Project Update: July 2021

Activities:

26 July 2021

A 2-day visit was made to Sunmoge community and then to the forest through the river by canoe. Sunmoge residents were encouraged to continue to protect dragonfly species within their forest. Places where trees were planted during the previous activities were visited to supervise the level of development.

Many efforts were put in photographing dragonfly species this time with little focus on sampling. This is because much of the dragonfly species in the area has been identified from the previous project activities.

Rationale:

Visits to Sunmoge community was necessary to assess their level of behavioral change towards environmental protection following the capacity building during the project. Photos will be compiled and uploaded to the project website (www.ugwa.ng) currently under development.

Result:

The planted trees were found to be in good condition. The 22 dragonfly species where photographed (some of which are shown in Figure 1-5).

Milestone:

Project video available at <u>https://youtu.be/Z3w72ZbPQj0</u> came second place in the Worldwide Dragonfly Association virtual online meeting of 15th July 2021. The award is a sum of \$50 and a registration discount to the 2023 International Congress in Cyprus.



Figure 1. Rhyothemis notata



Figure 2. Palpopleura lucia (female)



Figure 3. Acisoma trifidum



Figure 4. Crocothemis erythraea



Figure 5. Thermochroria equivocate



Figure 6. Ekpah Ojonugwa on supervision of planted trees