

Project Update: June 2017

- We have managed to show conservation films from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in all the five villages the project is reaching. The film had been attended by approximately 300 individual per village.



- We managed to train students and initiated tree nursery in three schools from the seven reached by the project. We train them different types of tree species that can grow in this area, how to make a seed bed and how to process different seeds ready to be planted.





- In collaboration and supervision from Oxford University and Imperial College of London, this May we have started our project evaluation with an MSc student in Conservation Science, Miss Annalyse Moskeland from Imperial College of London. The aim of the evaluation is to set a baseline information that will enable us to monitor the project intervention as it progresses and to improve our interventions. The evaluation programme will be conducted for 2 months.



- We have also managed to conduct an environmental class with one of the school, it has been difficult to have enough time with school students this month due to the national programme of school sports competitions that requires all schools to participate.



- On our day in the park programme this month, we have conducted it with Mpimbwe community leaders from village level to District level. This is because politicians and other civil workers are among very important stakeholders in our programme; they are the very influential people and decision makers in the communities we are working with. During the trip, the leaders had an opportunity to meet with the Katavi National Park Community Outreach warden and discuss various aspects of how communities bordering the park can benefit from the park and challenges that the park is facing the community and how they can collaborate with the park to address them, also receive a short presentation about the project objectives and future plans.