

Project Update: September 2016

Preliminary investigations confirm that most medicinal plants in Baringo County, Kenya are under threat due to overexploitation, selective harvesting and poor harvesting methods. This is detrimental to the survival of the species in the wild and has led to a decline of medicinal plants. We identified 50 medicinal plant practitioners who will be interviewed across the study areas and four market vendors are being sought to corroborate information on the medicinal plants. A clinical officer in one of the health centres will provide information on the diseases and conditions prevalent in the community. We have already sent authorisation request to the ministry of education office in the county to allow us involve pupils in the outreach activities. We are currently designing club's constitution for Nature Clubs.

Next activities:

- a) October 2016 – December 2016: interviews and administering questionnaires.
- b) January 2017 – April 2017: vegetation sampling season one.

