

Project Update: December 2012

The third term's theme was "Joint Approach to Conservation of Endangered Species, Especially the Rhino", in commemoration of World Rhino Day. Themed posters were distributed at each school.

Since July 2012, monitors have been filling in data sheets recording species of interest they see during their day to day activities. Invertebrate sampling commenced in the third term, with 10 pitfall traps set at each school to catch terrestrial invertebrates. The monitors, with the help from their teachers, collect and preserve the specimens weekly and samples are forwarded to the Natural History Museum in Bulawayo for identification monthly. This will continue for the duration of the wet season.

To measure the impact of the programme on their knowledge and behaviour towards biodiversity and conservation, monitors filled in a progress evaluation questionnaire. The results will be compared with the baseline information collected before the commencement of the programme.

