

Planting Fruit Trees campaign

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Campaign summary

- **Location:** Malawi, Africa
- **Type of trees:** we are focusing mainly on Guava and Papaya fruit trees, as well as trees for firewood like Senna Siamea, Pine and Blue Gum
- **Who benefits:** poor Malawian families benefit from the trees both for income generation and to provide both fruit and firewood for their own consumption
- **Working with:** our friends at Ripple Africa



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Community effort results in charcoal confiscation

- 95% of the population in Malawi cook using wood or charcoal. Wood for charcoal production is almost without exception harvested illegally. Across much of Malawi, demand for firewood and charcoal is driving deforestation.
- Choma Hill Forest Conservation committee members, with support from the Forestry Department, mounted roadblocks and confiscated 102 bags of charcoal and 36 push bikes in two joint operations.
- The local communities are keen to protect their forests, and such confiscations send a powerful message to the charcoal producers.

*2nd joint effort:
confiscation of 42
bags of charcoal
and 14 bikes*

