

RSG Project Update

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Title of Application: A Survey of Odonata and Reassessment of the distribution of the Endangered Yellow Waxtail damselfly (*Ceriagrion citrinum*) Nigeria

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From the 20th to 30th January 2026, Igele-Sunmoge was visited to develop the capacity of the residents to protect their forest in favour of the Endangered *Ceriagrion citrinum* as well as other species of Odonata. The activities began with a visit to the head of the village. It was learnt that the *Baale* (community head) who hosted the project team in the 1st Rufford grant had unfortunately passed away (Image 1). The project team met with Mr. Ajayi Adesina (Image 2) who is the new *Baale* and spoke with him about the project. He welcomed the idea and thanked the project team for the visit. Mr. Ajayi Adesina showed the project team an old document indicating an agreement with then government and the then people of the community about ownership of the area (Image 3). Afterwards, Ekpah Ojonugwa had the opportunity to interact with the residents including children showing pictures (Image 4) and reminding them of the information passed during the 1st Rufford grant. The team received encouraging feedback from the members of the community.

Navigating through the river and tributaries within the community, the quantity of solid wastes was measured. The people were then mobilized to clean up the environment after which they were assembled for the capacity building workshop (Image 5). Some members of the community were reached through a one-on-one conservation by the project team (Image 6). Tree planting followed after refreshment (Image 7 & 8). With the assistance of two rangers, Ekpah Ojonugwa sampled in Igele-Sunmoge village, extending to Omo forest reserve (Image 9). Odonata species recorded in the survey are listed in the appendix in Table 1. Among the species recorded, *Rhyothemis semihylina* is new record for the area while 2 individuals of *Oxythemis phoenicosceles* (Image 10) were found.

Media coverage of project activities can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gok4HabhJ3o>

Further information about Odonata of Nigeria can be found at

<https://www.researchgate.net/publication/396778573 Occurrence and distribution of Odonata Insect dragonflies and damselflies in Nigeria>

Appendix

Photos

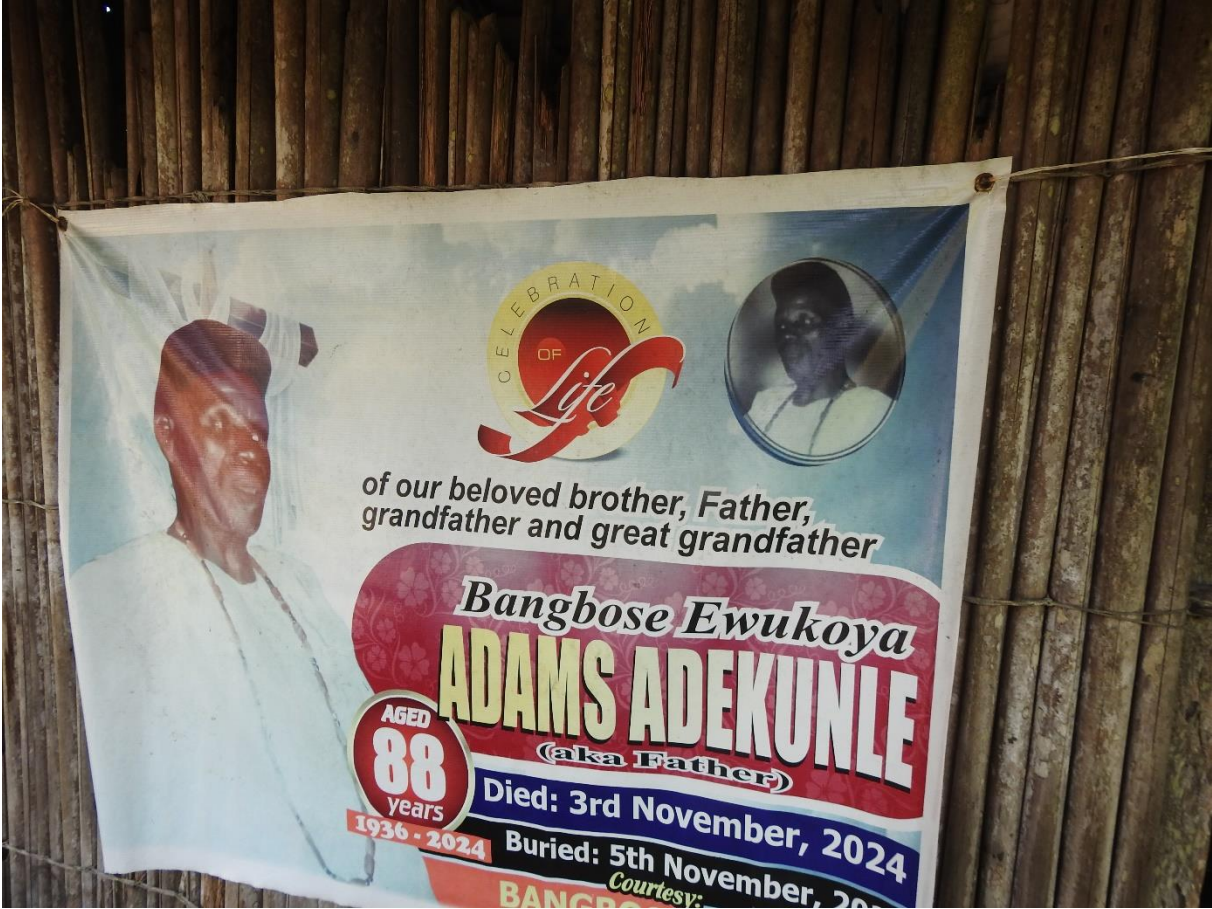


Image 1. Poster confirming the death of the *Baale* that hosted the 1st round of the Rufford grant project activities.



Image 2. Clifford Omonu and Ojonugwa Ekpah interacting with the *Baale* of Sunmoge and his wife.

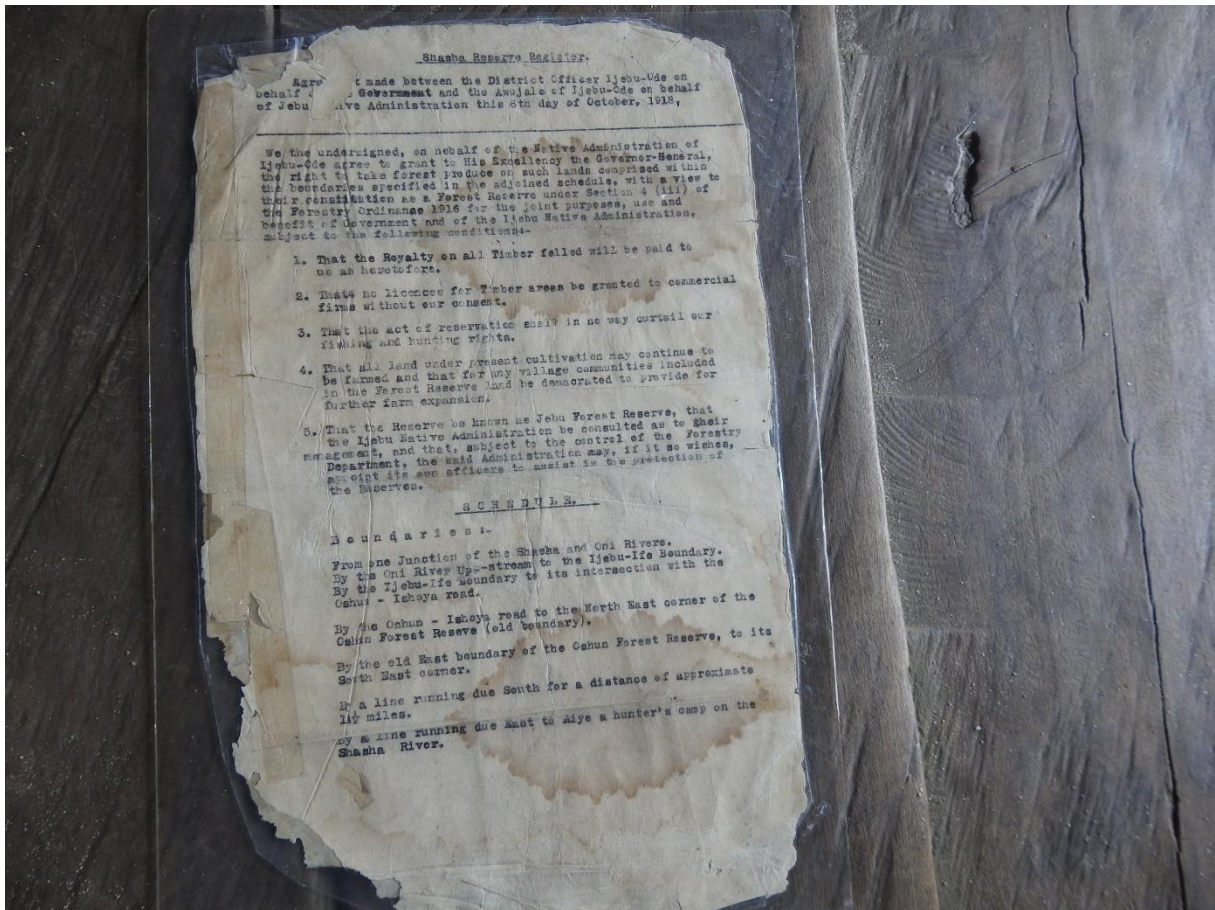


Image 3. Old document showing an agreement between the then inhabitants of Sunmoge and the then Government on land use.

Image 4. Ojonugwa Ekpah showing the children of Sunmoge pictures of dragonflies.
Photo credit: Clifford Omonu.

Image 5. Group picture after the capacity building workshop. Photo credit: Lukeman



Image 6. A member of the project team interacting with a resident. Photo credit: Ojonugwa Ekpah



Image 7. Tree planting exercise led by Ojonugwa Ekpah. Photo credit: James Adeniran



Image 8. *Baale* of Sunmoge planting a tree. Photo credit: James Adeniran



Image 9. Ojonugwa Ekpah identifying Odonata species. Photo credit: James Adeniran



Image 10. *Oxythemis phoenicosceles* Photo credit: Ojonugwa Ekpah

Table 1. Odonata species so far recorded from Sunmoge, Omo forest reserve and Oni, Ogun Waterside

Scientific name	where recorded
ZYGOPTERA Selys, 1854	
Calopterygidae Selys, 1850	
Phaon Selys, 1853	
<i>Phaon iridipennis</i> (Burmeister, 1839)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Sapho Selys, 1853	
<i>Sapho ciliata</i> (Fabricius, 1781)	Omo
Chlorocypha Fraser, 1928	
<i>Chlorocypha curta</i> (Hagen in Selys, 1853)	Omo
<i>Chlorocypha luminosa</i> (Karsch, 1893)	Omo
<i>Chlorocypha rubida</i> (Hagen in Selys, 1853)	Omo
Platycnemididae Yakobson & Bianchi, 1905	
Allocnemidinae Dijkstra et al. 2014	
Disparoneurinae Fraser, 1957	
Mesocnemis Karsch, 1891	
<i>Mesocnemis singularis</i> Karsch, 1891	Omo

Elattoneura Cowley, 1935	
<i>Elattoneura balli</i> Kimmins, 1938	Omo
<i>Elattoneura nigra</i> Kimmins, 1938	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Platycnemidinae Yakobson & Bianchi, 1905	
Copera Kirby, 1890	
<i>Copera sikassoensis</i> (Martin, 1912)	Omo
Coenagrionidae Kirby, 1890	
Agriocnemis Selys, 1877	
<i>Agriocnemis maclachlani</i> Selys, 1877	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Ceriagrion Selys, 1876	
Ceriagrion Selys, 1876 (glabrum-group)	
<i>Ceriagrion citrinum</i> Campion, 1914	Sunmoge
<i>Ceriagrion corallinum</i> Campion, 1914	Oni
<i>Ceriagrion glabrum</i> (Burmeister, 1839)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Ceriagrion Selys, 1876 (varians-group)	
<i>Ceriagrion rubellocerinum</i> Fraser, 1947	Omo
Pseudagrion Selys, 1876	
Pseudagrion Selys, 1876 (A-group)	
<i>Pseudagrion kersteni</i> (Gerstäcker, 1869)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
<i>Pseudagrion melanicterum</i> Selys, 1876	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Pseudagrion Selys, 1876 (B-group)	
<i>Pseudagrion glaucum</i> (Sjöstedt, 1900)	Sunmoge
<i>Pseudagrion hamoni</i> Fraser, 1955	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
ANISOPTERA Selys, 1854	
Aeshnidae Leach, 1815	
Afroaeschna Peters & Theischinger, 2011	
Gynacantha Rambur, 1842	
Gynacantha Rambur, 1842 (bullata/bispina-group)	
<i>Gynacantha bullata</i> Karsch, 1891	Omo
Ictinogomphus Cowley, 1934	
<i>Ictinogomphus ferox</i> (Rambur, 1842)	Sunmoge
Macromiidae Needham, 1903	
Phyllomacromia Selys, 1878	
<i>Phyllomacromia contumax</i> Selys, 1879	Sunmoge
Libellulidae Leach, 1815	
Acisoma Rambur, 1842	
<i>Acisoma inflatum</i> Selys, 1882	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
<i>Acisoma trifidum</i> Kirby, 1889	Sunmoge
Aethiothemis Martin, 1908	

<i>Aethiothemis incongruens</i> (Karsch, 1893)	Oni
Aethriamanta Kirby, 1889	
<i>Aethriamanta rezia</i> Kirby, 1889	Oni
Brachythemis Brauer, 1868	
<i>Brachythemis impartita</i> (Karsch, 1890)	Sunmoge
Bradinopyga Kirby, 1893	
<i>Bradinopyga strachani</i> (Kirby, 1900)	Omo
Chalcostephia Kirby, 1889	
<i>Chalcostephia flavifrons</i> Kirby, 1889	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Crocothemis Brauer, 1868	
<i>Crocothemis divisa</i> Baumann, 1898	Omo
<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i> (Brullé, 1832)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Cyanothemis Ris, 1915	
<i>Cyanothemis simpsoni</i> Ris, 1915	Sunmoge
Hadrothemis Karsch, 1891	
<i>Hadrothemis coacta</i> (Karsch, 1891)	Omo
Hemistigma Kirby, 1889	
<i>Hemistigma albipunctum</i> (Rambur, 1842)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Neodythemis Karsch, 1889	
<i>Neodythemis klingi</i> (Karsch, 1890)	Omo
<i>Neodythemis preussi</i> (Karsch, 1891)	Omo
Olpogastra Karsch, 1895	
<i>Olpogastra lugubris</i> Karsch, 1895	Sunmoge, Omo
Orthetrum Newman, 1833	
<i>Orthetrum chrysostigma</i> (Burmeister, 1839)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
<i>Orthetrum julia</i> Kirby, 1900	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
<i>Orthetrum stemmale</i> (Burmeister, 1839)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Oxythemis Ris, 1910	
<i>Oxythemis phoenicosceles</i> Ris, 1910	Sunmoge, Omo
Palpopleura Rambur, 1842	
<i>Palpopleura lucia</i> (Drury, 1773)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
<i>Palpopleura portia</i> (Drury, 1773)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Pantala Hagen, 1861	
<i>Pantala flavescens</i> (Fabricius, 1798)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Rhyothemis Hagen, 1867	
<i>Rhyothemis notata</i> (Fabricius, 1781)	Sunmoge
<i>Rhyothemis semihyalina</i> (Desjardins, 1832)	Sunmoge
Tetrathemis Brauer, 1868	
<i>Tetrathemis camerunensis</i> (Sjöstedt, 1900)	Omo
Thermochoria Kirby, 1889	
<i>Thermochoria equivocata</i> Kirby, 1889	Sunmoge

Tholymis Hagen, 1867	
<i>Tholymis tillarga</i> (Fabricius, 1798)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Tramea Hagen, 1861	
<i>Tramea basilaris</i> (Palisot de Beauvois, 1817)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Trithemis Brauer, 1868	
Trithemis Brauer, 1868 (annulata-group)	
<i>Trithemis arteriosa</i> (Burmeister, 1839)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Trithemis Brauer, 1868 (basitincta-group)	
<i>Trithemis aconita</i> Lieftinck, 1969	Sunmoge, Omo
Trithemis Brauer, 1868 (dorsalis-group)	
<i>Trithemis dichroa</i> Karsch, 1893	Sunmoge
Trithetrum Dijkstra & Pilgrim, 2007	
<i>Trithetrum navasi</i> (Lacroix, 1921)	Sunmoge
Urothemis Brauer, 1868	
<i>Urothemis assignata</i> (Selys, 1872)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
<i>Urothemis edwardsii</i> (Selys, 1849)	Sunmoge, Omo, Oni
Zygonyx Hagen, 1867	
<i>Zygonyx torridus</i> (Kirby, 1889)	Sunmoge
Zyxomma Rambur, 1842	
<i>Zyxomma atlanticum</i> Selys, 1889	Omo

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