

Project Update: July 2017

The second phase of this project consisted of competitions that were divided into two categories:

- 1) Mass games (football and volleyball) that were held in playgrounds and during which a message for the conservation of Nyungwe Forest National Park was transmitted to the audience
- 2) Essay writing and cartoons under the theme "Nyungwe, our beauty, our responsibility, our life" the reality in and around the park was described by students

I. Results for the competition

1. Football and Volleyball

	Football			Volleyball		
		Score	Award		Score	Award
Winner	Groupe Scolaire Saint Dominique Savio Karambi (GSK)	2 goals	2 balls Cup	Groupe Scolaire Saint Dominique Savio Karambi (GSK)	2 Sets	2 balls Cup
Loser	College Officiel de Mburabuturo (COM)	0	1 ball	College Officiel de Mburabuturo (COM)	0 Sets	1 ball



GSK Volleyball Team ready for the match



GSK won two sets over COM



GSK Fans overwhelmed by the win



The Head Teacher of GSK handing the cup to the winning Volleyball team after messages of Nyungwe Conservation



Teams ready for the football match



The Head Teacher of COM handing the cup to the winning Football team after messages of Nyungwe Conservation

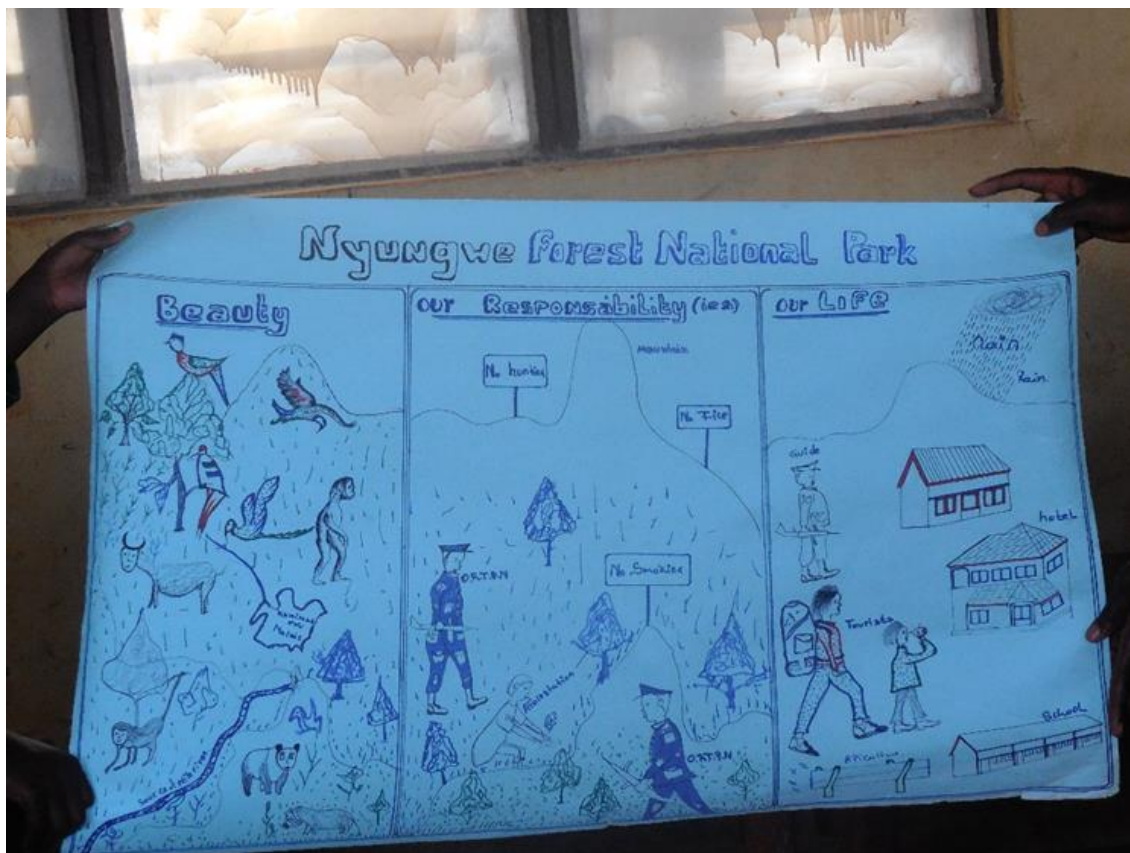


GSK Community celebrating the won football cup

2. Essay writing and cartoons

The essay and cartoons competitions were done either individually or in teams. The panel judged important to assess the participants school by school due to different backgrounds and mentorship process. Nevertheless, the contents of the presented works were really promising.

	Essay	Cartoons
Groupe Scolaire Saint Dominique Savio Karambi (GSK)	Winner	Winner
	Daniel & Team	Elphaz Mugisha
	Naomy & Team	Alphonse Nahimana
		Annualite Nakuzwe
		Adrien Masengesho
College Officiel de Mburabuturo (COM)	Clement Niyobyose & Christian Iradukunda Byiriniro	Christian Iradukunda Byiriniro
	Alain Melvis Rutagungira & Kevin Byusa Rugaba	Thacien Niyonizeye
	Jeannette Ishimwe	



One of the presented cartoons



The panelists (chosen from the trained club mentors) following and assessing presentations



The Head Teacher of GSK handing awards to the winners

Conclusion and way forward

- Although it is not easy to be integrated in schools timetable which is in most of times very tight, all the participants (school managers, students and organisers) were surprised by the talents showed by students especially during essays and cartoons presentations.
- The current project has also shown that through football and volleyball matches we were able to entertain and transmit the conservation message to a large number of people consisting not only of students but also of neighbouring citizens especially the youth.
- In September 2017, when students will be back from a short break, we plan to take a tour to the park where students will have the opportunity to enjoy the park beauty and to interact with the park managers.