

Project Update: July 2012

In the framework of the present project sampling protocols have been elaborated based on experience from the field work. English and French versions have been provided to the different conservation projects in Cameroon, Central African Republic and Republic of Congo for further distribution. A feeding plant field guide will be finalised within the next few weeks. Besides, two bays have been excluded from this project due to the high pressure of poachers and logistic constraints. Several times our field team informed the park management of the presence of poachers in the national park. Camera traps have been employed altogether for approx. 28 weeks providing more than 64,000 photos. The analysis of these photos has started regarding species detected at each bay as well as their respective activity pattern. During field missions' local assistants have been further trained in the use of camera traps, GPS and the Thuraya satellite phone.



Bongo antelope detected by camera-trap.