

Project Update: April 2018

The project has begun to understand the biodiversity and socio-economic implications of large scale land acquisitions (LSLAs) in Zambia. I have initiated contacts with the Copperbelt University, the University of Zambia and the University of Lusaka. The research has been very well received as it has pioneered an approach that has combined biodiversity and socio-economic considerations to understand the implications of LSLAs.

Four students in the School of Natural Resources from the Copperbelt University to assist with data collection, have been identified and have been trained in sampling techniques as well the use of data collection tools. The tools have been pre-tested in two communities; Mingomba and Kabundi of Nansanga farm block. Community members to support this project have also been identified. Taking advantage of the time when the rainy season is ending, fieldwork started with mapping the seasonal corrido animal passage from Kasanka National Park to both Mingomba and Kabundi.



Explaining the research project to a group of community members: demonstrating data collection tools with Senior Chief Advisor in attendance.



Footprint of an antelope, Alcelaphinae in the seasonal corrido passage of animals from Kasanka National Park to Nansanga farm block.