

## Project Update: December 2014

The Elliotti Project is doing great! Hundreds of chimpanzee nests have been found in Kom-Wum forest reserve and several species of monkeys have been seen and heard. I will send Rufford a new report within two weeks.

I am contacting you today in order to let you know I have received a grant from Waitt Foundation. This grant of \$7810 will help us pursuing our work all over the region. Actually, we have extended our fields for several reasons: the forest being not restricted to the boundaries of Kom-Wum, most of the work we have been doing so far was done outside of the forest reserve, where the forest is still virgin, dense, and rich in primates (*pers. obs*). In addition, in order to understand better the migrations of chimpanzees between the communities, we need to 'fill the gaps' and explore areas we first did not think about (i.e. Balikumbat which could be within the seasonal migrations of the chimpanzees coming from Awing).

All that being said, this new grant comes at the perfect time as we are collecting much data, which brings us much hope on the remaining populations of chimpanzees in the region. I am even seriously thinking in conducting my PhD in Kom-Wum forest reserve to study thoroughly the ecology and behaviour of *Pan troglodytes ellioti*.

