



Finima Nature Park Week 17 Report

Highlights: Perimeter, anti-poaching patrol and biological monitoring was conducted round the park twice during the week (Thursday and Saturday), observations were noted with no arrest made. Birds, Mona monkeys, snakes, insects among many other animals were sighted.



Fig. 1, 2, 3, & 4 show pictures of Red eyed Dove, Pied crow, African Jacana and troop of Mona Monkeys respectively

Outreach & Engagement: There was no school visit under this reporting period as all the schools are on vacation.

Ecotourism: Individuals, families and friends visited the Park during the week and all visitors were properly conducted round the Park with satisfactory nature interpretation.



Fig. 5, 6, 7 & 8 show cross section of Visitors that visited the Park during the week

Reforestation program: 300 *Rhizophora mangle* (red mangroves) were planted along the seacoast in an effort to contain the costal encroachment into the Park. Also, some of the previously planted seedlings were weeded and those that could not survive were replaced with *Cleistopholis patens* (Salt and oil tree) and *Rhizophora mangle* (red mangrove) along Ngalanga and the seacoast respectively.



Fig. 9, 10, 11 & 12 show cross section of the Rangers during the reforesting, replacement and weeding exercise

Tidiness & Cleanliness: Tidiness of the boardwalk and other Park facilities were carried out during this reporting week i.e. sweeping of the trail, clearing and cutting of tree branches that fell along the board walk.



Fig. 13, 14, & 15 show cross section of the Rangers during the boardwalk trimming and cleaning exercise

Seat-out Construction: the construction work of the seat-out is almost completed (75%). The finishing touches will be rounded up before the next reporting week all things working well.



Fig.16, 17, 18 & 19 show pictures of the Rangers during the seat-out construction work

Fish introduction: an expert was invited to the pond on 17th April, 2017. The professional recommended we cordon off part of the pond with either local materials used in making local basket or coated wire mesh in order to achieve a more realistic goal. Efforts are in place to get who can help with the condoning and also the cost estimate.

Update on number of Visitors:

Total number of visitors for the week = 18

Total number of visitors from January 2017 to date =2045

Week	Date	Nr. of Visitors	YTD
1	01/01 - 07/01	223	223
2	08/01 - 14/01	9	232
3	15/01 - 21/01	23	255
4	22/01 - 28/01	117	372
5	29/01 - 04/02	66	438
6	05/02 - 11/02	104	542
7	12/02 - 18/02	427	969
8	19/02 - 24/02	50	1019
9	25/02-03/03	45	1064
10	04/03-10/03	45	1109
11	11/03-17/03	85	1194
12	18/03-22/03	46	1240
13	23/03-29/03	456	1696
14	30/03-05/04	69	1765
15	06/04-12/04	73	1838
16	13/04-19/04	189	2027
17	20/04-26/04	18	2045

Challenges:

- Lack of Camera for awareness programmes and research
- Lack of working tool (Computer for the Field Officer)