

Project Update: January 2016

After 1 month in Guinea-Bissau, most of the fieldwork is complete and data is currently being analysed. The remaining tasks regarding hunting impact evaluation on core areas used by black-tailed godwits and awareness actions in schools is still underway. To reach a broader audience, the team is using laminate handmade drawings to illustrate the life and migration story of the godwits, with the take home message: "A good rice-field is the one who has godwits and where birds return year after year". These actions are being warmly welcome by local communities, gathering not only children, but also current and older farmers. Our first impressions after some inquiries and working closely with villagers, is that conflicts between godwits and people are small. People are aware that godwits feed on rice, but are more worried about the impact that domestic animals (pigs, goats and cows) have on their crops."



Black-tailed godwits on the rice-fields of Guinea-Bissau. Photo by Sara Pardal



Education and awareness actions, involving local communities where done not only in schools but also during fieldwork. Photo by Jaime Ramos