

## Project Update: October 2017

The search for *Scotophilus nucella* in the Eastern region of Ghana began in June 2017. So far we are yet to record the species after two field trips. We have recorded 10 species of bats which three were new to two of our team members so it was an incredible experience for them. All sampled species however are present in Ghana. One vespertilionid bat which we suspect to be *Neoromicia* sp needs confirmation from our collaborators in Germany. We will send tissues samples to them after our field activities end. Abundance of the species has been good as we have recorded 55 individuals. Another activity that our project has embarked on was the capacity building for university students. We have trained 10 students in bat field experimentation. Our next field survey will be conducted late November 2017 and we are hopeful to sample at least one *Scotophilus* species as we are yet to record them at our study area. Nevertheless, the project has recorded the African yellow house bat, *Scotophilus dinganii*, in Kumasi during the capacity building for students. We were not expecting *S. dinganii* as it is closely associated with the savannah environments.



Students learning how to remove bats from mistnets



*Hipposideros cyclops* sampled in Eastern Region at Asanteman village



*Scotophilus dinganii* sampled during capacity building in Kumasi