania.
2. Both Kenya and Tanzania experience extensive degradation and shortage of tree products and services.
3. Apparently, Tanzania has a new operational National Forest Policy. A regional/cross border project could influence similar development in Kenya.
4. The participants recommended a regional/cross border approach to use developed outputs of SOFEM.
5. A regional/cross border project offers an opportunity to rebuild the old East African Community, which is on-going, particularly what existed as the East African Agricultural and Forestry Research Organisation (EAAFRO) whose headquarters were located in Muguga as KEFRI's. KEFRI still maintains some of these activities. Because of its comparative strength, KEFRI has potential to share experiences in forestry and allied natural resources through partnership activities. Members of the East African Legislative Assembly ^{lead} by the Speaker Hon. Abdulrahman Kirera also expressed similar views during their visit to KEFRI on 7th June 2002.
6. The SOFEM intervention is worth scaling up and replicating as it is responsive to the socio-economic/cultural needs of the farmers and integrates well with other appropriate technologies for similar environmental conditions. Tanzania could take advantage of SOFEM's development output through a mutual cross border activity. Already, a

- Germany supported (GTZ) project in Tanzania has requested for publications of SOFEM activities and outputs.
7. Other countries, for example Eritrea and Uganda could benefit from similar mutual cross border experience. Efforts should be made to build linkages with these countries.
 8. Mutual technology transfer and information dissemination complements the Regional Training Course for the Promotion of Social Forestry in Africa very well. It should be continued as a cost effective measure for evaluating and updating the Ex-participants. However, a budget will be required to effect the implementation.
 9. Establish a cross border/regional project to facilitate mutual transfer of technology and information dissemination in which Kenya (KEFRI and FD), Tanzania (FBD, TAFORI and District Councils) and Japan (JICA Kenya and Tanzania) as well as the farmers are active partners.
 10. Depending on our ability to expand and acceptability of an appropriate conceptual framework and elaborate budget commitments, the interface areas should include:
 - Technical development as more trials and experiences are necessary to enhance confidence and self-reliance in tree planting, management and utilization.
 - A fully operationalised SOFEM's Extension Model.
 - An integrated extension strategy to guide and shape the process of farm forest establishment using *Melia volkensii* and species with similar potential.
 - Information exchange and dissemination strategies with practical and tangible impacts.
 - Exchange visits for technical staff and farmers.
 - Harmonized legislative and policy issues to facilitate smooth implementation and adoption of Social/Farm forestry.
 - Mechanisms to facilitate partnership.
 - Dispatch of long term experts {(Regional Chief Advisor (1), Regional Coordinator (1), Assistant Coordinator (1), Team Leaders (2) Long-term experts (2)}.
 - Dispatch of short-term experts (specialized fields of technology development).
 - Dispatch of volunteers (Extension and Information).
 - Third country experts scheme.
 - Strengthening infrastructure for capacity building and extension:
 - Provision of supporting equipment and facilities.
 - Third Country Group/Individual Training.
 - In Country Training
 - Assign project counterparts.
 - Project management committees (Regional and National Steering Committees, Project Implementation Committees, Task Forces and Missions).

Annex 6 is a copy of the appreciation letter received from WWF Tanzania Country Representative, Dr. Hermann Mwangeni.

Annex 1: SOFEM Team

JICA Experts

	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Destination</i>
Mr. A. Ioki	Chief Advisor	Dar-es-Salaam/Same
Mr. M. Nakamura	Information	Dar-es-Salaam
Mr. Shimada	Extension	Same
Mr. Kobayashi	Technology Development (On-station)	Same

Kenyan Counterparts

Mr. M. Mukolwe	KEFRI – Muguga	Dar-es-Salaam/Same
Mr. E. Kyalo	KEFRI – Kitui	Dar-es-Salaam/Same
Mr. J. Kimondo	KEFRI – Kitui	Dar-es-Salaam
Mr. P. Kariuki	FD – Karura	Dar-es-Salaam
Ms. J.F. Wamboi	FD – Karura	Dar-es-Salaam
Mr. A. Gondo	FD – Kitui	Same
Mr. E. Oyugi	FD – Kitui	Same
Mr. J. Amwatta	KEFRI – Kitui	Same
Ms. J. Kimiti	KEFRI – Kitui	Same
Mr. A. Mwamburi	KEFRI – Kitui	Same
Ms. J. Musyoki	KEFRI – Kitui	Same
Mr. S. Auka	KEFRI – Kitui	Same
Mr. A. Atanas	KEFRI – Kitui	Same
Ms. E. Kitheka	KEFRI – Kitui	Same

Drivers

Mr. P. Makau	KEFRI	Same
Mr. C. Nyabuto	KEFRI	Same
Mr. Kimani	FD	Same

Annex 2: Schedule

Date/Day	Time	Remarks
21/10 (Mon)		First Group by Air
	6.30 am	Meet at the airport (JKIA) <i>(Mr. Kimondo, Mr. Mukolwe, Mr. Kyalo, Mr. Kariuki, Mr. Ioki and Mr. Nakamura)</i>
	7.35 am	Depart Nairobi by Air (KQ 480)
	8.50 am	Arrival in Dar-es-Salaam
	10.00 am	Courtesy call to JICA Tanzania Office
	11.00 am	Joint discussion/programme and logistics review with WWF, FBD and Agriculture <i>(Courtyard Hotel/Akana Lodge)</i>
	1.00 pm	Lunch
	2.00 pm	arrange training venue and display/exhibition <i>(Stay at Akana Lodge for 2 nights – 21st and 22nd)</i>
22/10 (Tue)	Training Category 1: National level (Professional/Technical Staff)	
	Venue 1: Courtyard Hotel, Dar-es-Salaam Target: WWF, Government/Ex-RTC Participants – FBD and Agriculture (30 people) Time: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm (NB: detailed programme – Annex 3a)	
		Second Group by Road
	8.00 am	Depart Kitui (Kitui Minibus and KAH 588) managed by KEFRI Kitui
	9.00 am	Depart Muguga and Karura (Minibus and FD vehicle) managed by KEFRI HQ
	10.00 am	Team meet at Athi River junction <i>(Change the minibus from Kitui to minibus from Muguga)</i>
	2.00 pm	Lunch at Namanga and Cross the Border
	5.00 pm	Stay at Elephant Motel, Same <i>(They have 12 rooms, 2 drivers to stay in town. The arrangement to be done by Mr. C. Nyabuto) (Mr. Kobayashi and Mr. Shimada will stay in Arusha. Mr. Nyabuto to back to Arusha the following day to pick up Mr. Ioki, Mr. Mukolwe and Mr. Kyalo at Kilimanjaro Airport)</i>
		Third Group by Air (Mr. Shimada and Mr. Kobayashi)
	12.30 pm	Depart Wilson Airport
	1.45 pm	Arrival in Kilimanjaro Airport <i>(KAL 657U Patrick to pick them up at the Airport)</i>
	23/10 (Wed)	7.35 am
9.00 am		2 nd group depart for Same
9.30 am		Three teams meet at the KVFP office
10.00 am		Field visit and discussion with farmers and KVFP staff
1.00 pm		Lunch
3.00 pm		Joint discussion/programme review and logistics with Kilimanjaro Village Forestry project – KVFP (formerly JICA supported project) and DFO Same
4.30 pm		Visit DFO's Office at Same Arrange training venue and display/exhibition
		First Group from Dar-es-Salaam (Mr. Ioki, Mr. Mukolwe and Mr. Kyalo)
6.45 am		Arrival in Kilimanjaro by Air
7.35 am		Arrival at Kilimanjaro airport
9.30 am	Two teams meet at the KVFP office	
	First Group for Nairobi (Kimondo, +. Kariuki, + Wamboi + Mr. Nakamura)	
2.25 am	Depart Dar-es-Salaam	
3.40 pm	Arrival in Nairobi	
24/10 (Thur)	Training Category 2: Technical/Grassroots Level people	
	Venue 2: KVFP Site, Same District Target: KVFP, DFO (Farmer), Village development group leaders (30 people) Time: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm (NB: detailed programme – Annex 3b) <i>(Including field visit and discussion with farmers/community groups under DFO Same (formerly under KVFP)</i>	
25/10 (Fri)	8.00am	Depart by Road to Namanga/Kitui/Muguga
		Japanese Experts
	1.45 pm	Depart Kilimanjaro Airport
	2.35 pm	Arrival in Nairobi (Wilson Airport)

Annex 3a

Mutual Technology Transfer and Information Dissemination Between Kenya and Tanzania

SOFEM WORKSHOP

Date: 22nd October 2002

Venue: Courtyard Hotel, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania

Time	Module/Subject	Remarks
0815 – 0900	Registration/Exhibition	Mr. M. Nakamura/M. Mukolwe
0900 – 0920	Introductory Remarks/Address WWF Representative FBD Representative SOFEM Chief Advisor	Dr. H. Mwangeni Director Mr. A. Ioki
0920 – 1000	Overview and Major Achievements of SOFEM Technology Development and Verification	Mr. J. Kimondo
1000 – 1040	Growing and Management of <i>Melia volkensii</i>	Mr. E. Kyalo
1040 – 1100	Tea/Coffee Break	
1100 – 1130	Information Dissemination System and Future strategy	Ms. J.F. Wamboi
1130 – 1200	Video Programme: SOFEM: Tree Planting in Drylands	Mr. M. Nakamura
1200 – 1230	SOFEM's Extension Model	Mr. M. Mukolwe
1230 – 1300	Discussion	Mr. P. Kariuki
1300 – 1400	Lunch	
1400 – 1430	Video Programme: Pilot Forest and Demo II	Mr. M. Nakamura
1430 – 1600	General Discussion and Way Forward Closing Remarks	Mr. J. Kimondo Mr. P. Kariuki Ms. J.F. Wamboi Mr. G. Matiko
1600 – 1630	Exhibition Cont'd Tea/Coffee Break	Mr. M. Nakamura/M. Mukolwe

Annex 3b

Mutual Technology Transfer and Information Dissemination Between Kenya and Tanzania

SOFEM WORKSHOP

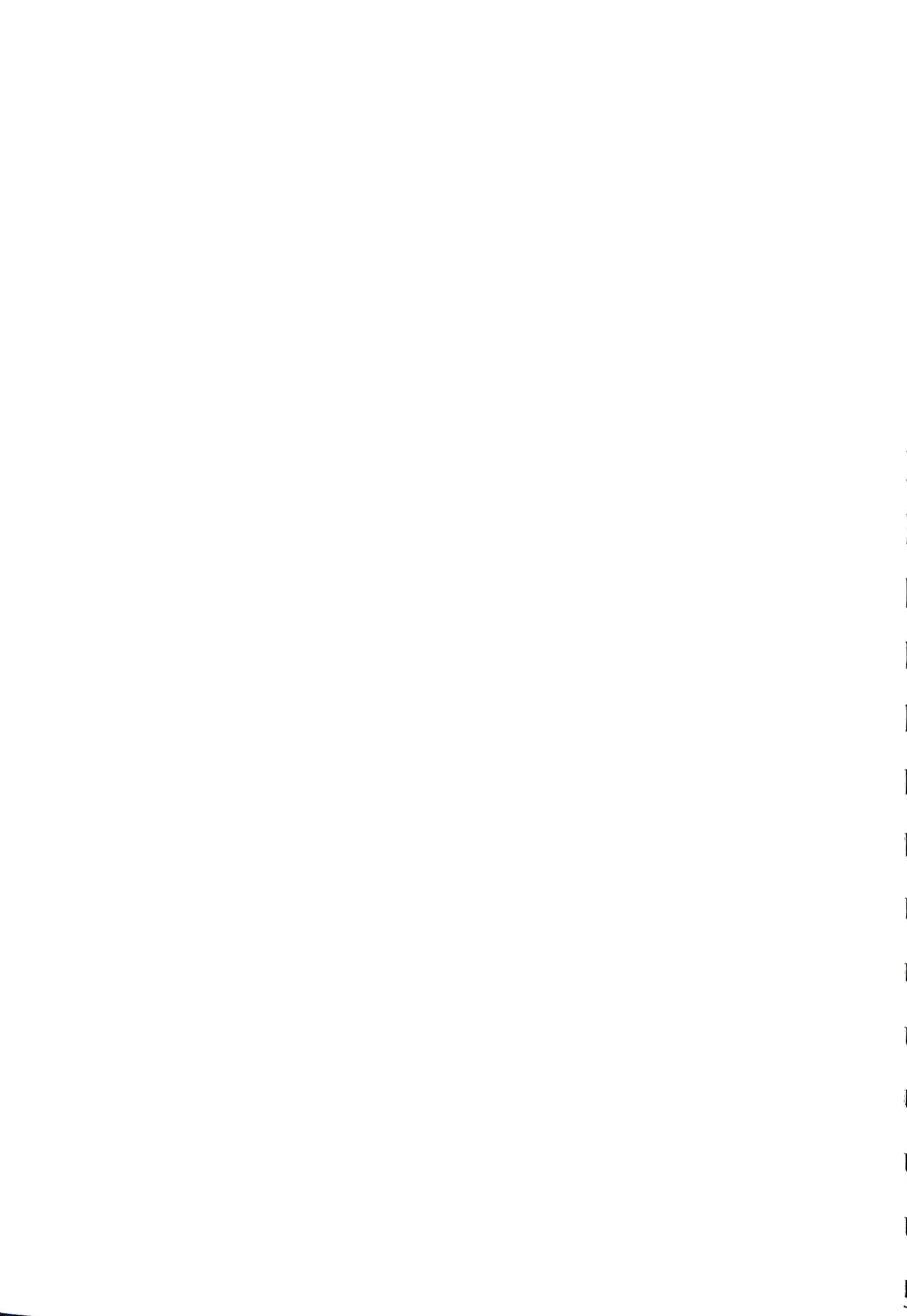
Date: 24th October 2002

Venue: KVFP Site, Same District, Tanzania

Time	Module/Subject	Remarks
0800 – 1100	Field Visit Registration/Exhibition Tea/Coffee Break	Mr. J. Mboya Mr. A. Mwamburi/Ms. J.Musyoki
1100 – 1115	Introductory Remarks/Address KVFP Manager DFO Same SOFEM Chief Advisor	Mr. M. Mukolwe Mr. J. Butuyuyu Mr. J. Mboya Mr. A. Ioki
1115 – 1145	Overview and Major Achievements of SOFEM	Mr. A. Gondo
1145 – 1210	Technology Development and Verification	Mr. J. Amwatta
1210 – 1240	Growing and Management of <i>Melia volkensii</i>	Mr. E. Kyalo
1240 – 1300	Extension Methods and Farm Forest Establishment	Ms. J. Kimiti Mr. E. Oyugi
1300 – 1400	Lunch	
1400 – 1430	Video Programme: SOFEM: Tree Planting in Drylands	Mr. M. Mukolwe
1430 – 1500	Video Programme: Pilot Forest and Demo II	
1500 – 1600	Practical Demonstrations	Mr. A. Ali/ Ms. E. Kitheka
1600 – 1700	General Discussion and Way Forward Closing Remarks Tea/Coffee Break	Mr. A. Gondo Mr. J. Amwatta Mr. A. Ioki Mr. J. Mboya Mr. J. Butuyuyu Mr. M. Mukolwe

Annex 4: Attendance List**Venue: Courtyard Hotel, Dar-es-Salaam****Date: 22nd October 2002**

	Name	Organisation
1.	Monica A. Kagya	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
2	Sara E. Assay	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
3	Dhahiri Liana	Ruvu Fuelwood Project (RFP)
4	Consolata Limota	Ruvu Fuelwood Project (RFP)
5	Thomas Safari	Ruvu Fuelwood Project (RFP)
6	Edward Shilogile	Ruvu Fuelwood Project (RFP)
7	Zakiya Aloyce	World Wide Fund for Nature Conservation (WWF)
8	Hermann Mwageni	WWF – Tanzania Country Office
9	Tangwa Jonathan	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
10	Gaudentia Bakuza	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
11	Khalid J. Jackson	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
12	Ms. Ellasy L.J. Mujillah	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
13	Kanauchasia S. Kimaro	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
14	Rumisha S. Maro	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
15	Furian M. Mkeya	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
16	Fortunate S. Senya	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
17	Peter Sumbi	WWF Tanzania Office
18	Susana B. Kessy	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
18	A.S. Kijazi	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
19	V. Chamuya	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
20	Johansen K. Bukwali	RAS - Coast Region
21	Donald K.	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
22	Portina M. Kajuma	Forestry & Beekeeping Division (FBD)
23	Michael Mukolwe	KEFRI/SOFEM
24	Patrick Kariuki	FD/SOFEM
25	James Kimondo	KEFRI/SOFEM
26	J.F. Wamboi	FD/SOFEM
27	E. Kyalo	KEFRI/SOFEM
28	A. Ioki	SOFEM/JICA
29	M. Nakamura	SOFEM/JICA



Annex 5 Attendance List**Venue: KVFP, Same****Date: 24th October 2002**

No.	Name	Position	Origin
1	Mathias Msala	Beekeeping officer	Same
2	Costa S.G. Mhando	Forester	Same
3	Martha Mosha	Teacher	Hedaru
4	Saidina Saidi	Forester	Njoro
5	Dorice Kisse	Forester	Same
6	Rashid Abdala	Farmer	Hedaru
7	Anderson Kimaro	Teacher	Hedaru
8	Omari Msasu	Forester	Kavambugitu
9	Bakari Mchome	Teacher	Vumari
10	Abihudi Onesmus	Farmer	Vumari
11	Jaffary Mjenga	Div. Beekeeping officer	Makanya
12	Nandi D. Rupia	Div. Beekeeping officer	Makanya
13	Hidaya Mbwambo	Forester	Makanya
14	Eveta Msaki	Farmer	Hedaru
15	Mwajuma Hamis	Forester	R. C. Same
16	Christine John	Technical Assistant	Makanya
17	Esther White	Technical Assistant	Makanya
18	Uyosena Enea	Farmer	Same
19	Sufiani Juma	Forester	Same
20	Joseph S. Mshana	Chairman KGR	Vumari
21	Enighenja Shangwel	Forester	Kwamomo
22	Aisha Bakari	Forester	R. C. Same
23	Juma Yohana	Technical Assistant	Ruvu Mbuyuni
24	Alfred Mnzava	Technical Assistant	Makanya
25	John Mboya	DFO	Same





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12 November 2002

Mr. Michael Mukolwe,
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KITUI, KENYA.

Dear Mr. Mukolwe,

RE: A VOTE OF THANKS

Following a recent successful joint training held in Dar es Salaam late last month, I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of WWF Tanzania Programme Office and our colleagues from the Forestry and Beekeeping Division to express our sincere gratitude to you and the SOFEM team for your acceptance to come to Tanzania to train and learn with us. The vast knowledge and field experience you shared with us is highly appreciated. Indeed, there is no doubt that SOFEM project in Kituli has been a classical example of a few successful Social Forestry projects in the region. It is crucial that Tanzanians need to urgently replicate these successful stories and initiatives while our colleagues in Kenya are moving into scaling up of the SOFEM programme within Kenya. Indeed your field experience in enhancing the artificial regeneration of *Melia volkensii* (a wonderful multipurpose tree species) was amazing and worth imitating.

We really appreciate your time and the resources you brought with you in support of this useful training. Indeed, the training theme "Mutual Technology Transfer and Information Dissemination between Tanzania and Kenya" was timely and well chosen, resulting into two concrete ways forward that, would require an immediate attention and actions among us:

1. a need to initiate a regional collaboration in Social Forestry and related fields. A joint survey and mapping programme of the natural occurrences and provenances of *Melia volkensii* within the region, field experience and information sharing between the two countries;
2. look for possible support to initiate a small-scale pilot project on farming of *Melia volkensii* in Tanzania to replicate good lessons from SOFEM innovations in Kitui, Kenya.

We hope that the above two actions will further enhance collaboration in Social Forestry Sector between Kenya and Tanzania.

We look forward to continued learning from each other.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Hermann Mwageni
Country Representative

CC: Director of Forestry & Beekeeping – Dar es Salaam.
: JICA Office, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
: The Chief Advisor, SOFEM JICA, Kenya.

