

Project Update: December 2017

I got back to the US from Rwanda a couple of weeks ago, where I had spent the whole of November and part of December.

After consulting with my team members, including my academic advisors, I realised that pilot fieldwork was needed prior to the empirical research. This made me devote most of my stay in Rwanda visiting and redefining sites for data collection. This was done to ensure that my methods apply to the environmental features of the country. Given my endeavour to conduct work of good quality, both publishable in scientific journals and useful to local lay people, I plan to carry out fieldwork after the methods are presented and approved by my academic advisory team. I expect to be in the field by December 2018, the same season as planned in the proposal.

Even though there is a change in timeline due to additional preparations, I would like to confirm that the awarded grant will still be used as outlined in the original proposal.

Photos taken in Rwanda during the pilot fieldwork.

