

## Final Evaluation Report

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<b>Project Title</b>	Primate Abundance, Distribution and Conservation Threat Assessment in the Awi Zone, Northwestern Ethiopia
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**1. Indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.**

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
1. To determine the population abundance and diversity				
2. To map the distribution patterns of primates				
3. To assess threats to primates in the region				

**2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled.**

The unforeseen difficulty was the problem of Covid19 pandemic. This difficulty was tackled through the extension of the project.

**3. Briefly describe the three most important outcomes of your project.**

The three most important outcomes of the project include:

- 1) Primate abundance data was collected successfully in the region.
- 2) The distribution of primates is fully documented in the region.
- 3) Threat assessment data was collected from the forest patches of primate habitat.

**4. Briefly describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefited from the project.**

Local communities were involved in a variety of ways like working as local scouts and field assistants. They benefited economically from the project during the data collection period. They also benefited in sharing data collection skills and then to be employed as research assistants for future research and nature conservation activities that will be undertaken in the region.

**5. Are there any plans to continue this work?**

Yes, in the course of this project, I provided valuable information about the abundance and distribution of primate species in the Awi Zone. I also found out that the forest patches of the of primate habitat in the region are being destroyed by local farmers for firewood, house construction, agricultural expansion and timber production.

In the next plan, I intend to do the following:

- a. Initiate and create promotion to develop those of very important forest patches into park status by consulting with local and regional government authorities. Such parks will be the first of its kind in the Awi Zone, and initial consultations with local government authorities indicate that we would get the backing needed to develop a protected area status.
- b. Promote those forest patches to scholars, NGOs and other stakeholders.
- c. Train farmers on climate-smart agriculture techniques that secure higher and better yield and reduces the quest for more land.
- d. Biogas production will be promoted as alternative source of cooking fuel in the region.
- e. Train farmers on using modernized bee farming to diversify household income and curb reliance on cutting trees to sell firewood.
- f. Awareness creations among the local people will be performed along the overall forest patch sites.
- g. Develop a conservation management plan for priority forest patches in the region

#### **6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?**

Once I finish the data analysis, I have a plan to produce scientific articles. I plan to share the results of the project by publishing in reputable peer-reviewed scientific journals. I plan to give a copy of the project results to the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority, the relevant regional governments, donors and NGOs to implement conservation and management actions in the region. I will also post the results of the project on websites to reach the general public. In addition, I intend to give presentations at national workshops and conferences as well as share the outcome through audio-visual presentations and the local media. Hence, this plays crucial role to improve the knowledge of the scientific communities about the conservation and management of Ethiopian primates and their habitats in the Awi Zone.

#### **7. Timescale: Over what period was the grant used? How does this compare to the anticipated or actual length of the project?**

The time duration of the project was from January to December 2020. However, the project is delayed for months as the result of Covid19 pandemic. Thus, I used the grant from January 2020 to November 2021.

**8. Budget: Provide a breakdown of budgeted versus actual expenditure and the reasons for any differences. All figures should be in £ sterling, indicating the local exchange rate used. It is important that you retain the management accounts and all paid invoices relating to the project for at least 2 years as these may be required for inspection at our discretion.**

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Overhead cost	400	400		
Driver per diem	100	100		
Local transport mule hires to reach to each forest patches	250	250		
Local travel cost/fuel oil for vessels	349	349		
Vehicle hire for the researcher to go to project area	900	900		
Investigator per diem for food at the field	1000	1000		
GPS batteries, flash disk, CDs	73	73		
Primate population census team	1300	1300		
Local scouts per diem	400	400		
Field assistants per diem	900	900		
Avalon 10X42 PRO HD Binoculars	149	149		
Garmin® Monterra™ GPS with Android	179	179		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>6000</b>		

**9. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?**

This goal of the project is accomplished in very well manner except it's extending as the result of Covid19. The next important steps are to organise and analyse the data of the research project and achieve its final goal by publishing its findings and submitting the reports to the decision makers to initiate for the implementation of recommendations from this project to conserve primate species and their habitats in the region. I addition, I will start and promote to implement further nature conservation project in the region.

**10. Did you use The Rufford Foundation logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the Foundation receive any publicity during the course of your work?**

So far, I didn't use the Rufford Foundation logo for this particular project. Because I didn't produce any materials related to this project. However, I will start to use the RF logo for any public presentations and reports that are going to be produced in relation to this project.

**11. Please provide a full list of all the members of your team and briefly what was their role in the project.**

In addition to Zewdu Kifle (the principal of the project) many local people were involved in the project. The team members were involved as field assistants and scouts. I recruited field assistants and scouts who live around each forest patch sites. Thus, I involved as many people as possible to do this project.

**12. Any other comments?**

The project will not be carried out without the RF funding. Thus, I would like to thank you very much for your grant support to conserve primates and their habitats in the Awi Zone. Many thanks for your contribution for the conservation of Ethiopian primates and their habitats in the region.