

Final Evaluation Report

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1. Indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
To educate the local communities about primates and sustainable utilization of wildlife resources				Education was provided to the villagers and to students in schools.
To address human behaviour factors influencing human-primate conflicts in order to attain co-existence				Follow ups and continuous trainings are needed.
To educate farmers to farm more intensively and effectively in selected areas and spare more natural land on primate populations				Education was provided to farmers whose farms are bordering to Ntakata forest.
To promote planting of primates' unpalatable crops				Facilitation to obtain the unpalatable crop seeds (e.g., peppers, ginger, coffee, etc.) and setting demonstration plots is highly required.
To educate people of the dangers of wild primate meat consumption				Education was provided to the villagers and to students in schools.
To explore on the alternative sources of human livelihoods with the potential of promoting human primate co-existence and safeguarding Ntakata forest				Beekeeping, aquaculture, poultry farming, and timber tree planting were identified.
Project evaluation and dissemination of the project results				Monitoring & evaluation and dissemination of project results is continuous activity.

2. Describe the three most important outcomes of your project.

- a) Increased willingness of the local communities to participate and implement the recommended sustainable farming practices and growing of primate unpalatable crops.

- b) The project enhanced local community understanding on the alternative environmentally friendly income generating activities that can be practised mitigating human-primate conflicts and foster co-existence.
- c) Through provision of education and awareness raising, the local communities understood the effects of bushmeat consumption and promised to venture on activities that will supply them with alternative proteins e.g., poultry farming, goat and sheep rearing, aquaculture, etc.



Plate 1: Farmers after being taught on various aspects of wildlife conservation, sustainable utilization of natural resources, the possible dangers of consuming bushmeat, sustainable farming and various approaches to be adopted to mitigate human-primate conflicts.

3. Explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled.

We experienced a delay to implement the project activities. One of the reasons was a delay to obtain the project permit from the responsible authorities. The other reason was season based as we aimed to visit farmers during the wet season (i.e., for some activities we waited until wet season). Despite the delay, all the project activities were conducted and yielded the targeted outcomes.

4. Describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefited from the project.

The project involved the village officials, agricultural extension officer, villagers (i.e., local communities) and students/pupils in primary and secondary schools found within the project area. During the implementation of project activities, villagers and students/pupils were reached and trained on sustainable utilisation of natural resources, various approaches to mitigate human-primate conflicts and sustainable

farming practices. Moreover, were educated on the dangers of primate meat consumption. The project team was guided by the ward agricultural extension officer and the respective village chairman and village executive officer. Matters relating to wildlife conservation were taken care by the project team.

By involving the local communities in the project, it resulted to easy acceptance of the project and understanding of the aim of the project. Local communities benefited in many ways such as understanding of primates and sustainable utilisation of wildlife resources, dangers of consuming primate meat, approaches to mitigate human-primate conflict and foster co-existence, sustainable farming, alternative crops that can be cultivated that are unpalatable to primates, also, alternative livelihood options that can be practiced in their area especially in areas in close proximity to Ntakata forest (e.g., beekeeping, aquaculture, planting of coffee etc.)



Plate 2: A round table discussion with the local communities, as an approach to collect their views and then educate and raise their awareness on the theme of the project.



Plate 3: Secondary school students as young generations were also involved in the project.



Plate 4: Primary school pupils as young generations were also involved in the project.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes, there is a plan to continue this work particularly in the following aspects:

- Continue community education and awareness programmes to maintain a high level of understanding and support for primate conservation.
- Strengthen collaboration with local farmers and provide ongoing training and technical support to promote sustainable farming practices.
- Advocate for strict law enforcement and regulations related to hunting and illegal wildlife trade.
- Promote generation of income through eco-tourism activities and sustainable forest business like carbon credit.
- Establish a long-term monitoring and evaluation system to track the progress of human-primate co-existence initiatives and identify areas for improvement.

6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?

After completing monitoring and evaluation of the project, success stories will be shared to a wider community in the villages around Ntakata forest through organized meetings and workshops. Also, a comprehensive report will be prepared and shared to the general public.

7. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?

In the next step we aim to:

- Continue with community education through outreach programme and raise awareness among the local communities to maintain a high level of understanding of the approaches to mitigate human-primate conflict and enhance primate conservation.
- Identify more farmers whose farms are in close proximity to Ntakata forest, strengthen collaboration with the identified farmers, and provide further training and material/technical support to promote sustainable farming practices.
- Promote generation of income through eco-tourism activities in Ntakata forest and venture on sustainable forest business like carbon credit.
- Establish a long-term monitoring and evaluation system to track the progress of human-primate co-existence initiatives and identify areas for improvement.

8. Did you use The Rufford Foundation logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the Foundation receive any publicity during the course of your work?

The Rufford Foundation logo was used to all printed materials that related to the project (see plate 5).

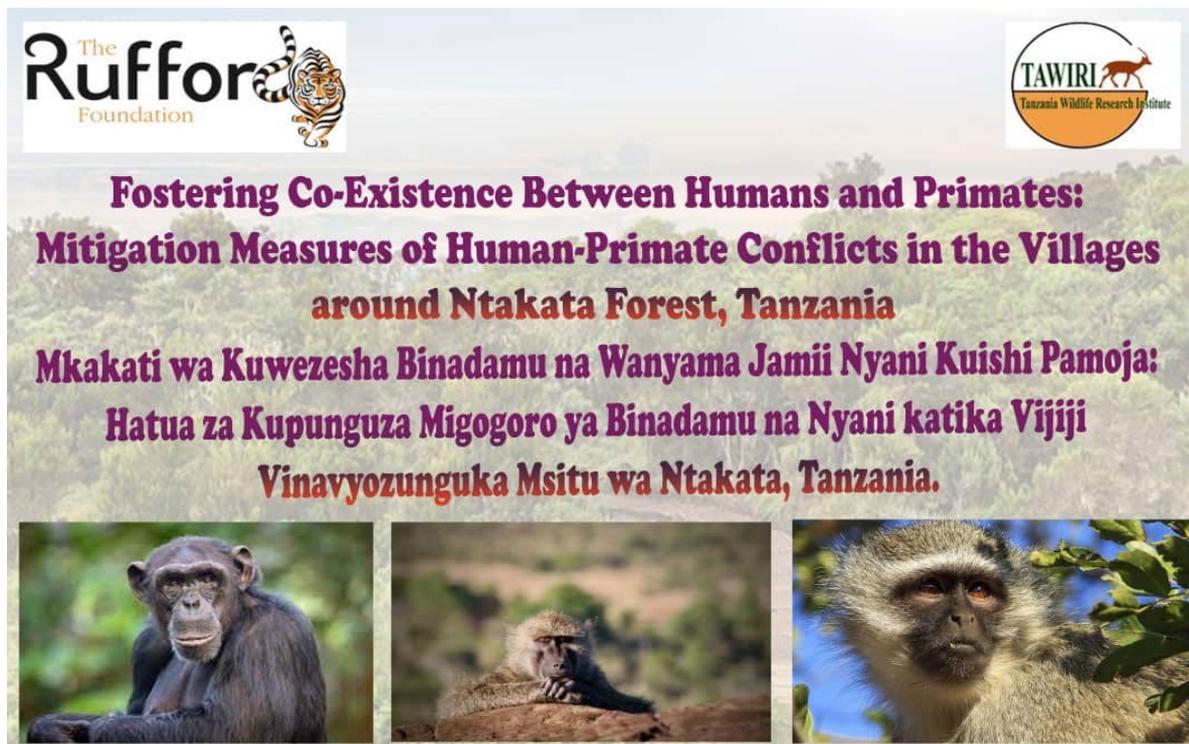


Plate 5: One of the printed project materials with the Rufford Foundation logo.

9. Provide a full list of all the members of your team and their role in the project.

Butati Nyundo: A project leader. His knowledge of the Ntakata area through working around the forest for over 9 years was of a great help. He participated in community outreach (to both the villagers and school children) and assisted in provision of environmental and conservation education.

Baraka N. Mbwambo: He played a role in provision of conservation education, primate conservation awareness and promoting human-primate coexistence.

Simula P. Maijo: He played a role in environmental and conservation education to raise local communities' awareness on primate conservation and addressing human behaviour factors influencing human primate conflict.

10. Any other comments?

We are thankful to The Rufford Foundation for sponsoring this project. As we propose to venture on the next plan about this work, we hope to continue working with The Rufford Foundation.