

Project Update: June 2015

Zacharie Bekokon, senior field assistant with the Ebo Forest Research Project (EFRP), received 4 weeks of fieldwork training in February 2015. He learned how to conduct structured questionnaires and to survey birds using acoustic recorders. We successfully conducted a number of trial questionnaire sessions with former hunters working with the EFRP, allowing us to refine the methodology.

From March to May 2015, Zacharie travelled to villages around the Ebo forest and successfully administered over 800 questionnaires. This is a fantastic result and will allow us to conduct a detailed analysis. It is now the wet season in Cameroon and further questionnaire work has been postponed until later in the year when travel will become easier.

The next stage of the project will be to conduct bird surveys throughout the Ebo forest, allowing us to estimate population densities of species that are considered vulnerable to hunting.



Ebo Forest Research Project field assistant Zacharie Bekokon surveying birds using an audio recorder



Robin Whytock (far right), Zacharie Bekokon (second from right) conducting trial questionnaires with former hunters now working with Ebo Forest Research Project