## **Project Update: November 2014**

We held a preliminary consultation on 20th May 2014 with prominent Mushere people who are interested in conservation but reside in urban areas.

They encouraged us to make our approach through the chiefs as they are the gateway to their communities. They stressed the importance of sensitization of the entire community. In addition they spoke of the importance of finding alternative livelihoods especially for those that receive their livelihood from the forest.



Talitha Pam (in blue) with the Miskakam Mushere Pa Solomon Lekshak (in the red cap) and the lower chiefs.

A meeting was held on 7th July 2014 with His Royal Highness and the lower chiefs of his chiefdom at his palace.

The chief said he was 'over joyous for the purpose of the meeting'. He asked the chiefs if they knew who was coming to cut the timber and promised us that he would talk to his chiefs and get some answers. All the chiefs promptly endorsed the project.