

Project Update: March 2017

The fieldwork was held from early January until mid-March 2017 at Gisovu site; Nyungwe National Park, Rwanda. This is the first research conducted at this site whose chimpanzees are being habituated. Some challenges were faced including the semi-habituation of these chimpanzees and this couldn't ease my first methodology which was "scan sampling" because when the chimpanzees saw us, they ran away because they were not familiar with either researchers or tourists because as I mentioned above no researches are being conducted there (mine is the first) and also the tourism is still in proposal. So, I generated a new idea of combining both direct (scan sampling) and indirect method (faecal sampling and remained food items) and it became super-efficient because I got enough data for my research project. Now I am done with field work and I am doing data clearing for further steps of my research.



My field assistant watching chimp's activity. Photo by Jeannette B.



NNP, Gisovu site view. Photo by Jeannette B.