

## **Project Update: June 2017**

During the course of May 2017, we have conducted the surveys work and data gathering in the South Sector of Mwana forest. Through the surveys, 92 gorilla's nests have been encountered, including 18 fresh nests, 43 recent nests, 22 old nests and nine rotting nests. Also, when conducting work, GIS data on geographic 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.

It should be noted that data collected during the surveys has been recorded onto a standardised datasheet. The same work will be conducted in the Centre and the North Sectors of Mwana forest. The principal idea behind this approach is to determine gorilla population abundance and distribution throughout the Mwana forest. This will allow improving conservation status of this rare and critically endangered species in the area.



Fresh nest of gorilla encountered in the South Sector of Mwana forest



Recent gorilla's nest encountered on top of a three in the South Sector of Mwana Forest.  
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