

Project Update: May 2011

During the first term (March – May 2011) I conducted three main project activities, inception workshops, interviews and site identification. During the inception workshops (one in Kiwanja, DRC (with 50 stakeholders) and another in Rwenshama, Uganda (with 20 stakeholders), I introduced the project to the stakeholders and I explained its objectives and activities. The stakeholders have been very enthusiastic and supportive to the project. After the workshops, in March I conducted the interviews with local fishermen in Rwenshama fishing village (Ishasha River –Lake Edward) in Uganda as well as in Nyakakoma (Ishasha River –Lake Edward) and Vitshumbi (Lake Edward) fishing villages in DRC in May. With the advices from four experienced fishermen, we identified three potential tagging sites and eight potential recapture sites along the river, based on their accessibility and ecological characteristics. The fish tagging program is planned to start this second term (May-July) of the project.

