

*The Tropical Biology Association is developing capacity and building links for biodiversity research and conservation in the Africa region. Through its training courses and follow-up support, the TBA is creating an informed, motivated community of tropical biologists with the potential to have a significant impact.*



Welcome to the 9th edition of the Tropical Biology Association newsletter. Here you can learn about the whereabouts of some of our 890 trainees, and read articles from people who have attended our courses and workshops. The TBA has an extremely active alumni network: over 85% of our trainees keep in touch with us, some of whom have banded together to launch alumni associations in Ghana, Sudan, Nigeria and Cameroon.

Over 400 biologists applied for the four field courses we ran in East Africa and Madagascar in 2005. The TBA also spent 2005 developing our institutional capacity building programme. The TBA is creating a series of specialist training workshops that address specific skills gaps identified by our partner institutions in Africa. For example, in Tanzania in August, we ran a workshop on preparing funding proposals and writing papers for publication. You can read about it in the newsletter. A further workshop in this series will be repeated in Uganda in 2006.

The TBA Follow-Up Support Programme is also going from strength to strength. We have now awarded 15 scholarships for Africans to pursue master's studies either at home or abroad. The most important news is our new Internet Resource Centre, which you can read about in the box below

The Tropical Biology Association **Internet Resource Centre**. The TBA has just put together its database of funding and training organisations (186 to date) as a first contribution to our resource centre. The Internet Resource Centre will also include guidelines on grant writing, publishing papers, designing projects alongside abstracts from over 200 past TBA projects. Please keep an eye on our website for further developments of this valuable resource.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone that sent us updates and articles and look forward to hearing from you in time for the next newsletter.  
**Dr Rosie Trevelyan, Director**

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Department of Ecology, **Lund University**, SWEDEN

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Department of Biology, **Göteborg University**, SWEDEN

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School of Biological Sciences, **University of Bristol**, UK

Departments of Plant Sciences and Zoology, **University of Cambridge**, UK

Department of Biological Sciences, **Imperial College at Silwood Park**, UK

Institute of Cell, Animal and Population Biology, **University of Edinburgh**, UK

Institute of Ecology and Resource Management, **University of Edinburgh**, UK

Institute of Zoology, **Zoological Society of London**, UK

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School of Applied Sciences, **Anglia Ruskin University**, UK

School of Biological Sciences and Department of Geography, **University of**

**Liverpool**, UK

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Department of Zoology, **The Natural History Museum**, UK

Department of Zoology, **University of Oxford**, UK

Faculty of Arts and Sciences, **Yale University**, USA

## Experiences from TBA courses in 2005

### A life-changing experience!

When I applied for the TBA course, I mentioned in my letter that my goal was to become influential in conserving Malawi's natural resources. During my first few days in Kibale I was introduced to a natural resource that I had never thought about - birds! The first day we went out birding and learned how to identify birds; I found it a rather strange exercise. However, it turned out that for our final project my partner and I spent six hours a day for a full week watching, identifying and counting the stunning sunbirds visiting an *Erythrina abyssinica* tree! That was my turning point! I knew for sure after the project that birds would become a significant part of my career; I returned to Malawi eager to find someone who was already studying birds. To my surprise, I learned that my country has only one working ornithologist! With this knowledge, I restructured my career goal from simple conservation of Malawi's 'natural resources' to conservation of Malawi's avifauna. Malawi has 22 Important Bird Areas (IBAs) many of which are poorly known. I joined a Malawi bird group, and have since taken part in the Africa waterfowl census. I hope to become the second Malawian (and first female!) ornithologist. If you had asked me last year whether I had considered ornithology as part of my career, I would have truthfully said NO! Probably, I would have asked you what ornithology was!

**Mzumara Tiwonge, Malawi (Kibale 05/1)**



### Trees like stars, we counted them all!!!

One could easily doubt our ability to survey the sizeable study area within the stipulated period. With our measuring tapes, datasheets, markers and pens, we set out to the field to survey and measure every single *Commiphora guillauminii* tree in the study area. We were very enthused about using our newly learned research skills and encouraged at the ease with which we were taking measurements as we fought through the thick undergrowth. We had become masters of the field through the application of our research skills and the sharing of our experiences in the field of research. It was a joyous moment when the 368th tree was counted and we

patted each other on the shoulder in congratulation; like stars, we were able to count them all! Thanks to the TBA course for giving us this platform to exhibit our research potential and acquire more knowledge for a brighter future career in tropical ecology and conservation.

**Ernest Nti Acheampong, Ghana (05/4, Kirindy)**



### Did I dream it?

Madagascar; it must be the dream trip for any field biologist! From rainforest to rocky deserts, weird spiny forest, beaches full of coral and palm trees, the amazing lemurs, giant trees, and lots of chameleons, orchids and geckos. There are some things in your life you never forget - such as seeing the sun set behind a baobab for the first time. In Madagascar, one gets used to extraordinary things quickly, but I was still surprised when I heard fossas mating at night, or saw a lemur staring at me from a tree, when a chameleon bit me, or when I was surrounded by hundreds of colourful butterflies. In the morning we measured baobabs, before lunch we collected nectar for sampling, there were ants to catch in the afternoon, and observing lemurs at night...then bird-watching at five in the morning; it starts all over again! Unforgettable! Suddenly, one day, you wake up and you are not in the forest anymore. You are back in a city and you have to present your project. Moreover, you have to say goodbye to all your new friends, farewell to everybody and everything. Your plane is leaving the next day. It is so sad. The dream is over. Wake up!

**Aida Cuni Sanchez, Spain (Kirindy 05/4)**

## Post course activities

### From Papilios to pant hoots! ! !

Whilst on the TBA course it was well-known that my love for plants and butterflies was (at best) in limited supply, providing laughs for many of my course colleagues. Little did I know that, a few weeks later, I would be compiling a butterfly identification guide and teaching field staff how to catch them; and that plant identification would be an important part of my work! It's now eight months since finishing the course and I'm currently the supervisor of the Jane Goodall Institute's Budongo Project. I am developing eco-tourism and education for tourists and local communities. A big part of my work is habituating a group of 37 chimpanzees. I'm slowly realising that the biology is probably the easiest and (definitely the) most enjoyable aspect of being a biologist. Being a medic to sick staff; meetings with officials in the city; dealing with a whole range of new people; and slogging over dreaded budgets are all part of my work now. I wouldn't change a thing.....the forest makes it all worth while! My role as supervisor on this project is to last for two years and I am starting a PhD examining chimpanzee behaviour in relation to human hunting pressures. I've also visited the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda for potential sites to develop another much-needed chimpanzee sanctuary. The TBA course is something I feel very lucky to have attended, with some very good friends made and many very interesting and useful things learned – even now whilst looking at my chimps, my gaze is often caught by beautiful Papilios and Charaxes.

**Ben Garrod, UK (05/1, Kibale)**



### TBA – so much more than just a field course

TBA: just an ecology field course? “Ah please”! The month of November 2005 oozed not only biology and conservation, but also integration of cultures and ideas, as well as appreciation for life in general. It has opened my eyes in the sense that I have a more concrete idea of where I want to go in life; with this in mind, I asked myself why should the idea behind a TBA course stop after just one month? In my case it hasn't; I have told many people of my experiences. These included: living with a handful of brilliant people in a field camp away from rushed life; sleeping amongst mating fossas; finding snakes on the way to the loo; eating rice 3 times a day; and dancing to music from all origins with people from every corner of the world. I can safely say that my enthusiasm has rubbed off onto different people, including my thesis mentor who hopes to teach

on a future course! Furthermore, we have decided to set up our own project, which I will carry out after I graduate. The aim of our project is to make a biodiversity survey of the butterfly species in East Africa, and one of their natural enemies, phoretic egg parasitoids. If anyone is interested in continuing the TBA ethos with me then get in touch (Laura.Simpson@wur.nl)! I would like to thank the TBA for leaving its mark on me!

**Laura Simpson, The Netherlands (05/4, Kirindy)**

### Bats, birds, ants, baobabs... there's so much to learn!

My first research project investigated habitat use and seasonality in bats; I continued to study these strange animals until the TBA courses, when I realized that there's much more to learn and to know about Madagascar's biodiversity than just bats! I am now able to distinguish an *Apheanogaster* from a *Camponotus* and to recognize a *Newtonia* from its song, I've been observing lizard behaviour, and it's just fascinating! I especially enjoyed the research project on the seed dispersion of the tree *Colvillea racemosa*. Although I've studied forestry, I had never done a research project on plants until our field course. Now, I'm doing a research project for my Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies degree in Madagascar; my project involves assessing forest dependency in Microchiropterans, so it's back to bats again! However, I am confident that I am now a better scientist than I was before the TBA course.

**Julie Razafimanahaka, Madagascar (Kirindy 05/4)**

### Colour in the undergrowth

I am currently in the first year of my PhD on multi-sensory insect warning displays at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland and, given my experiences during my TBA course, am more aware of the realities of scientific research. The inspirational lectures and field excursions on the course deepened my interest in insect warning displays. During one particular field exercise, we were shown an aggregation of brightly coloured toxic caterpillars under a leaf and discussed the alternative strategies that insects adopt to reduce predation. As I began to show signs of interest in this research area, I was greatly encouraged by the lecturers on the course; they helped me find journal articles and discussed postgraduate research opportunities. There were also informal conversations over dinner during which we discussed how these warning signals could have evolved in the first place. It was this passionate attitude towards science that made me realise that it is something that belongs not just in a classroom or a lab, but is more a way of viewing the world. The TBA course provided a unique opportunity to meet other motivated young scientists with very diverse research interests. Everyone came to the course with enthusiasm for different research areas, therefore - without even realising it - we taught each other. We worked together in the field, developing our scientific research skills and our ability to work as part of a team that designed, executed and presented a project to a tight deadline.

**Emma Siddall, Ireland (04/3 Kibale, Uganda)**

# TBA alumni updates

**Abalaka, Jacinta Ileigo** *Nigeria* (05/2, Kibale)

Works as a research associate at A.P Leventis Ornithological Research Institute in Nigeria.

**Abbas, Hala Sulieman** *Sudan* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita)

Is a teaching assistant, teaching practicals of botany at Khartoum University on part-time basis.

**Abdallah, Amel Hassan** *Sudan* (03/3, Amani)

Doing MSc on plant ecology versus vegetation history at Khartoum University. Also a teaching assistant in the Department of Botany.

**Abiodun, Abidemi** *Nigeria* (02/1, Kibale)

Left the Nigerian Conservation Foundation. Is now in the capital city of Nigeria, Abuja, trying to apply for a number of foreign conservation positions.

**Abraham, John** *Ghana* (04/2, Kibale)

His internship with the Forestry Commission of Ghana ended in March 2006, and he hopes to have it renewed.

**Abu, Stephen** *Uganda* (02/2, Kibale)

Is still working as an Environment/Forestry Supervisor with DED Madi Okollo Refugee Programme, Arua in Uganda

**Adeniji, Bolaji Adekola** *Nigeria* (04/2, Kibale)

Works as a teacher of practical biology at the National Youth Service Corps, Nigeria.

**Aduse-Poku, Kwaku** *Ghana* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita)

Won a partial TBA scholarship for his masters research project. Is also assisting in teaching and conducting research in the Department of Wildlife and Range Management at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

**Akindede, Emmanuel Olusegun** *Nigeria* (01/2, Kibale)

Doing an MSc on Hydrobiology/Limnology at Obafemi Awololo University.

**Akwany, Leonard Omondi** *Kenya* (03/2, Kibale)

Is still working for the Ecofinder Youth movement in Kisumu, Kenya. Received an assortment of equipment from the Wild Idea Fund during a talk at National Museums of Kenya by the Wild Idea Fund organised by the TBA.

**Akweteireho, Simon** *Uganda* (05/2, Kibale)

Works as a park warden in community conservation at the Ruwenzori Mountains National Park in Uganda.

**Akwilini, Angelingisi** *Tanzania* (04/3, Kibale)

Works in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism in Tanzania as a forest officer in the management and conservation of catchment forest for water and biodiversity values.

**Amondi Madindou, Ireene Rose** *Kenya* (05/4, Kirindy)

Works as a research assistant at the Ornithology Department of the National Museums of Kenya.

**Amoser, Sonja** *Austria* (99/3, Amani)

Doing a PhD investigating underwater habitat acoustics in freshwater (rivers, lakes) around Vienna, Austria, and the constraints of this natural noise on the hearing abilities of fish.

**Amusa, Tajudeen Okekunle** *Nigeria* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita)

Is teaching biological sciences at the National Youth Service Corps, Nigeria.

**Andanje, Samuel** *Kenya* (95/2, Kibale)

Currently heading the Tsavo Research Station of the Kenya Wildlife Service.

**Andargatchew, Arsema** *Ethiopia* (98/1, Kibale)

Currently working in the participatory forest management programme of Farm Africa.

**Andriaharimalala, Tahiana** *Madagascar* (03/4, Kirindy)

Completed her MSc in Applied Ecology at the University of Antananarivo. Hoping to get an opportunity to pursue a PhD.

**Andriamarovololona, Mijaso** *Madagascar* (05/2, Kibale)

Now working for Vokatry ny Ala (Malagasy research and conservation NGO) with the responsibilities of research and fundraising for the NGO. Gave a talk at the SCCS 2006.

**Andrianaivoravelona, Bakolinantenaina V.** *Madagascar*

(03/2, Kibale) Working for an NGO called Office National pour l'Environnement (ONE) permanently as a consultant.

**Angua, Mao Amis** *Uganda* (02/3, Amani)

Doing his PhD at the University of Cape town in South Africa and conducting research work at the Kirstenbosch Research Centre of the South African Biodiversity Institute.

**Aruwa, Simon Kaki** *Kenya* (99/2, Amani)

Doing his MSc at Nairobi University.

**Asanga, Patricia Bi** *Cameroon* (00/1, Naivasha/Taita)

Continuing with her PhD research on the ecological effects of pesticides on aquatic organisms at the University of East Anglia.

**Asekenye, Aidan Julian** *Uganda* (03/1, Kibale)

Doing an MSc at Makerere University while teaching in Ntindwa View College in Kampala, Uganda.

**Asiimwe, Byambugana Paul** *Uganda* (03/2, Kibale)

Now working as a land management specialist for the National Forestry Authority in Uganda.

**Aspetsberger, Fanni** *Austria* (99/2, Amani)

Completed a PhD from the University of Bremen. Has applied for a postdoc.

**Assefa, Betremeriam Biruktayet** *Ethiopia* (01/1, Amani)

Is still working for the Forestry Research Centre as an assistant researcher. The centre is part of the Ethiopian Agricultural Research Organization (EARO).

**Assefa, Yoseph** *Ethiopia* (99/3, Amani)

Working for the Ethiopian Tree Fund Foundation as a country representative.

**Atuke, Dickson Misati** *Kenya* (97/3, Naivasha)

Still at the University of Minnesota doing a PhD in Conservation Biology. Was back in Kenya in March this year to collect data for his research work.

**Atuora, Peter Chibueze Kofi** *Ghana* (00/3, Amani)

Currently working as a teaching assistant at the Zoology Department of the University of Ghana.

**Awiti, Alex Odhiambo** *Kenya* (96/2, Kibale)

Still pursuing his PhD at the University of Nairobi while working for the World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF).

**Awoyemi, Stephen Mufutau** *Nigeria* (02/3, Amani)

Is now the Information Officer for the African Section of the Society for Conservation Biology.

**Awuor, Cynthia Brenda** *Kenya* (03/1, Kibale)

Completed her MPhil degree in Environmental Economics from the University of Cambridge and is now job searching in Kenya.

**Azariah, Lilian Mavis** *Ghana* (01/1, Amani)

Now working with the Global Environmental Facility of the UNDP.

**Babalola, Folaranmi Dapo** *Nigeria* (03/1, Kibale)

Completed an MSc from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. MSc was on Forest Economics and Management.

**Babiker, Hassan Aburaida** *Sudan* (05/2, Kibale)

Currently working as a teaching assistant and researcher at the Department of Wildlife in the University of Juba, Sudan.

**Bakker, Chris** *The Netherlands* (99/3, Amani)

Working as a policy maker for the Stichting Het Utrechts Landschap, a regional trust in the Netherlands for conservation of nature and natural heritage.

**Banyankimbona, Gaspard** *Burundi* (05/1, Kibale)

Currently studying for an MSc in Conservation Biology at the University of Liege, Belgium.

**Barker, Jessie** *UK* (05/3, Amani)

Currently working in Kibale National Park as a field assistant on a primate project.

**Baumgartner, Isabelle** *Switzerland* (04/4, Kirindy)

Now doing statistics on her field experiment on group decision-making in Bechstein's bats.

**Bayona, Donatus Gerase** *Tanzania* (96/1, Kibale)

Finished his assignment at TAWIRI, and now back to Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA).

**Beijen, Murielle** *The Netherlands* (03/1, Kibale)

Still pursuing her masters degree project in Namibia on the behaviour of semi-captive cheetahs in farmlands of Namibia.

**Berhe, Desta** *Ethiopia* (97/2, Kibale)

Still Pursuing his PhD in Science Education at North Carolina State University.

**Beshir, Mayada** *Sudan* (05/3, Amani)

Presently volunteering as part-time teaching assistant at the University of Khartoum.

**Bett, Alice Chepngeno** *Kenya* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita)

Was back in Kenya recently to collect data for her MSc in Conservation Biology which she is still pursuing at the UNESCO-IHE, Delft, the Netherlands.

**Biryahwaho, Byamukama** *Uganda* (98/1, Kibale)

Still working as the programme officer for The Environmental Conservation Trust of Uganda.

**Bluffield, Sara** *UK* (99/2, Amani)

Moved from working on animal behaviour to working in human behaviour. Is now in the final year of clinical psychology training working with people with psychosis.

**Boeckle, Markus** *Austria* (05/1, Kibale)

Now in Malaysia since trying to get his MSc research approval.

**Bourlat, Sarah** *France* (95/3, Kibale)

Still working at the Department of Biology, University College London.

**Boylan, Maeve** *Ireland* (03/4, Kirindy)

Doing a PhD in Conservation Biology at the University College Cork, Ireland.

**Bradley, Katherine** *UK* (03/2, Kibale)

In South Africa working for Tim Clutton-Brock's Kalahari Meerkat Project for 1 year, looking at co-operative breeding in populations in the Kalahari Desert.

**Bucholtz, Rikke** *Denmark* (02/2, Kibale)

Now working at the Department of Marine Ecology and Aquaculture at the Danish Institute of Fisheries Research.

**Bunker, Abi** *UK* (05/3, Amani)

Currently working as a field assistant on the ABRU project in Mikomi National Park, Tanzania.

**Butcher, Ed** *UK* (03/1, Kibale)

Still pursuing her MSc at Oxford University on Integrative Bioscience.

**Campbell, Jessica** *Ireland* (02/2, Kibale)

Is now working for Lincoln University as a Research Technician/ Demonstrator and is researching feeding in horses for six months.

**Cassells, Dolores** *Ireland* (03/1, Kibale)

Still working for Abbots (pharmaceutical company) and doing part-time environmental consultancies.

**Chala, Desalegn** *Ethiopia* (05/1, Kibale)

Currently doing an MSc in Botanic Science at the University of Addis Ababa.

**Cheso, Walters** *Cameroon* (01/1, Amani)

Now working as a conservation advisor/taxonomist at the Apicultural and Nature Conservation Organisation.

**Chidavaenzi, Robstein** *Zimbabwe* (00/2, Amani)  
Still working at University of Zimbabwe in the Department of Anatomy.

**Coelho dos Santos, Ana Margarida** *Portugal* (02/4, Kirindy) Doing field work in the Canary Islands and on the Iberian Peninsula for her PhD on parasitic wasps. She is working with a former TBA teacher, Donald Quicke.

**Collins, Tilly** *UK* (97/1, Kibale)  
A teaching fellow at Imperial College London. Work involves teaching ecology, entomology and statistics to both undergraduate and postgraduate students

**Corbin, Clay** *USA* (99/2, Amani)  
An assistant professor at the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. Will be offering a short but intensive course on tropical biology in Costa Rica in summer, 2007.

**Cornulier, Thomas** *France* (02/4, Kirindy)  
Doing a postdoc at the University of Aberdeen on population dynamics models for farmland birds for conservation applications.

**Correa, Sandra Bibiana** *Colombia* (03/1, Kibale)  
Is doing MSc research and also teaching at Florida University.

**Cowhey, Sarah** *Ireland* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Currently completing her MSc in University College Dublin, Ireland.

**Dahiye, Yakub Mumin** *Kenya* (97/2, Kibale)  
Still working for the National Museums of Kenya but currently on leave coordinating research in northern Kenya.

**Dawson, Wayne** *UK* (05/3, Amani)  
Currently doing a PhD under the Darwin Initiative-funded project in Amani Nature Reserve on invasive species.

**de Vlas, Maaikje** *The Netherlands* (02/4, Kirindy)  
Is working as a volunteer in a Natural History Museum, The Netherlands.

**de Witte, Lucienne** *Switzerland* (05/3, Amani)  
Currently doing the minor MSc project, which is a revision on *Bulbophyllum* section *Hymenobractea* at National Herbarium Nederland.

**Dehinbo, Ayonniyi** *Nigeria* (99/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Still working as a bird hazard control biologist (ornithologist) at the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN).

**Desalegn, Desissa** *Ethiopia* (99/2, Amani)  
Still working on the Darwin Initiative project on Biodiversity Conservation in Ancient Church and monastery yards of Ethiopia.

**Diangha, Mercy** *Cameroon* (99/3, Amani)  
Still working for the Limbe Botanic Gardens's Wildlife Sanctuary Project in Cameroon as a field biologist.

**Diarrassouba, Moussa** *Cote D'Ivoire* (02/4, Kirindy)  
Still a student of plant physiology at University of Cocody, Abidjan. Working on *Ananas comosus* fruit chilling injury for better conservation

**Dodo, Ishmael Nii Amanor** *Ghana* (00/1, Naivasha/Taita) Working as a project manager for Proforest Ltd.

**Efitre, Jackson** *Uganda* (97/3, Naivasha)  
Continuing with his PhD in fisheries at the University of Florida.

**Eklöf, Johan** *Sweden* (02/1, Kibale)  
Defended his Licentiate thesis (half way to PhD) in Sweden in June 2005.

**Elgilani, Mohammed Mustafa** *Sudan* (04/2, Kibale)  
A teaching assistant at the University of Khartoum.

**Elinge, Mathias Motutu** *Cameroon* (03/3, Amani)  
Won the Sustainable Development Advocacy Programme scholarship to do an MSc on Sustainable Development Advocacy in Landuse in the UK.

**Elkhawad, Mohamed Elbagir** *Sudan* (05/1, Kibale)  
Presently working for the Agricultural Research Corporation as a research assistant in plant taxonomy.

**English, Sinead** *Ireland* (04/3, Kibale)  
Doing a PhD at the Zoology Department in Cambridge University and working in South Africa on meerkats.

**Eriksson Ekblad, Camilla** *Finland* (97/2, Kibale)  
Now working for the Ecology and Evolution Biology Institute as a research secretary. Duties involve producing publications, computer administration and assisting in field work.

**Eruogun, Oyomoare Lolade** *Nigeria* (05/1, Kibale)  
Currently a graduate assistant at the University of Benin working under supervision of a lecturer on a masters project.

**Eshiamwata, George** *Kenya* (02/2, Kibale)  
Working for the African Partnership of the Birdlife International in Nairobi as a programme assistant.

**Eyob, Getahun Amde** *Ethiopia* (03/1, Kibale)  
Is still working for Ethiopian Television as an environmental journalist.

**Fadl, Hadia Abdallah Hussien** *Sudan* (03/1, Kibale)  
Still a teaching assistant at the University of Khartoum, Sudan.

**Fekadu, Guluma Kenea** *Ethiopia* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita) Working as a researcher in the Institute of Biodiversity Conservation and Research in Ethiopia. Now in Germany to train on molecular characterisation.

**Fennell, Antoinette** *Ireland* (00/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Completed her PhD in the behaviour, endocrinology and immunology of the fallow deer.

**Fishlock, Vicki** *UK* (02/1, Kibale)  
Now preparing to start PhD at the University of Stirling. Will be returning to the forests of central Africa to study forest elephant social behaviour.

**Flatt, Thomas** *Switzerland* (97/2, Kibale)  
Obtained a PhD in Evolutionary Biology from the University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

**Frimpong, Emmanuel A.** *Ghana* (99/1, Naivasha/Taita) Started a postdoc at the Virginia Polytechnic on developing and testing continental-scale metrics for monitoring aquatic ecosystem health in the USA using stream fish assemblages.

**Githiru, Mwangi** *Kenya* (97/1, Kibale)  
Still doing his EU Marie Curie Fellowship-sponsored postdoc research at Taita, Kenya with the University of Antwerp.

**Guiton, Samuel** *France* (04/2, Kibale)  
Is working on enclosures enrichment at Palmyre Zoo in France

**Haag, Christoph** *Switzerland* (97/1, Kibale)  
Still doing his first postdoc at the University of Helsinki in Finland with Ilkka Hanski on the genetics of butterfly metapopulations.

**Hackett, Tamzin** *UK* (02/1, Kibale)  
Working for the Wildlife Trust in the UK as a Business Development Manager.

**Hamisy, William Chrispo** *Tanzania* (99/2, Amani)  
Working as a research scientist at the Tropical Pesticides Research Institute in Tanzania.

**Hamza Kija, Khalid** *Tanzania* (05/4, Kirindy)  
Working as a research scientist at the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute.

**Harrison, Laura** *UK* (04/2, Kibale)  
Doing a PhD on spatial scaling in plant ecology at the University of Leeds. Work involves investigating the relationship between globeflower and its seed feeding pollinating insects.

**Hassan, Shombe Ntaraluka** *Tanzania* (94/2, Kibale)  
Still doing his PhD in a program that involves course work in Norway and data collection in Serengeti National Park, Tanzania.

**Hassan, Zakia Muhani** *Tanzania* (04/2, Kibale)  
Working as a forest graduate trainee with Green Resources Limited in Tanzania.

**Henson, Katherine** *UK* (03/3, Amani)  
Pursuing her PhD at the University of Bristol. Is studying the heathland pollinator systems.

**Herner Hallstrom, Marie** *Sweden* (01/1, Amani)  
Doing her MSc at University of Lund in Sweden while working there as the Informer of Academic Studies at the Students Service department.

**Heuman, Agneta** *Switzerland* (00/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Working as a naturalist guide for Pro Natural, the largest conservation organisation in Switzerland.

**Hughes, Lynn** *UK* (97/2, Kibale)  
Working in Malawi on an environmental education and communications project.

**Hunduma Tolera, Tariku** *Ethiopia* (05/3, Amani)  
Working at the Ethiopian Agricultural Research Organization (EARO) as an assistant researcher working on invasive (terrestrial and aquatic) plant species.

**Hunduma, Teshome** *Ethiopia* (01/3, Kibale)  
Still doing masters degree in Management of Natural Resources and Sustainable Agriculture at Agricultural University of Norway.

**Hunt, Harriet** *UK* (99/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Still working on the origins of the domesticated broomcorn millet through a postdoctoral research in the McDonald Institute for Archaeological research.

**Imbahale, Susan Sangiru** *Kenya* (02/4, Kirindy)  
Started her PhD in Belgium.

**Jansen, David** *Netherlands* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Completed MSc in Forest and Nature Management degree at Wageningen University and graduated with honours (cum laude).

**Jansson, Ingela** *Sweden* (01/3, Kibale)  
Doing an MSc at the Swedish University of Agriculture and doing studies at the Scandinavian Bear Project.

**Jarau, Stefan** *Austria* (95/2, Kibale)  
Still working as a lecturer at Ulm University.

**Johnson, Todd** *Zambia* (04/4, Kirindy)  
Still working as an assistant curator of entomology at Livingstone Museum. Work involves planning and conducting research on invertebrates.

**Julie, Hanta Razafimanahaka** *Madagascar* (05/4, Kirindy) Working at Madagasikara Voakajy as a research assistant involved on research projects, especially on bats and is responsible for keeping the organisation's database and specimens.

**Juma, Aguko** *Kenya* (94/2, Kibale)  
Had his application to the Rufford Small Grant accepted. Will be studying conservation of antivenom medicinal plants in Lambwe Valley.

**Kagure Karuga, Purity** *Kenya* (04/3, Kibale)  
Presently working as an administration assistant for the Friends of the Nairobi Arboretum.

**Kahindo, Charles D.** *Rep. of Congo* (98/3, Amani)  
Now working for ARCOS in Uganda as a project officer.

- Kahissai, Kinfe Tesfaye** *Ethiopia* (04/2, Kibale)  
Working as a junior researcher in the Ethiopian Agricultural Research Organization.
- Kamwendo, Jamestone Simon** *Malawi* (04/3, Kibale)  
Doing an MSc in Conservation Biology at the University of Malawi. Also working in the National Herbarium and Botanic Gardens of Malawi.
- Kanga, Erustus Mutembei** *Kenya* (96/1, Kibale)  
Is working as a personal assistant to the director, Kenya Wildlife Services.
- Karamalla, Lubna Tag Elsir** *Sudan* (02/1, Kibale)  
Is working at Tropical Medicine Research Institute (TMRI) in Khartoum.
- Karlsson, Kristina** *Sweden* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Finished doing an MSc in Biology and now doing a PhD in Evolutionary Ecology. She intends to investigate whether female polymorphism in a diving beetle species is an outcome of sexual conflict.
- Kasamba, Esther** *Uganda* (04/4, Kirindy)  
Currently in the UK (from September 2005) doing an MSc in Environmental Economics and Management at the University of York for one year.
- Kasper, Claudia** *Austria* (02/1, Kibale)  
Completed studies from the University of Vienna and now looking for a PhD position which would have fieldwork in Africa.
- Katebaka, Raymond** *Uganda* (04/3, Kibale)  
Working as a Project Officer with the National Biodiversity Data Bank of Makerere University's Institute of Environment and Natural Resources.
- Kestrup, Åasa** *Sweden* (02/1, Kibale)  
Now in Montreal, Canada to start a PhD on invasive species in fresh water environments at McGill University.
- Kiama, Stephen Maina** *Kenya* (05/3, Amani)  
Presently at the Kenya Forest Working Group, a sub-committee of the East African Wildlife Society as a project assistant.
- Kigoolo, Stephen** *Uganda* (94/1, Kibale)  
Working for Nature Uganda as a wetlands officer. Also coordinating the herpetology working group under Nature Uganda.
- Kisingo, Alex Wilbard** *Tanzania* (04/2, Kibale)  
Presently undertaking an MSc in Wildlife Management and Conservation at the University of Reading under full sponsorship of the TBA.
- Kissui, Bernard M.** *Tanzania* (98/3, Amani)  
Continuing with his PhD at the University of Minnesota on the dynamics of the Ngorongoro crater lion population. Now writing his PhD thesis.
- Kiwango, Wilhelm Andrew** *Tanzania* (02/3, Amani)  
Still working for the WWF in Tanzania as the programme technical assistant for the LWA project.
- Kleynhans, Elizabeth Jean** *South Africa* (05/4, Kirindy)  
Completed her MSc at the University of Groningen and started a PhD there on community and conservation biology.
- Knapp, Amelie** *Belgium* (02/2, Kibale)  
Now working for TRAFFIC Europe as a senior research assistant. TRAFFIC is a wildlife monitoring network and is a joint programme of WWF and IUCN.
- Koller, Martina** *Austria* (03/1, Kibale)  
Doing her Masters thesis within the red spider mite project for the International Centre for Insect Physiology and Ecology in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Kolodziejska, Iwona** *Poland* (03/3, Amani)  
Currently looking for job and plans to do MSc studies in a year's time.
- Korogone Ulysse, Sinagabe** *Benin* (05/4, Kirindy)  
Doing an MSc in agronomy engineering at the University of Parakou in Benin, Department of Agronomy. Now in the field collecting data.
- Koroma, Amadu** *Sierra Leone* (01/3, Kibale)  
Working as an assistant lecturer in the Department of Biological Sciences in Njala University College, University of Sierra Leone.
- Kowalski, Katherina** *Austria* (99/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
In the final year of her PhD at the University of Sussex, UK.
- Kuria, Anthony** *Kenya* (96/2, Kibale)  
Is still working for the Tropical Biology Association as a project manager.
- Kweka, Demetrius Leo** *Tanzania* (02/1, Kibale)  
Working at the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) under ICRAF in Nairobi as an associate expert.
- Kyoma, Anna Grace J.** *Tanzania* (98/3, Amani)  
Working for the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) as a chief park warden in charge of planning.
- Lanquaye-Opoku, Naa Odarkor** *Ghana* (99/3, Amani)  
Now a research associate at the University of British Columbia at Vancouver where she completed her masters in March 2003.
- Laryea, Belinda** *Ghana* (03/1, Kibale)  
Completed her MSc from The Netherlands in March 2006. Her thesis was on geoinformation and earth observation. Now in the UK taking a rest and will hopefully go back to Ghana in July 2006.
- Lekeaka, David Nkengateh** *Cameroon* (03/4, Kirindy)  
Is pursuing a postgraduate diploma course on Endangered Species Management at the International Training Centre affiliated to the Jersey Zoo. Presented a poster at the SCCS 2006.
- Ley, Alexandra** *Germany* (01/2, Kibale)  
Doing a PhD on pollination and phylogeny of the African Marantaceae at the University of Mainz in Germany.
- Lourenço, Pedro** *Portugal* (01/2, Kibale)  
Won a grant from the Portuguese Science and Technology Foundation to fund his PhD project in October, 2005. His application was supported by the TBA.
- Lukasik, Piotr** *Poland* (04/4, Kirindy)  
Works in Panama on herbivory on tree species along a rainfall gradient as a Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute research fellow.
- Madebo, Meherutu Yonas** *Ethiopia* (03/3, Amani)  
Still working in Mekelle University, Ethiopia as a graduate assistant. Job involves teaching and conducting research in the field of zoology, ecology and conservation biology.
- Mahinya, Stephen** *Tanzania* (05/3, Amani)  
Working as a wildlife officer at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife.
- Maina, Immaculate N.** *Kenya* (97/2, Kibale)  
Working at the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute as research officer in the Socio-economics and Biometrics Division.
- Malaki, Philista Adhiambo** *Kenya* (01/2, Kibale)  
Is working as the national coordinator of Kenya Birdfinder at the Ornithology Department, National Museums of Kenya.
- Mang, Thomas** *Austria* (05/2, Kibale)  
Is now in Macquarie University in Sydney during in his second semester.
- Maroyi, Alfred** *Zimbabwe* (95/4, Naivasha)  
Is now working as a lecturer of Botany at Bindura University, Zimbabwe.
- Masharabu, Tatien** *Burundi* (04/2, Kibale)  
An assistant lecturer at the University of Burundi. Duties include conducting practical and field work related to biological sciences and managing the university herbarium
- Masinde, Kizito** *Kenya* (03/1, Kibale)  
Completed writing his MSc thesis at Egerton University, Kenya. Waiting to graduate.
- Matemba, Rosemary Bethuel** *Tanzania* (03/3, Amani)  
Still doing an MSc in Environmental Sciences at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on speciation in Lake Victoria, Tanzania.
- Mayaki, Patience T. Abiodun** *Nigeria* (03/2, Kibale)  
Currently doing an MSc programme in European Forestry under the Erasmus Mundus EU Fellowship Initiative but now in The Netherlands looking for an internship.
- Mbeneya, Anubei Jaqueline** *Cameroon* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Is the head of the Natural Resource Management Department with Frank-Link Associates, Bemenda, Cameroon.
- Mburu Chege, Bernard** *Kenya* (95/3, Kibale)  
Working as the head tour-guide-driver at Kongoni Sanctuary, Naivasha.
- McDonnell, Rory** *Ireland* (98/1, Kibale)  
Now a lecturer and a Marie Curie Fellow (2006-2009) in the Department of Entomology, University of California. Taught in a TBA course in Kibale last year (2005).
- McOsano, Philip M.** *Kenya* (02/3, Amani)  
Now working as a project co-ordinator at the African Partnership Secretariat of Birdlife International in Nairobi.
- Meeme, Allen** *Uganda* (05/1, Kibale)  
Now doing an MSc in Medical Physiology at Makerere University.
- Meing'ataki, Godell Elias Ole** *Tanzania* (98/3, Amani)  
Continuing with his MSc course in Management of Natural Resources at Oscine University of Agriculture.
- Mellet, Ciara** *Ireland* (01/1, Amani)  
Currently working on the National Health Policy for The Health Service Executive in Ireland.
- Mensah, Frank Owusu** *Ghana* (02/1, Kibale)  
Doing an MSc in Environment and Resource Management at Brandenburg University of Technology, Germany.
- Meshack, Charles Kezilahabi** *Tanzania* (00/2, Amani)  
Is currently the Executive Director of Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG).
- Mhagama, Musa** *Tanzania* (03/1, Kibale)  
Still working as a forest officer at Mtwara/Mikindani Town in Tanzania.
- Michler, Stephanie** *Switzerland* (03/2, Kibale)  
Doing a PhD at the University of Groningen with the title "Offspring fitness and sex specific dispersal".
- Minlend, Albert** *Cameroon* (05/4, Kirindy)  
Doing an MSc in Botany and Ecology at the University of Yaounde.
- Mlangeni, Enoch** *Malawi* (00/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
At the University of Oslo (Norway) doing an MSc in Biology to study the population biology of *Juniperus procera* Cupressaceae (gymnosperm) at a molecular level.
- Mlowe, Devis** *Tanzania* (02/3, Amani)  
Now working in the local government of Tanzania as the District Forest Officer for Mpwapwa District. Work involves ensuring sustainable forest management in the district.

**Mme Mbome, Julie nee Mafanny** *Cameroon* (95/2, Kibale) Currently the conservator of the Limbe Botanic and Zoological Gardens, Limbe, SWP, Cameroon.

**Mohammed, Sami Saeed** *Sudan* (02/2, Kibale) Now a PhD student at Cambridge University in Evolutionary Genetics and Behavioural Ecology.

**Mousa, Alia Idris Mohamed** *Sudan* (03/1, Kibale) Still pursuing her MSc at Khartoum University.

**Muasya, Abraham Muthama** *Kenya* (95/4, Naivasha) Currently a lecturer at the Botany Department of the University of Cape Town.

**Mucha Walczynska, Aleksandra** *Poland* (00/1, Naivasha/Taita) Doing a PhD on the life strategy of a longhorn beetle (*Corymbia rubra* L.) at the Institute of Environmental Sciences at Jagiellonian University.

**Muchai, Samuel Muchane** *Kenya* (95/4, Naivasha) Is still working at the National Museums of Kenya as the chairman of the Department of Ornithology.

**Mugisha, Ambrose** *Uganda* (95/2, Kibale) Working as project officer in Nature Uganda.

**Mulkeen, Collette** *Ireland* (02/1, Kibale) Currently working for the Boston Scientific as a Lab technician. Work involves ensuring that the products are of the highest standards

**Mulu, Patience Mezoh Ajija** *Cameroon* (05/2, Kibale) Now doing an MSc in Environmental Management Programme at the University of Aalborg in Denmark.

**Munalula, Kawana** *Zambia* (05/2, Kibale) Working as an assistant keeper of botany at the Livingstone Museum, Zambia.

**Munyekenye, Fred Barasa** *Kenya* (00/1, Naivasha/Taita) Still doing his MSc at the University of Nairobi. Submitted thesis and now waiting to defend it.

**Muriuki, Caroline Wambui** *Kenya* (03/4, Kirindy) Doing some research work on otters at the Department of Ichthyology at the National Museums of Kenya.

**Musaasizi, Joel Mpalanyi** *Uganda* (00/2, Amani) Still the Director of Wildlife Clubs of Uganda.

**Musangu, Martin Mwema** *Kenya* (04/4, Kirindy) Awarded the TBA scholarship to undertake an MSc in Conservation Biology at the University of Cape Town.

**Mushabe, David** *Uganda* (02/3, Amani) Now working with Nature Uganda as Project Coordinator under the Darwin/BTO project.

**Musila, Simon Nganda** *Kenya* (03/3, Amani) Working at the Ornithology Department of the National Museums of Kenya as an IBA Research Fellow. Won the TBA African Education for Leaders in Conservation (AELC) masters scholarship in 2005.

**Musila, Winfred Mwongeli** *Kenya* (98/2, Kibale) Doing a PhD at the University of Bielefeld, Germany. The PhD topic is on soils in Kakamega tropical rainforest.

**Muyingo, Daniel** *Uganda* (03/4, Kirindy) Doing management work for a forest reserve with Detsche Forst Consult, Uganda.

**Mwaura, Anastacia Wanjiru** *Kenya* (01/3, Kibale) Working for GIBB Africa as an environmental scientist in charge of specific project protocols.

**Mwenja, Macharia Joseph** *Kenya* (05/2, Kibale) Currently working as a field assistant at the Eden Wildlife Trust in Kenya charged with the responsibility of overseeing the trust's conservation projects in Kenya on wildlife conservation.

**Mwima, Polycarp** *Uganda* (98/3, Amani) Working at the Environmental Conservation Trust of Uganda (ECOTRUST) as a program officer.

**Mzumara, Tiwonge Ivy** *Malawi* (05/1, Kibale) Currently working at the WWF-Southern Africa Regional Office where she is involved in biodiversity research.

**Nachuha, Sarah** *Uganda* (98/3, Amani) At the University of Oxford doing a PhD in the Department of Zoology.

**Nai, Daniel** *Ghana* (05/2, Kibale) Looking for an internship or employment opportunity.

**Nalwanga, Dianah** *Uganda* (01/1, Amani) Started a PhD at MUIENR Makerere University. The PhD is part of a wider project investigating the conservation of biodiversity in the modernising farmed landscapes of Uganda.

**Nambozo, Harriet** *Uganda* (03/2, Kibale) Still teaching at Mbale Secondary School in Uganda. Also doing an MSc on Environment and Natural Resources at Makerere University in Uganda.

**Namwanda Miti, Patricia** *Uganda* (05/3, Amani) Working as a database assistant at Makerere University charged with the responsibility of entering raw data from all working groups.

**Nantale, Gauden** *Uganda* (02/1, Kibale) Doing MSc in Botany (Ethnobotany) at Makerere University, Uganda.

**Ndagijimana, Felix** *Rwanda* (05/4, Kirindy) Now working as a research assistant at the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International.

**Ndangalasi, Henry J.** *Tanzania* (95/3, Kibale) Completed his PhD in 2004. Now working at the Department of Botany in the University of Dar es Salaam as a lecturer.

**Ndayishiniye, Joel** *Burundi* (03/3, Amani) Won the CTB scholarship to start a PhD.

**Ndlovu, Thenjiwe Claudia** *South Africa* (05/4, Kirindy) Now doing an MSc in Ecology and Conservation Biology at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal in South Africa.

**Ndunge Muthoka, Christine** *Kenya* (05/3, Amani) Waiting to graduate with a BSc in Range Management from the University of Nairobi.

**Ndunguru, Tabita** *Tanzania* (02/3, Amani) Pursuing her MSc at the Dar es Salaam University on the influences of altitudes and vegetation types on the distribution and diversity of dung beetles in the East Usambara Mountains.

**Nero, Festus Bertrand** *Ghana* (05/3, Amani) Currently undertaking research work on land use change, tree diversity loss and riparian buffers.

**Newton, Pete** *UK* (03/2, Kibale) Is working as a zoologist safari guide in Botswana.

**Ngalason, Wilirk** *Tanzania* (01/3, Kibale) Now working as an assistant lecturer in Wildlife Conservation in the Department of Zoology at the University of Dar-es-Salaam.

**Ng'ang'a, Veronica Wanjiku** *Kenya* (05/1, Kibale) On attachment training at the Kenya Forestry Research Institute.

**Ngugi, Milkah** *Kenya* (04/3, Kibale) Taking an MSc course in Environmental Science at Egerton University.

**Nguku, Julius Kioko** *Kenya* (01/3, Kibale) Still working as a research assistant at the Ichthyology Department, National Museums of Kenya.

**Ngure, Paulo Wilfred** *Tanzania* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita) Completed his MSc from Sokoine University and got a job with the Open University of Tanzania as an assistant lecturer.

**Nicholls, Colin** *UK* (95/5, Danum) Doing a research on plant pollinator interactions in the tropical forests of Tamil Nadu, South India.

**Niebuhr, Thomas** *Denmark* (00/2, Amani) Won the 2005 poster prize at the Students Conference on Conservation Science held at Cambridge University in March 2005.

**Nielsen, Sofie** *Denmark* (00/3, Amani) Now working on a manuscript based on her MSc hopefully to be published in 'Biodiversity and Conservation' journal.

**Njuguna, Peter** *Kenya* (95/2, Kibale) Relocated to USA. Currently in Kenya for PhD pilot studies.

**Nti Acheampong, Ernest** *Ghana* (05/4, Kirindy) Working as a project officer for A Rocha in Ghana. Job involves the development of project plan and undertaking biological inventories.

**Nuhu, Daniel** *Tanzania* (03/3, Amani) Is working in the Conservation Education and Community Outreach Department of the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) in Tanzania as the Education Programme Coordinator.

**Nyawira Muriithi, Sarah** *Kenya* (05/2, Kibale) Working as a volunteer at Lafarge Ecosystems in Mombasa, Kenya.

**Nyenya, Ratidzayi Takawira** *Zimbabwe* (99/1, Naivasha/Taita) Looking for funding to pursue a PhD in Plant Systematics and Conservation.

**Obadha, Elijah Ouma** *Kenya* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita) Is still working as an intern at the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI) /Lake Victoria Environmental Management Programme (LVEMP).

**Ocen, Mark** *Uganda* (99/3, Amani) Now working at the Department of Tourism and Wildlife at the Ministry of Tourism, Trade and Industry in Uganda.

**Ochudho, Dennis Otieno** *Kenya* (96/1, Kibale) Still at the Department of Botany and Horticulture in Moi University working as a lecturer in Plant Ecology and Environmental Sciences.

**Odeny, Dickens Onyango** *Kenya* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita) Returned to Kenya from Plymouth University, UK after completing his Erasmus mundus funded MSc in March, 2006.

**Oduro, Dwomoh Janice** *Ghana* (03/3, Amani) Doing an MPhil at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana.

**Ogrzewalska, Maria** *Poland* (02/3, Amani) Started doing a PhD at the University of Sao Paulo. Study involves working on ticks and birds and the effect of forest fragmentation on relationships between them.

**Ogutu, Booker** *Kenya* (02/2, Kibale) Working with the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) in Nairobi, Kenya as a GIS analyst.

**Ogutu, Walter** *Kenya* (94/1, Kibale) Undertaking a project on the sustainable conservation, utilization of trees and forest patches through community action in Sigoma, Siaya District in Kenya.

**Okello, Jasper** *Uganda* (02/1, Kibale) Working for the Network of Development Consultants Uganda. Job involves training, advisory and consultancy of community-based projects.

**Okoth, Susan Sande** *Kenya* (00/3, Amani)  
Is doing field work at the Arabuko Sokoke forest for her PhD at the Department of Zoology and Entomology, University of Pretoria.

**Okullo, John Bosco** *Uganda* (95/3, Kibale)  
Working as a lecturer in Makerere University at the Department of Forest Biology and Ecosystems Management.

**Olanya, Peter** *Uganda* (04/3, Kibale)  
Currently based at Wildlife Clubs of Uganda, carrying out conservation education to Ugandan youths.

**Oleche, Francis Omondi** *Kenya* (00/3, Amani)  
Now working in Tanzania for the Research and Poverty Alleviation (REPOA).

**Omengo, Fred Ochieng** *Kenya* (03/2, Kibale)  
Presently working at the Wetlands Department of the Kenya Wildlife Service as a wetlands officer.

**Omolo, Dan Peter** *Kenya* (00/3, Amani)  
Is continuing with his MSc in Geoinformation Sciences and Environmental Modelling.

**Omolo, Titus Adhola** *Kenya* (04/4, Kirindy)  
Won the Research Programme for Sustainable Use of Biodiversity award for a research project on sustainable use of game birds by rural communities which he is now undertaking at Mpala.

**Omoya, Edward Okot** *Uganda* (03/2, Kibale)  
Working as a teaching assistant in the Botany Department, Makerere University.

**Onafuwa, Anuoluwapo Oluayomi** *Nigeria* (04/2, Kibale)  
Got a job with the Nigerian Conservation Foundation as an education officer.

**Ondiaka, Natuluku Sopher** *Kenya* (01/1, Amani)  
Submitted her MSc thesis in January and waiting to defend it. Meanwhile continuing her work at ICIPE, Nairobi.

**Oroni, Evelyn Iseren** *Kenya* (04/2, Kibale)  
Presently working as a park warden with the Kenya Wildlife Service. Job involves park administration and research. Also pursuing an MBA at Nairobi University.

**Otali, Emily** *Uganda* (97/3, Naivasha)  
Continuing with her PhD at Makerere University.

**Otieno, Mark** *Kenya* (01/2, Kibale)  
Is working as a project officer at the Tropical Biology Association, Nairobi office.

**Otti, Oliver** *Switzerland* (01/3, Kibale)  
Currently doing a PhD at the Zurich University (ETH). Study involves working on ecology and evolution of virulence in *Tribolium castaneum*. Hoping to complete by the end of this year.

**Ottou, Reuben** *Ghana* (01/2, Kibale)  
Is still working for the Ghana Wildlife Service as Assistant Project Officer.

**Owino, Alfred** *Kenya* (99/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Got a new job with the Kenya Wildlife Service as the Biodiversity Conventions Officer.

**Oyugi, Joseph** *Kenya* (94/1, Kibale)  
Completed PhD from the University of Illinois. Now an assistant professor at Wright College, USA.

**Peberdy, Morag** *UK* (94/2, Kibale)  
Is still working for Herbert Smith, an international law firm.

**Phalan, Ben** *Ireland* (05/1, Kibale)  
Currently studying for a PhD in the Conservation Science Group at Cambridge University. Now in Ghana starting fieldwork for a project on biodiversity and agriculture.

**Prescott, Matthew** *UK* (95/3, Kibale)  
Working as researcher for George Monbiot in Oxford University.

**Proença, Vânia** *Portugal* (03/4, Kirindy)  
Is pursuing his PhD at the Faculty of Sciences in the University of Lisbon.

**Rainey, Hugo** *UK* (94/2, Kibale)  
Still working at Wildlife Conservation Society in the Congo as a project director.

**Rakotoarivelo, Andrianajoro** *Madagascar* (05/1, Kibale)  
Now doing an MSc in Conservation Biology (DEA degree in Biology and Ecology) at the University of Antananarivo.

**Rakotonirina, Nivothenintsoa** *Madagascar* (03/4, Kirindy)  
Finished MSc and now looking for either a job or PhD.

**Ramahery, Volanirina** *Madagascar* (02/3, Amani)  
Still at the Nova South-Eastern University doing an MSc on Coastal Zone Management.

**Ramanankirahina, Rindrahatsarana** *Madagascar* (02/4, Kirindy)  
Completed presenting her DEA in 2004 and now preparing for a PhD on the lemurs of Madagascar. Looking for grants and scholarships.

**Randrianasolo, Hanitriniaina Harison** *Madagascar* (00/3, Amani)  
Is still working for Conservation International in Madagascar as Species Conservation Manager.

**Randrianavelona, Roma** *Madagascar* (03/4, Kirindy)  
Doing a research on Malagasy lizards (*Zonosaurus*) in preparation for DEA.

**Rasoariselala, Fanambintsoa** *Madagascar* (03/1, Kibale)  
Still pursuing an MSc in Plant Ecology.

**Rasoma, Rahantavololona V. Juliana** *Madagascar* (03/3, Amani)  
At the Antananarivo University doing an MSc on small mammals.

**Ratsoavina, Fanomezana Mihaja** *Madagascar* (03/3, Amani)  
Pursuing her MSc at Antananarivo University.

**Razafimanjato, Gilbert** *Madagascar* (05/3, Amani)  
Working at the Peregrine Fund in Madagascar as a researcher. Since October 2005, has been doing research on the breeding habits of raptors IN the southern part of Madagascar.

**Razafindrajaio, Felix** *Madagascar* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Working as a Ramsar Sites manager at the Durrell Wildlife Conservation. Also responsible for conservation of water birds in the organisation.

**Regan, Eugenie** *Ireland* (00/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Continuing with postdoctoral research as a Fulbright scholar in the USA on wetlands which is unrelated to his PhD.

**Remnant, Rachel** *UK* (00/2, Amani)  
Working as a reserves officer for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

**Renz, Deborah** *Switzerland* (02/4, Kirindy)  
Now preparing to do a PhD on theories explaining coexistence of ecologically similar species.

**Richard, John** *Tanzania* (05/1, Kibale)  
Currently undertaking an MSc in Forestry at Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania. The MSc is fully supported by the TBA through the Darwin Fellowship Initiative.

**Riziki, Shemdoe Silas** *Tanzania* (01/1, Amani)  
Is working for the University College of Lands and Architectural Studies in Tanzania as an Assistant Research Fellow.

**Rykowski, Zuzanna** *Poland* (05/4, Kirindy)  
Doing an MSc at Warsaw University on Behavioural Ecology.

**Sakala, Bizeck** *Zambia* (03/2, Kibale)  
Is working as an assistant curator of botany at Livingstone Museum, Natural History Department.

**Sakwa, Jane** *Kenya* (03/4, Kirindy)  
Still pursuing her MSc at Stellenbosch University in South Africa.

**Sam, Nana Ama Poku** *Ghana* (02/3, Amani)  
Finished her masters degree in Environmental Policy from Bard College in New York in August 2005. Now living with her husband in Kingsville, Texas.

**Sanders, Amy** *UK* (98/2, Kibale)  
Working for Dialogue by Design, a consultancy firm on recycling and nanotechnology as a project manager.

**Sayer, Emma** *Switzerland* (00/2, Amani)  
Doing research on the role of litterfall in tropical forest carbon dynamics at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute.

**Schut, Elske** *Netherlands* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Still pursuing an MSc in Evolutionary Biology at the University of Groningen while working at the University of Sheffield.

**Scodanibbio, Lucia** *Italy* (02/1, Kibale)  
On an internship with the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat. Work involves providing advice to and maintaining contacts with governments of Ramsar contracting parties.

**Sebulime, Peregrine** *Uganda* (04/2, Kibale)  
Working on a contract at the Wildlife and Animal Resources Department of Makerere University.

**Seelig, Frederick** *Germany* (03/2, Kibale)  
At the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, as part of an exchange program with University of Bonn, Germany.

**Shija, Aloysius** *Tanzania* (03/4, Kirindy)  
Now working for Robin Hurt Safaris Ltd in Tanzania as a field officer. Responsibilities include organisation and supervision of elephant poaching patrols in and around Robin Hurt concession.

**Shimelis, Anteneh** *Ethiopia* (97/2, Kibale)  
Working at the Ethiopian Wolf Project.

**Siangulube, Sayi Freddie** *Zambia* (02/1, Kibale)  
Now studying for an MSc in Management of Biological Diversity at Uppsala University.

**Siddall, Emma** *Ireland* (04/3, Kibale)  
Currently doing her PhD on entomology in Dublin.

**Silayo, Dos Santos** *Tanzania* (02/2, Kibale)  
An assistant lecturer in the Department of Forest Engineering at Sokoine University of Agriculture.

**Söderberg, Heidi** *Sweden* (01/3, Kibale)  
Working at the UNEP Caribbean Regional Coordinating Unit (UNEP-CAR/RCU) in Kingston, Jamaica as a Junior Professional Officer (JPO).

**Sogbohossou, Etotepe Aikpemi** *Benin* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Currently at the University of Abomey-Calavi doing an MSc in Natural Resource Management. The studies are fully sponsored by the TBA.

**Soka, Geoffrey Eliamini** *Tanzania* (02/4, Kirindy)  
Now working with IPGRI in Uganda as an associate scientist charged with the conservation and use of crop genetic diversity to control pests and disease in support of sustainable agriculture.

**Somorin, Olufunso** *Nigeria* (05/2, Kibale)  
Presently teaching Agricultural Science and Biology, also conducting research with the Department of Natural Resources of the Local Government of Nigeria.

**Sonnweber, Ruth** *Austria* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Doing an MSc at the University of Vienna, Austria. The study concentrates on the physiological reproductive ability in Barbary macaques (*Macaca sylvanus*).

**Sorensen, Iben Hove** *Denmark* (02/1, Kibale)  
Has set up a bird tour company together with her boyfriend in Spain close to the Ebro delta. The company has a website [www.audouinbirding.com](http://www.audouinbirding.com)

**Stephano, Flora** *Tanzania* (02/2, Kibale)  
Attended a specialised training workshop organised by the TBA under the Specialised Training Programmes (STP) in Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania. Still continuing with her MSc at the University of Dar-es Salaam.

**Suinyuy, Terence Nkwanwir** *Cameroon* (02/3, Amani)  
Doing an MSc in Conservation Biology at the University of Cape Town fully supported by TBA. Set to complete in February 2006.

**Sun, Jenny** *USA* (05/3, Amani)  
Is currently writing up her PhD from her fieldwork in Costa Rica at UCLA.

**Zulkin, Marta** *Poland* (01/3, Kibale)  
Pursuing a PhD in Evolutionary Ecology at the Edward Grey Institute of Field Ornithology.

**Tanda, Godwin Ade** *Cameroon* (04/4, Kirindy)  
Attended an Earthwatch expedition in Ghana on the Elephants of the Red Volta nominated by TBA. Was a key person in setting up the Cameroon TBA Alumni Association (CATBAA).

**Techau, Michala Eichner** *Denmark* (99/3, Amani)  
Is pursuing his PhD in Molecular Biology at the University of Cambridge.

**Teklu, Teklehaimanot Haileclassie** *Ethiopia* (95/3, Kibale)  
Still doing his PhD at Lund University in the Department of Plant Ecology and Systematics.

**Tetteh-Kumah, Frank** *Ghana* (04/3, Kibale)  
Working for the Friends of Rivers and Water Bodies as a project coordinator. Job involves conservation education programmes for schools, rehabilitation programmes, fundraising and administration.

**Thenya, Thuita** *Kenya* (96/1, Kibale)  
Completed a PhD from the University of Bonn and now lecturing Biogeography, GIS and Remote Sensing in the Department of Geography and Environmental studies at the University of Nairobi.

**Tobler, Ursina** *Switzerland* (03/4, Kirindy)  
Completing her MSc at Zurich University on toad behaviour. Also doing a teacher education program.

**Trierweiler, Christiane** *Germany* (02/1, Kibale)  
Now at Groningen University doing a PhD on the Demography and Conservation of Montagus's Harrier (*Circus Pygargus*).

**Tucker, Josephine** *UK* (03/2, Kibale)  
Now a project administrator with the Overseas Development Institute. Work involves administration of various research projects in tropical forestry and environmental policy.

**Tumanye, Nuriat** *Uganda* (03/3, Amani)  
Is working with the National Forestry Authority (NFA) Uganda as a district sector manager.

**Tumusime, David Mwesigye** *Uganda* (04/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Is pursuing his MSc at the Agricultural University of Norway.

**Uwingeli, Prosper Licens** *Rwanda* (02/2, Kibale)  
Is a research, monitoring and planning warden at the Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda.

**Uys, Charmaine Janet** *South Africa* (04/2, Kibale)  
Was provisionally awarded a National Research Foundation Prestigious PhD.

**van Beijnen, Jonah** *The Netherlands* (03/4, Kirindy)  
In the Sierra Madre Mountains, Philippines doing research on the effects of forest fragmentation on the diversity of reptiles, amphibians and bats for his MSc at Wageningen University.

**van de Wiel, Geert** *The Netherlands* (03/3, Amani)  
Still pursuing an MSc in Ecology & Biodiversity at Wageningen University and Research Centre. Also coordinating the African Education for Leaders in Conservation (AELC) masters scholarship for the 03/3 African TBA alumni.

**Van der Made, Denise** *The Netherlands* (04/2, Kibale)  
Doing a course in science communication at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and then carrying out an internship to work in the Curacao Sea Aquarium as an intern.

**van Hulten, Cornelia** *The Netherlands* (99/2, Amani)  
Working at Wageningen University as a teaching assistant.

**van Noordwijk, Riek** *The Netherlands* (03/1, Kibale)  
Completed MSc in 2004 and now looking forward to a PhD.

**Veen, Ciska** *The Netherlands* (03/2, Kibale)  
Pursuing her PhD on the above and below ground herbivores and their effect on spatial heterogeneity in Groningen University.

**Villanueva, MaCarmen Díaz** *Spain* (98/2, Kibale)  
Working at home and in a factory in fields unrelated to conservation and biology.

**Volampeno, Sylviane Maria** *Madagascar* (02/2 Kibale)  
Completed doing her MSc in Primate Conservation at the Oxford Brookes University, UK which was partially sponsored by TBA

**Waiswa, Daniel** *Uganda* (00/3, Amani)  
Graduated from Makerere University with an MSc in Computer Science in April 2005. His research was in Geographical Information Systems.

**Wambua, Samuel Kaula** *Kenya* (03/1, Kibale)  
Currently working as a volunteer with Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI), Kitui region.

**Warui, Charles** *Kenya* (99/1, Naivasha/Taita)  
Is working at the Department of Invertebrate Zoology, National Museums of Kenya as a research scientist.

**Warui, Harun Maina** *Kenya* (00/2, Amani)  
Now a PhD fellow at the University of Hohenheim carrying out dissertation research in the field of conservation of animal genetic resources in northern Kenya.

**Waylen, Kerry** *UK* (03/3, Amani)  
Working for Fauna & Flora International on a contract.

**Webala, Paul Waswa** *Kenya* (98/3, Amani)  
Still teaching at the Kenya Wildlife Service Training Institute in Naivasha. Also involved in bat ecological research.

**White, Tatiana** *UK* (01/3, Kibale)  
Still working at the department of Anthropology and Biological Sciences, Jane Goodall Research Centre, University of Southern California.

**Wildenberg, Martin** *Austria* (02/1, Kibale)  
Now doing PhD at the IFF Department of Social Ecology on aged-based modelling, conservation biology and human nature interactions.

**Williamson, Nicola** *UK* (99/3, Amani)  
Now working for the RSPB in working a small area just outside Ely, counting birds.

**Yessoufou, Kowiyou** *Benin* (02/2, Kibale)  
Finished an MSc which was financed by the TBA in 2005. Now working for an NGO called CeRGet in Benin.

**Yimer, Hayal Desta** *Ethiopia* (05/2, Kibale)  
Continuing with MSc studies in Environmental Science at the Addis Ababa University.

**Yousif, Awatif O. Khidir** *Sudan* (01/3, Kibale)  
Completed her MSc successfully from the University of Khartoum.

**Zbinden, Judith** *Switzerland* (98/1, Kibale)  
In the last year of her PhD project at Bern University, Switzerland. Studies involve conservation-related aspects of biology of the largest Mediterranean sea turtle population (*Caretta caretta*).

**Zilihona, Innocent Enos Joseph** *Tanzania* (98/1, Kibale)  
A lecturer at the Institute of Rural Development Planning in Dodoma, Tanzania.

85% of our 890 alumni are in contact with the TBA. All the updates presented here have been sent to us since the previous newsletter.

# Life after TBA

## Expression of thanks: TBA has made a difference to me!

In 2000, when I joined the TBA course in Kenya, I was a young graduate, quite unsure about my proposed future career in natural resources management. By the time I completed the course I became very confident that I had made the right career choice. In particular the training in ecological restoration and biodiversity research methods were very useful. More importantly, my mini-project on ethnobotany and conservation studies at Hell's Gate National Park gave me a valuable insight into the importance of indigenous peoples' knowledge of natural resources management. Some of the lessons I learned there have since been used in developing management strategies for the Amansuri Community Nature Reserve whilst working for the Ghana Wildlife Society.

Later, in 2003, my research project on the Maasai also influenced my acceptance into Oxford University to pursue a postgraduate programme; on the master's programme, I specialized in policy and participatory approaches to natural resource management. This work led to me being featured in the Oxford University's Annual Review (2003/4) as an 'Outstanding African Student'.

Currently, I am working for ProForest; an independent company based in Oxford that focuses on sustainable use of natural resources. ProForest, an advisor to the EU and the UK government, also specializes in responsible purchasing policies, timber certification, and sustainability initiatives in agri-commodities (e.g. oil palm, soy). My portfolio relates to promoting sustainability initiatives in the forestry sector in Africa and SE Asia; specifically, providing training and capacity for improving sustainable forest management.

Looking back, it is clear that TBA positively influenced my chosen career. The recognition given to me in my country as the youngest member of the national governing council on forest certification is a testimony to the practical impact TBA has had on me and, hopefully, will make on others in the future. TBA 2000 was a fulfilling experience for me for which I will always be grateful!

**Ishmael Nii Amanor Dodoo, Ghana (00/1, Naivasha)**

## Creating opportunities

A striking attribute of the TBA is its non-discriminatory process of sponsoring African students to attend the field course in tropical ecology and conservation. TBA empowered me by giving me a clear vision and purpose in life. My TBA field course developed a strong passion for biodiversity conservation and the confidence to reach out to other international agencies. In 2003, I got a job as African Coordinator with Tropical Conservancy, a registered charitable scientific organization based in Canada. My current work is of vital importance in spreading the cause of conservation in Nigeria and beyond, where there are few scattered champions that are yet to attain a critical mass. In 2004, I was elected Information Officer for the Africa Section of the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB). Since then, I have contributed much to conservation at an international level and I have gained vital experience in the process. The TBA is indisputably advancing career opportunities for young conservation biologists in Africa and I wish them many more fruitful years of achievements.

**Stephen M. Awoyemi, Nigeria (02/3, Amani)**



## Specialist Training Workshop, Tanzania 2005

As my first workshop with the Tropical Biology Association and first time in East Africa, I was particularly happy to find myself at Sokoine Agricultural University with 20 keen students from universities and organizations across Tanzania and Ghana. The 4-day workshop focused on the many and varied communication skills that researchers, students and conservation workers require in their work and career. My particular interest was in helping with ideas and techniques to improve writing and organization skills for the preparation of scientific papers, and in the skills required for oral presentation. But we also covered a number of other subjects, with the help of Tanzanian colleagues, such as the writing of good research proposals. Our four days together was intensive but thoroughly enjoyable, and I believe that both the attendees and the facilitators benefited from the workshop. I am hoping that the TBA will invite me again!

**Martin Fisher – Editor of Oryx (Trainer STP 2005)**



## Gaining confidence through the workshop

The STP workshop assisted me in getting a very good job; through the workshop I gained further confidence, particularly from my improved presentation skills. My colleagues gave their presentation on the problems and conservation of natural resources. In questions targeted at my talk, I was able to give good and well-constructed answers. I would like to request that you conduct more of these sessions to benefit others in the future.

**Jasmin Mushi, Tanzania (STP participant, 2005)**

## Building the image of TBA: The Cameroon Tropical Biology Association Alumni

The desire to strengthen the TBA network has resulted in the establishment of the Cameroon Tropical Biology Association Alumni (CATBAA) in August 2005, through the contributions and suggestions from the 19 founder members. The vision of CATBAA is to develop the association into an operational and well-equipped NGO for research, education, and the provision of information on the

use of natural resources, environmental protection, and stewardship of biodiversity conservation in Cameroon. The organization has engaged members from both Cameroon and those elsewhere in the TBA network, as well as establishing a web page to provide up to date details of its activities (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CATBAA/>). CATBAA looks forward to extending a network that builds on TBA field skills in biodiversity conservation and natural resource management for the benefit of Cameroon and the wider tropical world.

**Tanda Godwin, Cameroon (04/4 Kirindy)**

## The TBA Ghanaian Alumni Group

The Ghanaian TBA Alumni Group exists in earnest! The organization was born out of an East African initiative; Tanzanian and Kenyan alumni organized a reunion in 2004 to mark TBA's 10th anniversary without a West African representative. With a membership of twenty-eight, we hope to grow both in size and strength in the coming years. One of our aims is to promote biodiversity and environmental conservation in Ghana through educational outreach programmes. The major forthcoming activity is a series of these initiatives in three universities in Ghana: Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology; University of Cape Coast; and the University of Ghana. These are being organized in collaboration with Biological Sciences and Environmental Sciences Associations on the campuses. The Ghanaian TBA Alumni Group exists to complement the efforts of TBA to educate and help young biologists.

**John Abraham, Ghana (04/2, Kibale)**



There are now four TBA alumni associations set up in **Sudan, Nigeria, Cameroon and Ghana**. We encourage other alumni to establish similar groups and will give advice to anyone wishing to do so.

## AELC Progress

The African Education for Leaders in Conservation (AELC) scholarship was founded by a selection of the European participants of the Tanzania TBA course 2003. It was established to fund one of the African participants to undertake an MSc degree course in conservation. In this way, we hoped to contribute to conservation in the long term, by enabling an African to pursue their education to a level necessary to make a significant contribution to their country's development. We believed that with an MSc degree, this person would stand a better chance to be involved in conservation projects or in decision-making processes concerning conservation of natural resources in their country. I am very pleased to announce that Simon Nganda Musila from Kenya has been awarded the full AELC scholarship to pursue an MSc in Environmental Studies at Kenyatta University, Kenya, starting in September 2006. We wish him all the very best for the duration of his studies.

**Nick Geert van de Wiel**  
AELC coordinator  
([www.african-education.org](http://www.african-education.org))

## Student Conference on Conservation Science 2006

The TBA is one of the key organizers of the Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS), held in Cambridge every year. It is an exciting three-day event with a mixture of talks, poster presentations, workshops and lectures by plenary speakers. The conference provides a lively

forum for conservation biologists to present their work, make international links, and attend presentations from established biologists. We were delighted with the large attendance of TBA alumni at the 2006 event; seventeen alumni were present representing Cameroon, Denmark, Sudan, Belgium, UK, South Africa, Poland, Tanzania, Madagascar, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Uganda, Ireland, and Kenya. Five alumni presented their work at the SCCS this year. TBA alumni are encouraged to attend the 2007 conference (27th-29th March) or apply for the SCCS bursaries if you have a talk to give. Please go to [www.zoo.cam.ac.uk/sccs](http://www.zoo.cam.ac.uk/sccs) for further details.

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