

## Project Update: April 2015

For the last few months, I have been laying the groundwork for my research at Gorongosa National Park, Mozambique. I have been purchasing equipment, applying for visas and permits, and coordinating travel. These logistics have been facilitated by my colleagues at the park, with whom I am developing a collaborative relationship. Critical initial tasks included purchasing a Ford Ranger pick-up truck for my fieldwork, and hiring a research assistant—Mateus Dapitaia, a member of a local community with language skills in Portuguese, English, and Sena. I have also continued to seek additional funding and have purchased a total of 18 camera traps, which I will set up around the park to examine wildlife behavior and distribution around human settlements.



Gorongosa National Park rangers pose next to our new (secondhand) project vehicle, a 2011 Ford Ranger pick-up.