

Project update: February 2021

This is the first progress report of an ongoing conservation research project in western Tanzania funded by The Rufford Foundation. The current phase aims to gain an understanding of the drivers of unauthorised behaviour in conservation and identify appropriate interventions. So far, we have conducted 580 household interviews and eight focus group discussions in eight villages close to Ugalla Game Reserve. We are currently doing data entry and preliminary analyses as we continue with fieldwork.



Left: Herd of buffaloes in Ugalla Game Reserve. Photo by Ugalla Reserve rangers, 2020. **Right:** Poacher shelter destroyed by rangers. Photo by Ugalla Reserve rangers, 2020.



Left: Data collectors at one of the ranger outposts, less than 500 metres from the Ugalla Game Reserve boundary. Photo by Ugalla Reserve ranger, 2020. **Right:** Data collectors pose for a group picture just before starting household surveys at one of the study villages. Photo by a villager, 2020



Enumerator asking questions about bushmeat hunting using the Unmatched Count Technique. Photo by a villager, 2020.