

## Project Update: April 2017

The project is going on well, this is the second update. I have noted a lot of enthusiasm from the community alongside the project area especially from tour guides of Mida creek which is within the project area. They are coming to me with questions on bats regularly and I have been told of some of them starting to tell tourists of the importance of the mangroves to bats and bats to ecosystem and survival of the mangrove forests. This is great news to me because it shows that the public education we do is being put to use.

I have been doing trapping and I am also doing disturbance assessment in some of the mangrove patches. Please find attached three photos showing what we have been up to since I communicated last.



Left: A female *Rousettus aegyptiacus* captured by our nets. Middle: Beryl and her Field assistant Kadenge assessing disturbance in mangroves. Right: Community looking at how we took morphometric measurements of bats. © Beryl Makori