

## Campaign tracker: the story so far

- **Fruit trees planted in January – March 2009 period: 13,021**
- **Total fruit trees planted so far: 56,205**
- **Location: Malawi, Africa**
- **Type of trees:** we are focusing on **Guava** and **Papaya** trees, both of which grow quickly and provide abundant fruit. Guava trees grow in 4-5 years whilst Papaya trees grow in 2-3 years
- In association with our friends at **Ripple Africa**



## Focus: Deforestation is still a huge problem

The Malawians, like many other Africans, have an urgent need to set fire to almost all forests in the belief that it will improve agriculture in the following year.

Farmers indiscriminately cut down trees and set fire to them where they have fallen.

The problem is that only the top soil is fertile - and this is inevitably quickly washed away from the steep slopes once the trees have been cut down and cleared.

Although not the entire solution, growing new fruit trees helps to educate communities about trees and their economic value.

**This farmer cleared and burnt  
between five and 10 acres of  
forest in just three months**

