

Project Update: December 2019

Activities performed:

The project was approved in October 2019. Since then, we have conducted the following activities:

- Analysis of satellite images and reserve land cover change in order to select sites that can easily be evaluated.
- Intensive reserve invasive plants surveys in the selected area, across the entire study area.
- Taxonomic identification and field observation of invasive plants across the reserve.
- Field assessment on the vegetation and state of the reserve.
- Elaboration of structured questionnaires to assess knowledge and attitudes of different stakeholders including, reserve managers and local communities surrounding the reserve.
- Local community engagement in the identification of invasive plants in close proximity to the reserve.
- Preliminary surveys using the questionnaire, in order to test its performance and feasibility.
- Preliminary data collection.

Next steps:

- Actual data collection.
- Data analysis.
- Meeting and involving different stakeholders in the workshop.

Researcher having an interaction with the local communities surrounding Maputo special Reserve.





Eucalyptus, one of the identified exotic plants in Maputo special Reserve



Lantana camara one of the serious invasive plant observed in the Reserve.

