

Project Update: May 2017

Based on the planned activities and time for the project I went for field data collection and carried out the following activities:

- i) In addition to the 60 *Eucalyptus* plantations selected in the former project 10n additional plantations have been selected using Google earth and their real presence have also approved;
- ii) The ages of additional plantations have been estimated from aerial photographs already purchased for the first round project;
- iii) The draft questionnaires prepared to study the farmers' perspective have been tested and some will be revised and will be ready for interview;
- iv) Data (i.e. number of stems, diameter and height) of the *Podocarpus* and *Juniperus* trees in newly added plantations have been recorded. Additionally the *Eucalyptus* trees growth variables have been recorded.



Retained trees of *Podocarpus falcatus* in an agricultural landscape around Chilimo natural forest, Oromia, Ethiopia. Photo © Habte Telila.



Retained tree of *Juniperus procera* in an agricultural landscape around Chilimo natural forest, Oromia, Ethiopia. Photo © Habte Telila.