

Project Update: June 2018

The fieldwork for the project to understand the biodiversity and socio-economic (BISOEC) implications of large scale land acquisitions has been successfully undertaken. Students from the Copperbelt University were involved. Understanding the BISOEC implications involved and heavily depended on community members' experience of LSLAs in their area. Community members were not only interviewees, but they were also co-generators of knowledge of the BISOEC implications.

Using participatory rural appraisal approaches, this fieldwork has pioneered a micro-level; a community level understanding of BISOEC implications of establishing farm blocks in Zambia. Findings have been discussed with government officials, Ministry of Agriculture. Public talks have been held at the University of Zambia and the University of Lusaka to disseminate research findings. Inspired by the findings, one of the research assistants has decided to further research by doing his BSc Forestry thesis on the subject. He is required to give a presentation and defend his proposal and thesis at the University.



A public lecture at the University of Lusaka to disseminate fieldwork findings.



A talk to Development Studies MA students at the University of Zambia to disseminate fieldwork findings.