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PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2006

NBD/DFID PROJECT

1. INTRODUCTION

This report only concerns the activities carried out in month of May under the funding in the first half of the First Milestone in the NBD/DFID project.

The activities in the project started toward the end of April after the first bank transfer was received from IUCN.

Most of the activities done were in line with the Establishment of NDF Rwanda office, raising awareness while participating in the National Environmental Week and World Environmental day activities.

2. ACTIVITIES REALISED IN THE MONTH OF MAY

1. Development of the National Discourse Forum in Rwanda

- The coordination office was established in May 2006, though negotiations were started by the end of April and space was acquired. The NBDF Rwanda office is established in Remera, Kigali City.
- Office Equipments and supplies like Furniture, Computers, stationary etc, were bought in May and the office is now operational.
- Recruitment of the National Coordinator, Secretary and Night Guard was done before end of May by the National Steering Committee and the new Staff started work immediately.

2. Participation in the Opening ceremonies and activities of the National Environment week (31st May 2006)

- NDF Rwanda participated in the preparation and in the opening ceremonies and activities of the National Environment week that took place in Nyagatare in the Eastern Province
- We also donated 250 T-Shirts to the Ministry in charge of Water and Environment, which were distributed to the local people participating in the environmental week activities.
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CONCLUSION

It is imperative to note that the funding from IUCN came late April and that the new National Coordinator was recruited on 20th May and started work on 22nd May 2006 and thus had limited time to do many activities in May, so the above mentioned activities were able to be realised