

Project Update: November 2015

In July 2015, field assistant Zacharie Bekokon took a welcome break from administering questionnaires and began bird survey work inside the proposed Ebo National Park. Based at the Bekob Research Station in the northern part of the forest, he has been conducting vantage point surveys from hill tops to record raptors, hornbills, parrots and other birds known to be exploited for food and medicinal purposes. We hope to use this data to estimate population densities for vulnerable species and to generate baseline data that can be used to monitor population trends in the long term. In December 2015, Zac will return to some of the villages where he conducted questionnaire work and hold group discussions with local chiefs and hunters. We hope that these meetings will allow us to learn more about the economic and cultural importance of birds for people living in the Ebo forest region.



Field assistant Zacharie Bekokon preparing for fieldwork in the village of Nogmen Nord at the periphery of the proposed Ebo National Park