

Project Update: June 2009

Bunyala Rice Scheme, Muluwa, Muuri, Neboka, Bubasi, Munaka and Yala Swamp were surveyed. Other than the Bunyala Rice Scheme, this was to establish extent of poisoning. We also continued collecting data on poisoned birds.

We educated and shared the idea of vegetable farming with some poachers in exchange for poaching birds through poisoning and agreed that when I am field in July they will let me know on what they had discussed and their proposal.

Some outcomes of this project so far:

- Two trained scouts whose skills continue to improve with every survey.
- Through documenting the findings of this project on the blog <http://stopwildlifepoisoning.wildlifedirect.org/> and other advocacy work on bird poisoning with the pesticide Furadan, the manufacturer of the pesticide have withdrawn the supply of the pesticide to Kenya.
- Actual data on numbers of poisoned birds against the birds seen since February to June.
- We have some confidence with poachers and are able to exchange information with them about the dangers of the pesticide and get their side of the problem.



Left: Myself (Martin Odino) during the June 2009 survey. Right: Some poachers found with poisoned birds and with whom we held informal talks.