

The second phase of DOF's international conservation and development Programme *Integrating Livelihoods and Conservation. People Partner with Nature for Sustainable Living (2018-2021)* has been approved. It is a continuation of the first phase of the Programme, which began implementation in 2015. The PPN Programme is carried out by DOF and the BirdLife partners Nature Kenya, NatureUganda and Bird Conservation Nepal (BCN). It is implemented at seven forested Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs), three in Kenya, two in Uganda and two in Nepal. The Programme is jointly managed by a Programme Management Committee (PMC) consisting of the four BirdLife partners, who meet once annually

The Programme has as its overall goal to reduce the depletion of forests and biodiversity and contribute to sustainable forest management. It will achieve this through participatory forest management, which involves and benefits local forest adjacent communities and supports the collaboration between community based groups and local authorities. The Programme contributes to improved livelihoods among the local poor who benefit from better access to the forest and 'green' income generating activities and to the protection of the forest, natural resources and biodiversity. At another level the Programme engages in advocacy for the mainstreaming of biodiversity in the Forest Sector and supports networking and training of community based groups in order for these to be better able to influence policy decisions and advocate for their own involvement in decision making processes. In its second phase the Programme will have increased focus on lessons sharing and advocacy. It will build on lessons learned to produce a training manual for sustainable forest management and will set up a page on participatory forest management on the BirdLife extranet in order to support the documentation and sharing of experiences across the BirdLife Partnership. As a follow up on the CAMB project¹ it will support the engagement of the Programme partners in mainstreaming biodiversity across sectors and engaging in the national implementation of the 2020 goals of the CBD.

¹ Strengthening Civil Society Capacity for Mainstreaming Biodiversity – CAMB (2017-2018)



Bird watching on Lake Victoria during annual PMC meeting in Uganda, 2017

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