

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Through its Resilience Framework to support Climate Change (RFCC) project with funding from USAID, Manafwa District is expected to receive support to communities that are living in the R. Manafwa catchment to execute activities that will improve the management of the catchment. As such, two S/Counties were selected i.e. Tsekululu and Bukhabusi that are adjacent to Sala River one of the main tributaries of R. Manafwa. These communities are to implement the new IUCN approach of the Environment Conservation Fund where communities are given a financial incentive for the conservation initiatives locally developed and implemented. The whole process has been initiated and soon the communities will begin to receive the incentives

Through this program, a Mt. Elgon Stakeholder Forum has been established as a main lobbying forum for issues of Environmental Management (Reduction of Emissions, Deforestation and Degradation – REDD arrangement) in the region. The forum was launched on 27th/06/013 at Mt. Elgon Hotel in Mbale. IUCN is seeking for sites in the region both Uganda and Kenya for implementation of pilot projects. So far 3 sites have been selected in a Uganda i.e. Bukwo, Kween and Manafwa out of which either one or two sites will be selected.

In Manafwa District, the site is at the border of Buwabwala, Bukhabusi and Tsekululu on the River Sala banks.

District hopes that the site is considered and given high levels of degradation in the area where all the soil has been carried away by Sala River. The process is now at the level of technical evaluation.