

## Project Update: July 2017

In June 2017, the survey work and data gathering have been conducted in the centre sector of Mwana forest. This sector is located around two villages, Ngomiano and Ibakyelo.

During the fieldwork, a total of 31 gorilla nests have been encountered. This includes 24 fresh nests and seven recent nests. Also, as usual, GIS data on location of gorillas as well as data on presence/absence of human activities have been gathered at each nest site. The work has too been complemented with digital photographs. A standardised datasheet has been used for recording the data.

In the last step in July 2017, the same fieldwork is to be conducted in the North Sector, hence covering the overall project area, Mwana forest.



Left: A dung pile of gorilla encountered in the centre sector of Mwana forest. Right: Our team moving through the forest to collect data on gorilla population abundance and distribution. These photos have been taken by Léonard Milenge EO.