



QUARTERLY REPORT- OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2019

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Afi, MBE, OKWANGWO



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SUMMARY

This report covers conservation education activities implemented in Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary, the Mbe Mountains, and Cross River National Park (Okwangwo Division) during the period from October to December 2019. Activities were implemented jointly by WCS and the management authority at each site based on a work plan developed jointly with the protected area's education staff. Activities implemented include 31 school visits by WCS and Cross River National Park staff, 13 schools exchange visits, and 12 guided field trips for schoolchildren. Others include film show in 30 villages and 2 schools. In addition, WCS facilitated 5 community meetings and intensified education and awareness activities on deforestation and bush burning. A total of 1,240 customized notebooks were distributed to raise awareness about the Preuss's monkey.

FILM SHOW

WCS uses film shows to raise awareness in local communities about great apes and other threatened wildlife. This quarter, great ape films were showed in 2 schools and 30 villages around Afi, Mbe and Okwangwo. The films attracted a total audience of 7,488 people (Table 1). To improve understanding, WCS staff facilitated discussions among the viewers on conservation issues highlighted in the films including threats and potential solutions.

Table 1. Number of viewers at film shows in villages and schools in Afi, Mbe and Okwangwo

| Date | Name of community | Site | Estimated number of viewers |
|------------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 11/10/2019 | Abo Mkpang | Mbe | 127 |
| 12/10/2019 | Abo Obisu | Mbe | 94 |
| 13/10/2019 | Abo Ogbagante | Mbe | 181 |
| 18/10/2019 | Bitiah Irruan | Afi | 300 |
| 21/10/2019 | Christ the King College Abo Mkpang | Mbe | 120 |
| 22/10/2019 | St. Columbus Prim. School Butatong | Okwangwo | 77 |
| 24/10/2019 | Njua | Afi | 163 |
| 25/10/2019 | Nkanyan | Afi | 200 |
| 26/10/2019 | Kakubok | Afi | 138 |
| 27/10/2019 | Kakwagom | Afi | 300 |
| 28/10/2019 | Ndomechang | Afi | 150 |
| 29/10/2019 | Esekwe | Afi | 101 |
| 30/10/2019 | Katabang | Afi | 129 |
| 14/11/2019 | Abo Ogbagante | Mbe | 450 |
| 16/11/2019 | Kanyang | Mbe | 150 |
| 19/11/2019 | Ndomechang | Afi | 257 |
| 21/11/2019 | Nkanyan | Afi | 200 |
| 22/11/2019 | Kakubok | Afi | 173 |
| 23/11/2019 | Bitiah | Afi | 350 |
| 25/11/2019 | Okwa I | Okwangwo | 160 |
| 26/11/2019 | Okwa II | Okwangwo | 490 |
| 27/11/2019 | Okwangwo | Okwangwo | 500 |
| 28/11/2019 | Okwangwo | Okwangwo | 109 |
| 11/12/2019 | Butatong | Okwangwo | 500 |
| 12/12/2019 | Kakwe Beebo | Okwangwo | 300 |
| 13/12/2019 | Baja-nfua Beebo | Okwangwo | 113 |
| 14/12/2019 | Ukampo Beebo | Okwangwo | 270 |
| 15/12/2019 | Abija Beebo | Okwangwo | 400 |
| 17/12/2019 | Bumfua Bumaji | Okwangwo | 86 |
| 18/12/2019 | Buabre | Okwangwo | 168 |
| 19/12/2019 | Bajiki Bumaji | Okwangwo | 390 |
| 20/12/2019 | Bakuriku Bumaji | Okwangwo | 214 |
| 21/12/2019 | Buno Bumaji | Okwangwo | 128 |
| | TOTAL | | 7,488 |

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are a valuable way to connect young people to nature. They tend to produce lasting experiences that help to inspire people to place more value on wildlife, and make them more willing to support wildlife conservation. During this quarter, WCS organized 12 guided field trips for a total of 280 students and 24 teachers to the Mbe

Mountains, Cross River National Park, Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary, Drill Ranch, and Becheve Nature Reserve (Table 2). The field trips provided students the opportunity to learn about the rainforest, threats to wildlife, and ongoing efforts to them. WCS and protected area staff at each site shared their knowledge and experiences with the students during the field trips.

Table 2. Participants of field trips to Mbe Mountains, Cross River National Park, Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary and Drill Ranch

| Date | Site | School(s) | Camp/site visited | No of pupils/students |
|---------------|-------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| October 8th | Mbe | Government Primary School Bamba | Cross River National Park | 23 |
| October 10th | Mbe | Government Primary School Abo Obisu | Cross River National Park | 22 |
| October 16th | Okw | Community Secondary School Butatong | Drill Ranch | 25 |
| October 17th | Okw. | Secondary Commercial School Bateriko | Cross River National Park | 26 |
| October 19th | Afi | Government Secondary School Okundi | Esekwe Camp, Afi Mountain | 25 |
| November 14th | Mbe | Christ the King College, Abo Mkpang | Cross River National Park | 25 |
| November 16th | Mbe | Government Secondary School Kanyang | CRSFC nursery site Obudu | 23 |
| November 29th | Okw | Community Secondary School Okwangwo | Road to salt lick, CRNP | 30 |
| November 30th | Okw. | Government Primary School Bateriko | Drill Ranch/ Afi Mountain Boundary | 25 |
| December 11th | Okw | St. Columbus Primary School Butatong | Cross River National Park | 30 |
| December 14th | Mbe | Government Primary School Wula Mgba-Eshou | Obue's Camp, Mbe Mountain | 21 |
| December 16th | Okw | Government Primary School Kakwe Beebo | Cross River National Park | 30 |



John Ajah of CRNP educating pupils of St. Columbus Primary School Butatong (left), and students of Christ the King College Abo Mkpang during field trip to CRNP

SCHOOL VISITS

WCS and CRNP education staff visited conservation clubs in 31 schools in Afi, Mbe, and Okwangwo during this reporting period. Activities implemented during the visits include lessons, films, and puppet show (Table 3). The puppet show is an interesting new addition to conservation education activities implemented in schools. The show uses animal teddies, which catch children's attention and interest, to convey conservation messages to young primary school pupils. A total of 1,240 customized notebooks were distributed to schoolchildren during the visits.

Table 3. Schools visited in Afi, Okwangwo and Mbe October to December 2019

| Dates | Name of school visited | Site | # notebooks distributed |
|--------------|---|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 8/10/2019 | Government Primary School Bamba | Mbe | 40 |
| 10/10/2019 | Government Primary School Abo Obisu | Mbe | 40 |
| 10/10/2019 | Christ the King College | Mbe | 40 |
| 15/10/2019 | Secondary Commercial School Abo Ogbagante | Mbe | 40 |
| 15/10/2019 | Government Secondary School Kanyang | | 40 |
| 16/10/2019 | Community Secondary School Butatong | Okwangwo | 40 |
| 17/10/2019 | Secondary Commercial School Bateriko | Okwangwo | 40 |
| 22/10/2019 | St. Michael's Primary Okwabang | Okwangwo | 40 |
| 22/10/2019 | St. Columbus Primary School Butatong | Okwangwo | 40 |
| 23/10/2019 | Government Primary School Kakwagom Irruan | Afi | 40 |
| 23/10/2019 | Government Primary School Kakubok | Afi | 40 |
| 14/11/2019 | Christ the King College Abo Mkpang | Mbe | 30 |
| 15/11/2019 | Government Secondary School Kanyang | Mbe | 30 |
| 18/11/2019 | Community Secondary School Irruan (EBONA) | Afi | 30 |
| 18/11/2019 | Rev. Fr. Idiku Memorial Sec. School Bunyia Irruan | Afi | 30 |
| 20/11/2019 | Government Primary School Esekwe | Afi | 30 |
| 20/11/2019 | Government Primary School Bunyia Irruan | Okwangwo | 30 |
| 25/11/2019 | St. Linus Primary School Okwa II | Okwangwo | 30 |
| 25/11/2019 | Government Primary Okwa I | Okwangwo | 30 |
| 29/11/2019 | Community Secondary School Okwangwo | Okwangwo | 30 |
| 29/11/2019 | Government Primary School Okwangwo | Afi | 30 |
| 11/12/2019 | Community Secondary School Butatong | Okwangwo | 50 |
| 11/12/2019 | St. Columbus Primary School Butatong | Okwangwo | 50 |
| 12/12/2019 | Government Primary School Kakwe Beebo | Okwangwo | 50 |
| 12/12/2019 | Government Primary School Ukampo Beebo | Okwangwo | 50 |
| 12/12/2019 | Government Primary School Baja-nfua Beebo | Okwangwo | 50 |
| 13/12/2019 | Government Primary School Abija Beebo | Okwangwo | 50 |
| 13/12/2019 | St. John Primary School Wula II | Mbe | 50 |
| 13/12/2019 | Government Primary School Bukalum | Mbe | 50 |
| 13/12/2019 | Government Primary School Wula II | Mbe | 50 |
| 29/11/2019 | Government Primary School Okwangwo | Afi | 50 |



Conservation education lessons with Government Primary School Esekwe (left) and Government Secondary School Obudu Cattle Ranch (right)

EXCHANGE VISIT

This quarter, WCS facilitated 13 exchange visits involving 26 conservation clubs and 1,534 students in schools within the Cross River gorilla landscape (Table 4). Exchange visit enable students and pupils in schools to share ideas and knowledge they have acquired about natural resource management including plants, animals, problems of conservation and possible interventions. Activities implemented during exchange visits include Cross River gorilla game, nature poems, quiz competition and great apes film show. These activities were carried out in a competitive manner helping to generate interest students.

Table 4. Schools exchange visits organized from October to December 2019

| Date | Site | School(s) | Location | No of students |
|---------------|-------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------|
| October 14th | Mbe | Government Primary School Abo Obisu and Government Primary School Abo Mkpang | Abo Obisu | 118 |
| October 15th | Mbe | Secondary Commercial School Abo Ogbagante and Government Secondary School Kanyang | Abo Mkpang | 122 |
| October 21st | Okwangwo | Comprehensive Secondary School Okwabang and Christ The Kind College | Okwabang | 97 |
| October 22nd | Okwangwo | St Michael Primary School and St. Columbus Primary school Butatong | Butatong | 105 |
| October 23rd | Afi | Government Prim. School Kakwagom-Irruan and Government Primary School Kakubok | Kakwagom | 134 |
| November 15th | Mbe | Government Secondary School Kanyang and Christ the King College Abo Mkpang | Kanyang | 120 |
| November 18th | Afi | Community Secondary School Irruan (EBONA) and Rev. Fr. Idiku Memorial Secondary School Bunyia Irruan | EBONA | 102 |
| November 20th | Afi | Government Primary School Esekwe and Primary School Bunyia Irruan | Esekwe | 140 |
| November 25th | Okwangwo | St. Linus Primary School Okwa 2 and Government Primary school Okwa 1 | Okwa 2 | 108 |
| December 12th | Okwangwo | Government Primary School Kakwe-Beebo and Govt. Prim. School Ukampo Beebo | Kakwe Beebo | 140 |
| December 12th | Okwangwo | Government Primary School Abija Beebo and Primary School Baja-nfua Beebo | Abija Beebo | 116 |
| December 13th | Mbe | Government Primary School Wula Mgba-Eshou and St. John Primary School Wula 1 | Wula 1 | 122 |
| December 13th | Mbe | Ajah Int. Nursery and Prim. School Bokalum and Government Prim. school Bokalum | Bokalum | 110 |

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Five community meetings were organized this quarter to raise awareness about threats to wildlife and their habitat, as well as ways to mitigate the threats. The meetings discussed illegal ebony logging and how to prevent wildfire during this dry season.