

## **FARMERS FIELD DAY ON 20/2/2009 AT SAGANA AQUACULTURE CENTRE**

### ***Theme: Enhancing Fish Farming Production through Appropriate Fish Feeding Practices***

Sagana Aquaculture Centre as a key BOMOSA Project hub organised the field day as part of feeds dissemination event. Feeds formulation and preparation was used as dissemination materials.

A total of 340 fish farmers graced the field day occasion.

BOMOSA feed formulation and preparation technology was well displayed and explained to farmers. This provided an ample time and opportunity for BOMOSA technology uptake.

The theme emphasized fish feeding as a key component of successful fish farming. Fish feed is usually the largest operational cost of growing fish in aquaculture - greater than 50% of the total variable costs. Based on this, delivering the feed to fish at the right time, in the correct form, and in the right amount is necessary for optimal growth and cost implications. This formed the basis of the theme.

The field day brought an insight to farmers and stakeholders on the need to look for locally available feed ingredients.

The minister was very much impressed by the feeding initiative and encouraged farmers and other stakeholders to move onto the direction of feed formulation and processing in consultation with Sagana Aquaculture centre.

The use of an automatic feeder provided the opportunity to deliver feeds to fish with minimum wastage. This encouraged the minister to put emphasis on the usage of automatic feeders.



Minister for Fisheries development signing visitors' book



Minister for Fisheries development being shown feeds ingredients by Mr. Mbaluka



Minister for Fisheries development being shown feed processing by Mr. Mbaluka



Minister for Fisheries development sampling dried feed



Minister being briefed on operations of automatic feeders by Mr. Mbaluka



Fishing demonstration to minister for Fisheries development



Fisheries Development Permanent Secretary addressing the farmers



Minister for Fisheries development addressing farmers