

## **Project Update: October 2018**

Following completion of field data collection in May 2018, I travelled to Germany to conduct data analysis and thesis writing. I was able to obtain an array of results and observations that will be useful for conservation work in the five forests that I sampled (I was able to sample one additional forest- South Nandi).

I am pleased to also inform you that on 21 September 2018, I successfully defended my research and I have since qualified with a MSc. Tropical forestry. (Technical University of Dresden). Findings from my field research in which Rufford generously funded, impressed my academic supervisor and I was awarded a good grade (1.2) from it. In the thesis write-up and presentation to audiences during the defence, I acknowledged Rufford Foundation accordingly.

I have since returned back to Kenya as planned and will now embark on compiling a report relevant to conservation of the forests, so as to avail it in November or latest December 2018 as per my project schedule.