

Project Update: March 2020

I completed the fieldwork with Primate Expertise (PEX) in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We visited Bukavu, where the office of PEX is located, and also the field locations where they operate in and around the Kahuzi-Biega National Park (KBNP), Lwiro Primate Rehabilitation Center, and the National Center for Research in Natural Sciences (CRSN in its French acronym). We spent the first 2 weeks in discussions so as to understand all aspects of the project. With an assisting filmmaker and photographer, Robert Carrubba, we interviewed the PEX staff and its partnering organizations' staff. We filmed all activities that PEX engages in, such as creating alternative activities to hunting and deforestation for the communities living around KBNP, reforestation, education, and research in conservation and primatology. Currently I am organizing the footage, and in the near future I will start editing the two films proposed under this grant.



