

Project Update: March 2014

1. We trained and involved six people practically, two Wolf Ambassadors (elected from the local community and representing Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Programme (EWCP) in their local area) for 15 days and four scouts of Borena Saynt National Park (BSNP) for 5 days, on small mammal survey, Ethiopian wolf scat collection, wolf monitoring techniques and actual predation recording system in January, 2014.



One of wolf ambassadors on wolf monitoring



Wolf ambassadors & scouts after training

2. We have conducted successfully dry season live rodent trapping in eight grids, captured and marked 344 small mammals and from these 80 of them recaptured and released in February 2014.



Girma marking trapped rodent



Girma on wildlife monitoring

3. We have started collecting wolf droppings from the Afroalpine ecosystems of south Wollo highlands using Wolf Ambassadors to study diet and foraging strategy of Ethiopian wolves.

4. We established actual predation recording and reporting system around BSNP using the trained Wolf Ambassadors and scouts to generate data for our human wildlife conflict study.

5. We have conducted wildlife sighting at south Wollo highlands to know wildlife of the area



Girma conducting wildlife sighting among sighted wildlife in Afroalpine ecosystem

6. We have also conducted pilot pre-interview survey to check the questionnaires accuracy and efficiency in eliciting the required data, on local socio-economic potential, attitude towards wildlife and human-wildlife conflicts.