

Project Update: March, 2016

1. I have habituated two bands of southern gelada (one living within the park and the other living outside the park in the fragmented area) to study their behavioural ecology before the actual data collection period. I habituated those bands, practised the accuracy of behavioural data collection, and trained field assistants in the first 3 months before I have started the actual work.
2. I collected ecological and behavioural data (feeding ecology, ranging pattern, time budgets, and habitat use) from the habituated study bands of southern geladas in the last months. This study on the behavioural ecology of southern geladas from the two bands is still in progress in each month.
3. I have conducted pilot study to evaluate the applicability of questionnaire in the study region. After I refined the questionnaires, I am conducting the actual questionnaire survey on human-wildlife conflict of the southern geladas. I am also doing awareness creation among local communities in each occasion.
4. Finally, I have bought field equipment sleeping bag, mattress, digital camera, binocular and GPS in which I am now using for the study.



Selam band and livestock grazing together on the same field, in the middle my assistant



Tikura band during feeding in the afroalpine ecosystem (inside the park)



Tikura band during grooming and resting period



Tikura band in the buffer zone of the park



Zewdu during recording behavioural ecology from Selam band that lives in the fragmented habitat (outside the park)



Zewdu during the preliminary questionnaire survey with a local farmer