



LTBP's New Recruits

As you tour the LTBP riparian stations these days, you will probably notice that our offices are becoming increasingly populated. During the past year, LTBP has recruited a number of administrators and facilitators to assist in carrying out activities at the riparian stations. Administrative assistants were recruited to manage the project accounts and tend to other matters, including: travel and accommodation bookings, importation and exportation of project equipment and other details. Our administrative assistants are very busy people undertaking thankless jobs. Happily, we have a top-notch line-up working for us: in Kigoma, Mr. Bahati (James) Barongo left the UNHCR repatriation effort to help us manage the LTBP station at Tanzanian Fisheries Research Institute-Kigoma (TAFIRI). In Bujumbura, Mr. Mamert Maboneza, who is very experienced owing to his previous service with our sister project Lake Tanganyika Research (LTR), has a double load, managing payments and other activities for both the Bujumbura and Uvira stations (DR Congo does not have a functional banking system for the moment, so all such transactions for Uvira are routed through the Bujumbura station). And in Mpulungu, Mr. Clement Mwelwa joined us from Lusaka last October after Mr. Martin Pearce left the project to run his own business. The riparian station administrators work together with the administrative staff in the Project Coordinator's office in Dar es Salaam, Ms. Maria Hiza, Mr. Ritesh Bhandari and Mr. Christopher Rweyendera to ensure a smooth execution of all LTBP activities.



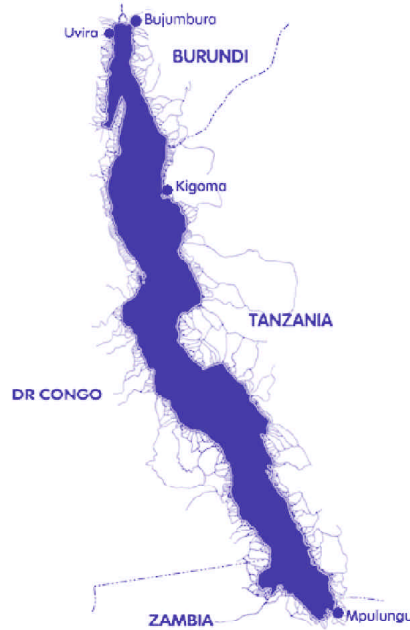
Mamert Maboneza



Richard Paley



Olivier Drieu



Pierre-Claver Nzimpora



Bahati Barongo



Clement Mwelwa

In addition to administrators, LTBP has also recruited facilitators/trainers to help develop and implement the special studies workplans and in so doing raise local capacity. Messrs. John Dorr (Fishing Practices Special Study), Olivier Drieu (Sedimentation Special Study) and Richard Paley (Biodiversity Special Study) arrived in Mpulungu in October 1997 and spent the following month touring the riparian stations to meet their national colleagues and discuss their special studies' workplans. Mr. Paley is based in Kigoma and Mr. Drieu is based in Mpulungu, though they spend much of their time travelling to the different stations to tend to activities. Dr. Dorr was based in Bujumbura, but has since left LTBP to coordinate an environmental project in the Philippines. We were sad to lose Dr. Dorr, however, before leaving he completed a detailed assessment and workplan for the Fishing Practices Special Study. LTBP is currently finalizing arrangements for his replacement as well as a facilitator for the Socio-Economic Special Study.

Additionally, LTBP has recruited a full-time translator, Mr. Pierre-Claver Nzimpora, to translate the wealth of documents the project generates from English to French or French to English as necessary. Mr. Nzimpora is based at the LTBP Bujumbura Station. Mr. Robert Kimanduka, also based at LTBP Bujumbura Station, works closely with the BIOS team to manage the Biodiversity Literature Database.