

Project Update: March 2016

From January to March 2016, Alain Senghor K. Ngute, together with Victor Cedric Djoussé (postgraduate research student) and field guide (Keran Sevidzem) carried out ecological and bird survey works inside the Mbam hills forest area. Moving round the various villages bordering the Mt Mbam forest, we have been conducting point count and Mackinnon's lists surveys to record bird species constituting the avifauna of the area, along with data on the habitats and other ecological factors. We hope to use this data to generate diversity and distribution information about the avifauna of the site, to estimate quantitative population status and densities for species of global conservation concern and to generate baseline data that can be used to monitor their population trends in the long term. Keran Sevidzem the field guide from local community (former hunter and harvester of medicinal plant) has received a full month of training in bird survey and basic ecological data collection. In May 2016, we will return to collect data for rainy season session.

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A Bannerman's turaco (EN), feeding on a fig tree



Fire was very recurrent, threatening savannah and nesting species



Alain Senghor and Keran Sevidzem, the field guide from local community



A francolin's nest (most species were in their breeding period)



A yellow-breasted boubou (LC), also endemic to the area