

Project Update: October 2017

In the past 11 months, this project has been investigating the freshwater turtle community in two sites in Ghana with particular interest on *Cyclanorbis elegans*. Turtles have been sampled for 6 months and 3 months in the Sene Arm of the Volta Lake and in the Mole National Park respectively. The project also conducted social survey among fishermen and turtle trappers in the Volta Lake. Three species of freshwater turtles comprising *Cyclanorbis senegalensis*, *Pelusius castaneus* and the critically endangered *Triunx triunguis* have so far been recorded. The target species, *Cyclanorbis elegans*, has not yet been recorded from either of the sites though local trappers from the Volta Lake think the species is still in existence. The principal investigator is in the process of analysing data on the habitat association of the recorded species and will follow soon with a final report.



Principal Investigator (Sulemana Bawa) holding *C. senegalensis* specimen. Photo credit Paul Tehoda



Local field assistant (Amad) helping in setting of hoop trap. Photo credit Sulemana Bawa