

Project Update: August 2016

Our fire management project, Atiala Salama, added new monitoring patrols during the wet season twice a week by three communities, resulting in the area being monitored 6 days a week year round. Teams have found that the firebreak we created last year prevented a large fire from entering our monitoring zone. However, small fires started within the monitoring zone impacted some of the forest. In July 2016, we built more firebreaks to help mitigate the impact of fires within our monitoring zone. In April and May 2016, residents of the communities assisted our project by volunteering to repair the only road into the area so that we could more easily bring equipment to build the firebreaks. Monitoring will continue through the rest of the year, more firebreaks will be built, and we plan to host a responsible fire day later in the year to reduce uncontrolled fires within the park.

