

Project Update: October 2016

I. Choice of Schools

During the start-up period, we have visited different actors in biodiversity conservation and education. We came up with three issues:

1. Biodiversity Conservation Clubs exist in many schools that are accessible (near the roads) by different actors of conservation.
2. The same clubs don't exist or are not operational in schools that are far from the main road because actors fear to go in those remote areas with roads in bad conditions.
3. Our project should focus on those schools in remote areas.
4. Three schools should be taken from Karambi Sector.

II. Field Reconnaissance

During the Field Reconnaissance, two schools were identified:

1. Groupe Scolaire Saint Dominique Karambi with Primary, Ordinary and Advanced Levels.
2. College Officiel de Mburabuturo with Advanced Level.

We had time to discuss with both pupils and teachers about biodiversity conservation and most of them were interested and decided to join the clubs.

III. Way forward

In Rwanda, from the end of October to January, primary and high school pupils are in holidays. Therefore, our project will continue in February 2017. From that period we plan to undertake the main activities of the project:

1. Choice of the third school.
2. Training of mentors (teachers in charge of Biodiversity Clubs).
3. Training of members of the clubs.
4. Competitions (football, volleyball and essay writing).
5. Excursion to the park.

IV. Some Pictures from the Field



View of Groupe Scolaire Karambi



Mr. Uwishema discussing with Pupils and Teachers at Groupe Scolaire Karambi



Group Photo at Groupe Scolaire Karambi



View of College Officiel de Mburabuturo



Mr. Tuyishimire discussing with Pupils at College Officiel de Mburabururo



Pupils following discussions at College Officiel de Mburabururo