

Project Update: September 2016

In the last 2 months we went on two more fieldwork expeditions. In total, due to the extremely low reservoir water level and to logistical problems, we were able to sample 31 islands and seven continuous forest plots. We are going in the next days to the Balbina Dam again to resample points which the recordings were not good (due to rain, microphone lag and recorder lag) and try to reach other points that we were not able to reach in the first two expeditions. Until now, we had a great increase in the project cost: once almost all our ultrasound microphones broke (due to hard climate conditions they are exposed) and we had to buy six new microphones to continue the sampling. That increased the fieldwork time and consequently its cost. Despite this, the project is not committed and is respecting the schedule.



A group of *Rhynchonycteris naso* flying from the dead trees woods with forestal islands in the background.

Research group arriving in a continuous forest site.

