

Project Update: January 2016

This project started on 10th October 2015 after completing the necessary preparation. However, we spent the first 3 months (October, November and December) reading literature, conservation policies and talking to key stakeholders and other conservation experts. Working on these things in the aforementioned period (prior to starting fieldwork) helped us avoid the influence of the country's 2015 general election activities and make sure that villagers will not by any means associate politics with what we are doing.

We have now started household surveys (January, 2016). In collaboration with Ugalla Game Reserve Project Office, we have prepared an exhaustive list of study villages. We are expecting to survey at least 500 households by the end of the fieldwork. Likewise, focus group discussions will be conducted with participants in the selected villages.

Further details on the project including pictures of the project activities will be provided in the second progress report.