## **Project Update: November 2015**

This weekend was a very exciting one for us, as my team and I were able to organise three successful capacity building workshops for all stakeholders in the Mafia C traditional area. Local communities in 10 selected areas also organised communal labour to weed around the planted tree in their respective Sacred Forest to increase survival rate by around 70%. So far the rains in the south-western portion of Ghana have been amazing and so have our trees, booming with fresh leaves every day. Partnership building and networking with relevant NGOs including CIKOD, Forestry Commission, Juaboso district Assembly, and Pals of the Earth for project implementation has been deepening through promotion of indigenous knowledge and providing organisational capacity development to indigenous institutions.

Next step will be focusing on developing and sharing community rights manual and simplified versions of relevant forest and wildlife policies with communities.



Left: Community durbar at Asempaneye Community. Right: Jerry facilitating at the workshop.



Left: Project team members with a pose with Mafia Chief. Right: Traditional leaders backed the project.