

Project Update: August 2014

I would like to inform you that I have successfully carried out our first reconnaissance field trip to the study area. Site selection has been completed, and talking to key personnel was also successfully done. The Area Manager for Nyanga National Park, Mr Bepe has agreed to assist us, especially to engage local communities. Also, a Senior Ranger, Mr Kambeva, has been assigned to go with us to study sites. The Park Permit has been successfully acquired and our first sampling effort is scheduled for end of August-early September 2014. Field equipment is in place and we have successfully obtained most of the identification guides.

Currently, there was not much in terms of amphibian activity. However, we spotted a few crabs in rivers. The onset of the rains in November 2014 will mark amphibian breeding and peak activity.