

Project Update: November 2015

For the last 2 months, I have entered a slightly less exciting part of the research than fieldwork—data entry and analysis! But this is a very important and critical component to the project, after so much effort collecting data over several months.

All data on wildlife observation and flight behaviour is now entered in a spreadsheet, and I am preparing analyses on habitat selection, demography, and behaviour across ungulate species. The spatial data on plant communities in the park's road network is also entered and ready to be mapped, which will inform habitat selection analyses. I am also currently in the process of entering all of the data from camera trap photos into a spreadsheet. For anybody interested in helping out with this process, you can identify photographs of wildlife from camera traps at Gorongosa National Park at this website: <http://www.wildcamgorongosa.org>.

I am looking forward to finalising my analyses and producing reports to share with the Gorongosa Restoration Project team, and discussing how my results can inform ongoing and future conservation and research efforts in the park.



A rare armadillo sighting, from a camera trap at the community of Muanza-Baixo.