

Project Update: December 2017

Rwanda Development Board (RDB) Tourism & Conservation, in collaboration with Center of Excellence in Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management (CoEB), have organised a research symposium that gathers research projects conducted in and around Rwanda National Parks. The symposium was held in Kigali, from 12th to 13th December, 2017 at Lemigo Hotel, Kigali.

I was invited to attend and present my research project " Perceptions of Local Communities about the Cause of the Extinction of Elephants in Nyungwe National Park , Rwanda" in this symposium as my research is going to be undertaken in Nyungwe National Park. I presented:

- Purpose of project.
- Problem statement.
- Methodology.
- Expected results.
- Significance of project.
- Conclusion.

The theme of this symposium was: research for evidence-based management.

The objectives of this symposium were:

- To provide a platform for park management to learn about research results and application to park management issues.
- To improve biodiversity conservation and tourists experiences through research,
- To help make park more effective, reduce conflicts between people and park /wildlife, and contribute to wellbeing of communities around national parks through research results as well as helping in identifying ecological gaps that will direct researchers' attentions for further diversification of researches.

I hope to present my final results from next symposium even if they didn't fix the dates for it. Here after I attached my photo during presentation as well as group photo of participants.

My presentation was much appreciated by participants and are looking forward for seeing final results from my research project.

