

### Project Update: September 2013

The project started on 13th June 2013 after 3 days training of research assistants. We started with the survey of the abundance and distribution of poaching signs. The survey was done on paired walked transects, 3 km apart, along 15 randomly sampled roads. Each transect was 1.5 km long and placed perpendicular to the road. On each road we surveyed six pairs of transects. So far we have done 120 transects (i.e. 60 pairs of transects) on 10 roads. We encountered around 600 poaching signs. We further recorded the following: perpendicular distances from the centre of the transect to each poaching sign, type and GPS locations of poaching signs, and the distance from the road to the evidence of poaching. The fieldwork is on-going. We expect to finish the survey of poaching signs by mid-October 2013.



A section of a long animal barrier; wire snares were set under such barriers.



A shallow pond hand-dug by poachers



Bushmeat drying rack



Evidence of illegal logging activities



Research team discussing something at an old bushmeat poaching sign