

## Project Update: January 2012

I have carried out two tagging experiments during the third and fourth terms of the project. The first fish tagging was carried out on July - August 2011 in dry season, and the second on September - October 2011 in the rainy season. A total of 1801 fish specimens have been sampled in both seasons, including 948 specimens of *Clarias gariepinus* and 853 specimens of *Barbus altianalis*, from which 243 *Clarias* and 167 *Barbus* specimens have been tagged. The rest of the sampled specimens being undersized, have not been considered to be tagged. About 5 % of the tagged fish are already recaptured, while other recaptures are reported in areas around the lake and tributaries far from the expected areas. Numbers of spawning and nursery areas as well as seasonal refuges have been identified along the river and around the lake. The third fish tagging is going to start on 16th February 2012.

