

Project Update: December 2014

The first phase of the project has gone very well. We managed to do all targeted work before the rains began. We have walked all 25 transects in the park and all baobabs have been marked with a GPS. The majority of the work in the 5 km buffer around the park has also been done. We had a small set back in this area as we realised that Ausward needed to have a motorbike in order to be able to reach all the required areas. However, both the eastern and western areas were covered, there is just a small area to the north left which will be done after the rainy season. Information sheets about the project have been distributed to four schools at present. More schools will be identified during the next field trip. We are now finalising data entry and will begin to prepare the distribution maps. The next phase will be the search for nests which will commence from mid-February 2015 when the rains would have reduced to allow easy access to some parts of the park. This will continue until April 2015.

