

## Project Update: February 2016

The camera trap survey in MBOMIPA wildlife management area was encouraging as 10 species of small carnivores (caracal, serval, wild cat, mongoose, bat-eared fox, black-backed jackal, genet, aardwolf, African civet and honey badger) were observed. Others included large carnivores (lion, leopard, and spotted hyaena), aardvark, elephant, tortoise, porcupine, and many more antelopes and birds. With those inspiring results, the challenges we have encountered during uninstalling cameras were spending more days in bush when the car stuck, grasses growing in front of cameras, falling down of cameras due to rubber weakening and poachers destroying one of our cameras. The next step is to set cameras inside the Ruaha National Park for data comparison between the two land uses. The results will help to raise awareness to local communities in 21 villages about the ecological, economic and social values of small mammalian carnivores found in their area.





Left to right: African civet, black-backed jackal, genet, caracal ear, and broken camera trap.