

## Project Update: December 2021

During the period under review, I and the research team managed to conduct a questionnaire survey in three villages, Mkongoro, Mwamgongo, and Bugamba. About 1200 respondents were involved in this survey. This makes a total of 2800 respondents from seven villages, which are Mkongoro, Mwamgongo, Bugamba, Mtanga, Mgaraganza, Chankele, and Bubango.

The survey intended to collect information from the villagers about general knowledge of the area, general understanding of the village natural resources regulation, their opinions on common conservation challenges in their area, opinion on the performance of village land forest reserves, any benefits accrued from the forest, and boundary issues.

I am currently done with both surveys i.e., vegetation plot survey and questionnaire survey for all seven villages.

I am currently working on the data entry and prepare tables for analysis.



Research team travelling along the Lake Tanganyika using a boat going to camp in one of the lakeshore villages within the Greater Gombe Ecosystem.



Greater Gombe Ecosystem has complex terrain. The picture shows some of the research team members climbing the hills in searching for the location to set a vegetation plot.



One of the views of the forest patch in the Bugamba village land forest reserve.