

Project Update: January 2018

In August 2017, we made preliminary visit to interact with local stakeholders including traditional leaders, volunteers and hunters and formally introduced the project to them. Our interaction with hunters indicate that the peak of hunting is around late dry season (March) a period coinciding with nesting season of the species. Due to high water levels in the forest, reconnaissance survey was put on hold. We returned for both reconnaissance and main field surveys in January 2018. Although accessibility was easier, most of the areas remained flooded which made movement challenging. We managed to cover 3.1km and directly sighted seven dwarf crocodiles. However, we recorded a lot of indices including burrows, feeding signs and faeces indicating we might have missed a lot of individuals due to noise generated as we walk through water. We plan to return for fieldwork in March 2018 and concurrently undertake awareness campaigns till June 2018,



Left: Field survey at Anwiafutu. Right: Team leader, Emmanuel Amoah during a fieldwork at Anwiafutu.



Left: West African dwarf crocodile spotted at Anwiafutu. Right: West African dwarf sighted during night survey at Anwiafutu.