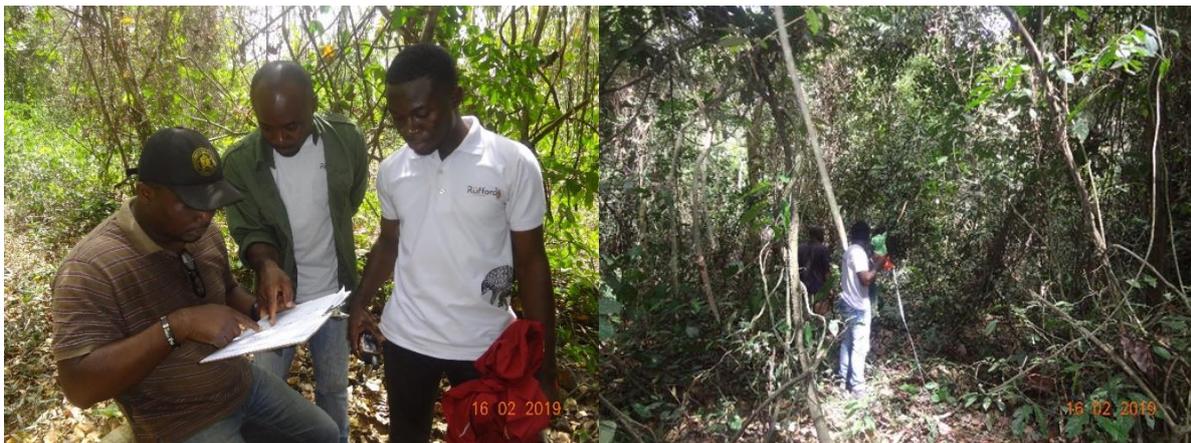


## Project Update: February 2019

We have been able to acquire all needed logistics and established a good working rapport with most of communities surrounding the Asukese Forest Reserve where our project activities shall be conducted. So far, survey transects have been constructed with some local community members providing labour support, and technical support from the lead researcher, one field technician and one undergraduate student (as part of our capacity building initiative). Field inventory has lasted 2 weeks and we hope to record interesting results in the months to follow. We are currently collecting dry season data from February to April 2019 and wet season data will be collected from June to August 2019. Community and market survey sessions are scheduled for later months of the project.



Left: Prince Pascal Agro (Principal Researcher – first from right), Oti Yeboah Augustine (middle – Research Assistant with GPS) and Ishmael (Right – Undergraduate student UENR) recording data. Right: Principal Researcher (Prince Pascal Agro) tying a flagging tape to a branch to serve as reference point.



Left: Team work - The Principal Researcher (middle) illustrating a point to the project members on the location of the transect. Research Assistant (right – in White Rufford branded Polo shirt), and the Head of the Department was there to offer his technical support. Right: Field assistant (middle), undergraduate student (grey shirted) and the principal researcher with a tape measure measuring the transect.