

Project Update: November 2018

A magnificent wattled crane breeding pair at Buyo Kachama wetland has incubated two eggs for 35 days and successfully raised one beautiful chick (see photo below) and abandoned one egg. Rearing one chick and abandoned the second egg often reported in wattled crane reproduction process. Currently, the chick is at pre-fledging stage, as reported by many authors the pre-fledging stage may take 90 - 130 days.



The newly fledged chick stands between its parents @ Buyo-Kachama wetland. ©Abebayehu A, 2018.

However, the breeding pair laid two eggs in the other potential breeding wetland was abandoned its eggs before rearing a chick for unknown reason. So, this needs further investigation.

In addition, a manuscript on community perception and knowledge on environmental issues was produced and submitted to a journal for publication. Final, I have published an article in a reputable journal using data collected during the Rufford Foundation small grant projects.