



Tree Growing

Wildlife and
Environmental
Society of Malawi

A membership organization established in
1947 with 9 branches across the country

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WESM's mission is to not just to plant trees but to grow trees



School and community-based Wildlife clubs are the growers...



We plant
in homes
and
schools

We
plant
in crop
fields

Enrichment
planting

On bare
lands

- We plant over 5000 trees every year...growth success varies, promote fast growing trees and more recently...bamboo
- We encourage enhanced regeneration



Collaborative....



CITY COUNCIL LED
TREE PLANTING IN
LILONGWE



WATER BOARD LED
TREE PLANTING IN
DZALANYAMA

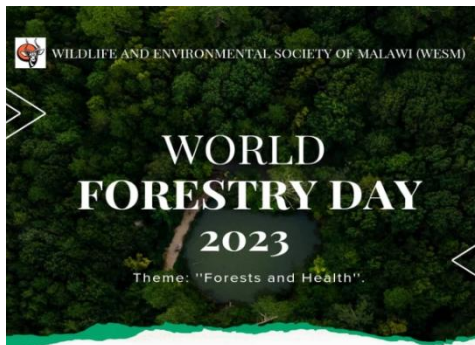


DEPARTMENT OF
FORESTRY LED TREE
PLANTING



SUPPORTED BY
SEVERAL PARTNERS
E.G OLD MUTUAL,
MMCT, ILLOVO ETC





Lessons/Challenges

- Involvement of wildlife clubs enhances sustainability
- Enrichment planting where community members are already doing restoration enhances ownership
- Multi-sectral approach is good for commanding a variety of people participating in tree planting
- Raise awareness through special days campaigns
- Interest more in tree planting than GROWING; growing needs care and monitoring
- Vandalism of planted trees especially in unfences schools especially in urban settings – people uproot to resell the seedlings
- Floods, Dry spells all impact tree growing efforts

Forests purify the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, prevent soil erosion, act as an important buffer against climate change, habitat for animals and plants, provide us with food and medicine, source of tourism and are used for recreation, religio and cultural practices. Let's protect forests for our wellbeing.