

# **BirdLife Council for the Africa Partnership**

## **Report on Implementation of the BirdLife programme in 2011**

**REPORTING PERIOD: APRIL 2010 – DECEMBER 2011**

**REPORTING DUE DATE: MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**

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**COUNTRY:** DJIBOUTI

**ORGANISATION:** DJIBOUTI NATURE/AFFILIATE

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### **OVERVIEW OF MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS (NOT MORE THAN FIVE)**

- Djibouti Nature obtained from the government and by a presidential decree through the ministry of finance, economy, industry and trade, a parcel of land of two thousand square meters (value 23000 US)-Ref: Order n°2011-258/PR/ME FP dated on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, providing a plot of land located at PK12, Road 19 and free of charge to the Association Djibouti Nature.
  - In April 2011 Djibouti nature organized in collaboration with the primary school department/ministry of national education three days environmental education training workshop for 60 teachers of elementary schools in the training centre of the ministry of national education.
  - A calendar 2011, with bird pictures has been produced in collaboration with Djiboutian Social Development Agency (Agence Djiboutienne de Développement Social –ADDS) and distributed nationally.
  - Awareness and advocacy campaign continued (conferences to: Lions Club in Djibouti, students of the university of Djibouti and wider public).
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### **CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES (NOT MORE THAN THREE BULLETS PER SECTION):**

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#### **SPECIES,**

- In collaboration with the World Pheasant Association a scoping mission in early December 2011 to assess progress on a project "An Assessment of the IFAD/FFEM/GEF Agro-pastoral Project in the Forêt du Day" being carried out in Djibouti to support conservation of the endangered Djibouti Francolin *Francolinus ochropectus* and its habitat.

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## SITES,

A site visit was undertaken at the village du Day between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011. Informal interviews were conducted with the co-ordinator of projects for the Djiboutian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and the Sea, Dr. Baragoïta Saïd Mohamed and his deputy Mr Simon Badji in the Forêt du Day and at the Ministry offices in Djibouti City. Nursery guardians and the traditional chief of the community and other members of the local community were also discussed to help understand standard operating procedure at the nursery.

To assess the effect of the IFAD/FFEM/GEF government-run project on the francolin and other key species and their habitats, a site visit was undertaken at the Forêt du Day between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

The project is currently focused on the Garab/Adonta plateau in the Forêt du Day. There is a functioning tree nursery located at the main easy accessible plateaus of the site.

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## HABITATS

Currently, Surface water erosion protection consisting of dry stone walls has been implemented across an area of 50 hectares in Garab. In addition, 5000 *Juniperus procera* seedlings (sourced from Ethiopia) have been planted out in an area of 10 hectares. Seedlings are given protection from grazing and desiccation by wooden shelters built using dead juniper branches. In addition, to the *J. procera*, seedlings of *Olea africana* and *Buxus hildebrandtii* have been planted in to the 10 hectares. Seedlings of *O. africana* and *B. hildebrandtii* are planted without shelters. A wire-fenced livestock enclosure (100 m X 200 m) has been erected behind the nursery compound .

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## PEOPLE::

- Production of an environmental education booklet on birds and distribution to kids very.
- Production and distribution to government agencies, private sectors and individuals of a calendar 2011 on birds of Djibouti
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## NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

- Consolidated relations with the World Pheasant Association and NABU through the Zoo Landau in der Pfalz (Freundeskreis des Landauer Tiergartens e.V).
- Important you mention about your admission to the network as Affiliate and trying to put in place a process for upgrade
- Djibouti Nature is the only lead stakeholder carrying out globally threatened species conservation and public awareness and environmental education program in Djibouti.
- Further, DN played since 2006, the informal leader in a network of voluntary associations that operating in specific areas of Djibouti.
- Here you may want to mention that DN is privileged by having its executive secretary also working as a technical advisor to the ministry of environment
- Executive sec also representing Djibouti as a focal point for CMS, AEW, Ramsar and Raptor MoU

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## CAPACITY:

Djibouti Nature has one and half members of staff of which one has part time contract. To improve human resources capacity, Djibouti Nature is in need of funding

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**FUNDRAISING:**

- Djibouti Nature got a second small grant from the Rufford Small Grant Foundation for nature conservation for the Forêt du Day: project "Increase Community Understanding on the Threats to the Critically Endangered Djibouti Francolin in Djibouti.
- A Proposal has been sent to Rolex Award for enterprise 2012.
- Djibouti Nature is included in the planned IUCN regional project (IGAD/EC -Tana-Kipini & Lower Awash-Lac Abbé) biodiversity conservation, landscapes and seascapes, and key ecological attributes).

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**OTHER:**

- Djibouti Nature played a key role the upcoming conservation planning workshop for Djibouti's priority land animals and the preceding seminar which will be held at CERD, Djibouti on 25-29 March 2012.

**Projects in the pipeline:**

- Mainstreaming Conservation of Migratory Soaring Birds into Key Productive Sectors along the Rift Valley/Red Sea flyway" project.

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**PROBLEMS**

- **- Low capacity for fundraising**
- Very limited financial resources and very limited Human resource
- - Lack of resources to hire the service of professional staff
- - Low income members to pay fees to generate resources to support activities.

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**LESSONS LEARNT**

- Need to develop strategic action plan or annual work plan.
- Need to leave the voluntary basis management of the Djibouti Nature affairs.
- Need of fulltime contracts to run the day to day work of Djibouti Nature.