

Project Update: July 2014

1. Using as an opportunity the visit of Dr Jorgelina Marino (my PhD supervisor from University of Oxford) to Bale Mountains Nation Park (the largest Afroalpine wolf range in Africa), I met her end of March 2014 and discussed together on my fieldwork both in office and field and she remarked as the project is progressing satisfactorily and suggested on activities we will focus in future.
2. From April to June we have conducted live rodent trappings in extra four grids (total 12 grids) in different microhabitats of the Afroalpine landscape under varied levels of livestock grazing.
3. We have started our attitude and human-wolf conflict survey which will continue intensively in the coming months both in north and south wollo zones in all districts bordering the Afroalpine ecosystem in (BSNP, Aboi Gara, Abune Yoseh) focusing on randomly selected households.
4. Our previous trained wolf ambassadors and scouts provided us regularly data on wolf monitoring, actual predation survey and wolf scat samples for lab analysis. But, we considered it seems difficult to collect enough wolf scat samples as we plan (collected 10 fresh wolf droppings in last 3 months) because the next months will be a rainy season, which makes wolf dropping collection and ecological field survey difficult in Afroalpine Mountains in Ethiopia.
5. Together with Ethiopian wolf Conservation programme (EWCP) in August 2014 we planned and communicated with stakeholders to organise environmental awareness training work shop for local community representatives and park experts (biologists). In this work shop we will also expect authorities from the regional park and wildlife conservation bureaux.

