

## Project Update: November 2017

### 1. Photos at different events and field activities



Awareness creation events by conservation clubs at school at the end of academic year



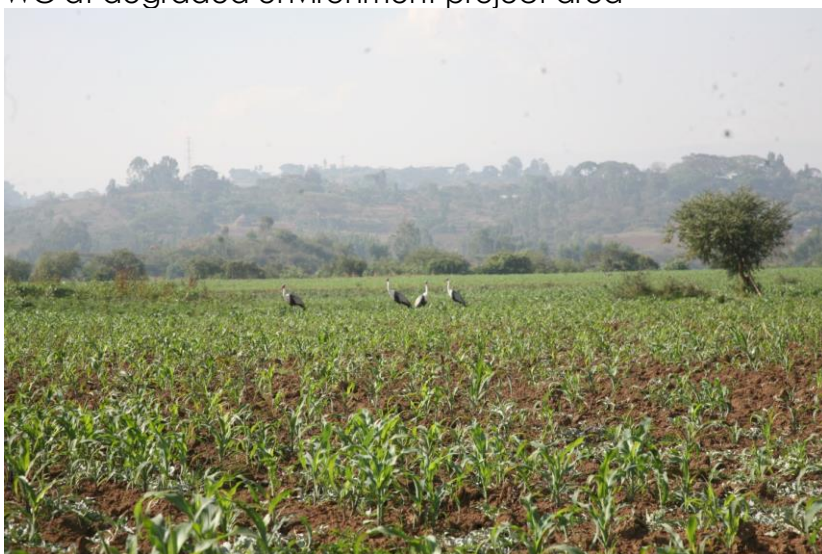
WC breeding pair



Flood problem prone breeding site



WC at degraded environment project area



Groups of WC in maize field project site

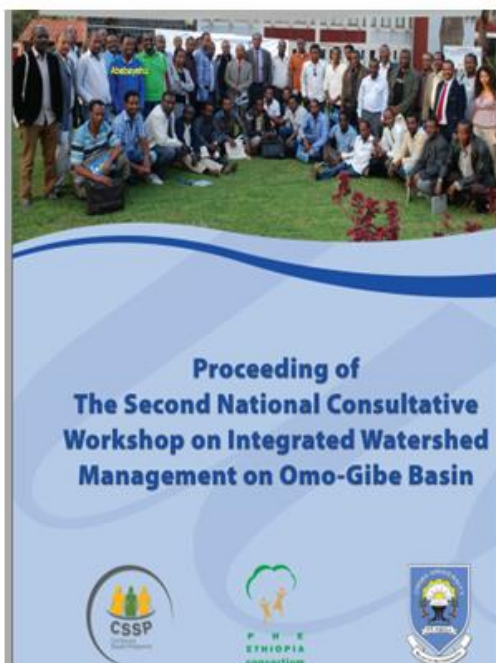




WC pair flying to other area project site

## 2. Conservation results and experience sharing

**National level:** Beside, sharing the project results to the local community we have shared the results and to national level. As our project site is located in Omo-Gibe Basin, I am invited to share our project experiences and present review on the workshop. The presented paper was published in proceeding (see the snapshot attachment below), which is available online ([www.phe-ethiopia.org/pdf/JU%20PHE%20proceeding%20final%20design.pdf](http://www.phe-ethiopia.org/pdf/JU%20PHE%20proceeding%20final%20design.pdf)) and the hardcopy also distributed to different library in the country.



### 2.4.3 Review on the Roles of Wetlands in Sustainable Watershed Management

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Abebayehu Aticho stated that in the past several decades, wetlands are considered as wastelands & breeding sites of malaria. Thus, wetland deranges and conversion to other land use type is highly appreciated in many parts of the world. Globally professionals consistently argued that wetlands are "Kidneys of the earth" which purifies water and detoxifies wastes by their special filtering capacity. In Ethiopia, it was estimated that the wetlands are available in various regions with the highest proportion in Gambela region (7.73%) and the least proportion in Tigray region (0.16%) (Table 2).

**Table 2 Distribution and proportion of wetlands in Ethiopia**

Regions	Total area (ha)	Wetlands %
Gambella	3,203,280	7.73
Amhara	15,764,744	2.74
SNNPRS	11,064,200	1.38
Afar	9,526,567	1.38
Oromiya	35,961,996	1.11
Somali	29,151,596	0.86
B.S/Gumuz	5,033,592	0.45
Tigray	5,085,784	0.16

Wetlands give several environmental services including socio-economic services, water supply, retaining biodiversity, recreation and education, and siltation control. Managing the wetlands can help to minimize the erosion problem upstream position and the siltation problem in downstream areas. The proportion of wetlands is very high in the GG catchment. Hence, there is huge opportunity to minimize the sediment load towards the dam by managing the wetlands in the catchment.

**Africa Level:** The project results and experiences are shared with different individuals and organizations working on crane and wetland (African Crane Conservation Program) in various African countries. First page of one-month update is attached below as reference/sample. This helps my team to learn from others experiences and share our local experience to them.

## Strengthening community capacity to undertake Wattled Crane and its habitat conservation in Boye Wetland Complex, Jimma Ethiopia

Projects funded by



Monthly update to African Crane Conservation Programme : **October, 2017**

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### 1 General

#### *African Cranes, Wetlands and Communities*

- 1.2.1 Improved current population trends of cranes in sub-Saharan Africa.
- 1.2.2 Improved breeding success for all four crane species at project sites.
- 2.1.1 Improvement in protected area status (country specific) for at least 5 important crane sites.
- 2.2.1 Improved ecosystem services in at least 5 sites important to cranes.
- 2.3.1 Wetland extent is maintained for at least 5 sites important to cranes.
- 3.1.1 A reduction in the unsustainable use of natural resources by communities, across at least 5 sites important to cranes
- 3.1.2 Shifts in livelihood practices to those that utilise and increase the value that communities place on ecosystem functioning, across at least 5 sites important to cranes.

### 2 Ethiopia

#### 3 Southwest Ethiopia (Jimma area)

- in the last two months we have monitored Wattled Crane population at project sites
- provide training to community on alternative livelihoods of wetland habitats in stead of converting

**International:** we have shared local experiences and project results to International Crane Foundation (ICF) among the shared results are reports and poem. A poem prepared for conservation awareness creation by conservation club was translated from local language to English and shared for outdoor banner exhibition in Baraboo (USA). The permission letter signed and sent to ICF attached below. Further we have uploaded short video on breeding pair at YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mK3xcqtCOsc&feature=share>

## Review on the Roles of Wetlands in Sustainable Watershed Management

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Thank you for your submission to *Poetry in the Prairie*. Please read the following information carefully, add your name, title of work (if applicable) and the date to the appropriate portions of this document and return by email to [poetry@savingcranes.org](mailto:poetry@savingcranes.org).

This form must be completed and e-mailed to the International Crane Foundation (ICF) for immediate use by June 5, 2017.

I, Abebayehu Aticho hereby submit the poem entitled: Save cranes in nature and give permission for this poem to be used as follows:

To be entered into the *Poetry in the Prairie* Competition; and

To be published/shared on the International Crane Foundation Facebook page for consideration in the People's Choice Award,

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And to use my winning entry to promote *Poetry in the Prairie* through their social media, website, and print media through December, 2017;

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