

Project Update: December 2017

Between November and December 2017, our team has organised conferences in Epombo, Atala and Ngomiano villages to educate local communities about the need to protect gorillas in Mwana forest. We planned that a total of 34 participants (representatives from a variety of local social groups) could attend the conferences. Positively, there were more than 95 participants, with one conference comprising 29 to 33 members held in each village. This activity was beneficial and constructive. Most notably, it has been able to influence communities to advance through improved access to information about gorilla conservation issues. The activity has also allowed us to create community structures called "Local Natural Resource Management Committees (LNRMCs)" consisting of representatives from a variety of local social groups in each targeted village (Epombo, Atala and Ngomiano). LNRMCs are dedicated to bringing local communities together, influencing them for positive actions, and promoting local involvement in wildlife conservation, including gorillas.



Left: Participants to the conference held in Epombo village. © Léonard EO from IGH.
Right: Participant to the conference held in Ngomiano village. ©Felix Fazili from IGH.