

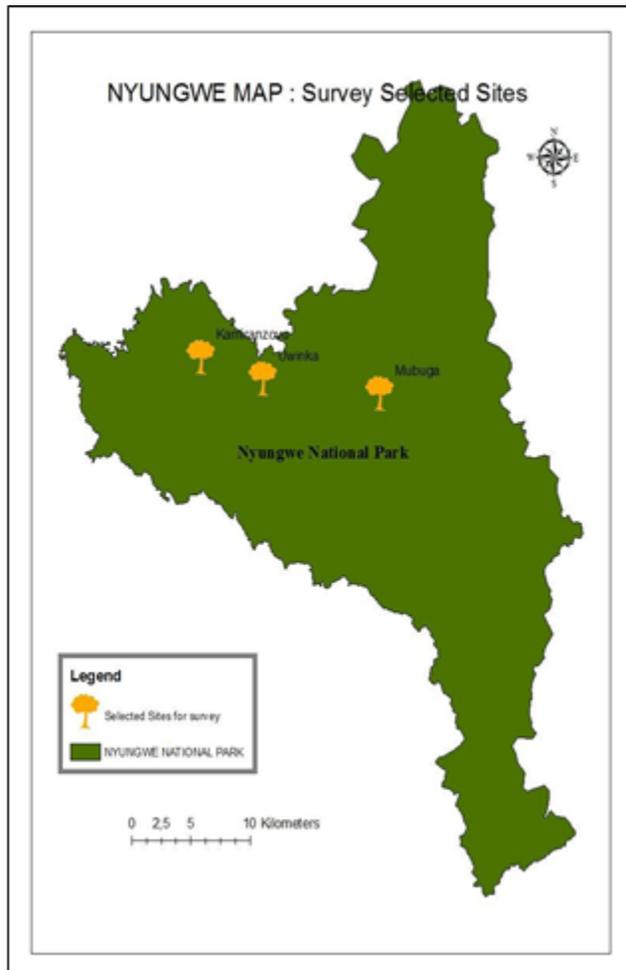
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After collecting data from communities adjacent to Nyungwe National Park by using interview for getting information on collective views of interviewees about the cause of the extinction of Elephants in Nyungwe national park, Rwanda, we are now carrying out survey in Nyungwe National Park in some areas mentioned in Interviews. The purpose of this survey is to see if there are some signs which can be seen still existing within the park. In addition to information from community interviews, these signs will be other evidence related to existence and distribution of elephants in Nyungwe National Park.

These activities are being carried out in some places chosen from many places mentioned in interviews as they can be seen on the map below.

For doing this survey, we are recceing through the forest using tracks used by poachers for searching additional evidences related to the existence of elephants in Nyungwe National Park. Currently we have started finding some signs that prove existence of elephants in different places into the park including elephants born scattered in the park.

The existence of these signs are confirming the community information related to their distribution in different areas in the park. After putting together all evidence and information, this will help to know, with the precision, their distribution of in Nyungwe as well as the types of habitat occupied by Elephants.



Map of selected sites for survey. By Daniel Niyonsaba.



These are elephants bones found along one site in Nyungwe National Park during forest survey in Mubuga Area. ©Daniel Niyonsaba.