

Project Update: July 2018

Project Update for Activity 3: Restoring disturbed or compromised habitat

This activity ran for 7 months from November 2017 to May 2018 and the key input was collaboration with farmers to propose, develop and implement viable land and forest restoration practices. The aim here was to take action that will give bats desirable habitat conditions and sustain the outcome of the previous activities.

Methodology

This activity was carried out through educational campaigns to highlight the importance of habitat restoration and viable bat ecologies. The campaigns were reinforced by some important actions on key biodiversity areas; namely:

- i. Development of farmers' capacity to implement bat-friendly farming practices by creating forest buffers on the fringes of farmlands alongside crops. The training was given to members of the task force from the Bat Conservation Club, who subsequently trained target farmers.
- ii. Planting of trees in the key biodiversity areas by famers, volunteers and members of the community.



Left: Setting buffers on fringes of farmlands for bat-friendly farming. Right: Setting buffers on fringes of farmlands for bat-friendly farming, with bee hive as boundary.



Left: Land cleared to demarcate forest buffer area. Right: Nursery set up for planting of trees.



Task force from Bat Conservation Club ready to start tree planting.