

Project title: Enhancing the conservation of a rapidly declining large frugivorous Forest bird in southeast Nigeria: The Yellow-casqued Hornbill *Ceratogynma elata*

Project update:

We had a meeting with the different community leaders in December 2024 to inform them about our project (Plates 1). During this period, the team started bird surveys using point count and Acoustic Recording Units (ARUs). So far, we have surveyed 6 communities (Aking, Abi-Obisu, Mkpot, Ntebachot, Okwango and Owom) using the point count method and 8 communities (Erokut, Abi-Obisu, Aking, Ekonag Anaku, Mkpot, Ntebachot, Okwango and Owom) using the ARUs. Also, we have administered semi-structured questionnaires (Plate 2) within eight communities surrounding the Cross River National Park.



Plate 1: Meeting with community leaders prior to start of project.



plate 2: Team member conducting interview during questionnaire administration.



Plate 3: Team member setting up the Song Meter to record species at one of the survey points.