

Brief Summary on Malawi

Overall, the period from April 2019 to August 2020 was difficult in the implementation of planned activities for both the Lake Chilwa and Mount Mulanje Biosphere Reserves; and the Man and Biosphere National Committee. The activities which were planned were either rescheduled or postponed several times because of the restrictions which came about as a result of **COVID 19**. There was a rise and fall in **COVID 19** cases hence frequent changes of the government restrictions which made the planned meetings of the Man and Biosphere National Committee to be either rescheduled or postponed several times several times.

Lake Chilwa Biosphere Reserve:

- Sensitization on COVID 19 was done amongst communities living in the buffer zone and transitions in the areas surrounding the Lake Chilwa Biosphere Reserve
- Fishing patrols on the lake.
- Annual bird counting activities
- Tree planting
- Environmental education
- Implementation of various projects in the BR

Mount Mulanje Biosphere Reserve:

- Regular maintenance works; fire break maintenance with community groups
- Tree planting by out of school youths from various nurseries in their communities
- Regular maintenance of the site
- Mount Mulanje Porters Race; Every year on the second Saturday of July, about 500 runners, 60 marshals, 20 rescue team & first aiders participate in the race. The event attracts over 5000 spectators including business persons, artists, guides, craftsmen and government officials. The year 2021 this was not held
- Mount Mulanje Hike -National event being organized from August 27 to August 29, 2021. Will include a hike on Mount Mulanje, storytelling sessions, music sessions and a hike. The event is being supported by hotels, media houses and other businesses.
- Pictures below highlight activities related to MMBR

AUG 27 - 29 2021

SAVING MOUNT MULANJE *Hike*

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ON A HIKE TO SAPITWA

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