

Annex 5

Local Participation in the enforcement of hunting laws



The village chief of Tshombe Kilima (Maniema Province) is here informing Tetela hunters (Kasai Oriental Province) that they can no longer come into Bangengele forest to hunt. This was before the no-hunting law was passed. He circulated throughout the land belonging to Tshombe Kilima which is one of the main villages with land inside the future Park. Their collaboration is crucial.



The chefitaine of the Bangengele sector (in green dress) is about to give a talk in the village of Oleke concerning commercial hunting, protected species, the soon to be declared no-hunting season and the future park.



In March 09 I visited Tshombe Kilima, a village that had a bushmeat based economy and that objected to enforcement of hunting laws. It became clear that the elders favored the laws including the closed hunting season and that it was really a small group of bushmeat dealers from Kindu that were behind the resistance. Team leaders found the same pattern in other Bangengele villages on the border of the future protected area. (Oluwo, Oleke, Likonda, Wemambuli, Ngondo, Mangazumbu, Djekoshilo).



Team leaders Crispin Kibambe and Maurice Emetshu leading a village discussion concerning hunting laws and a future park along the axe Mangazumbu – Djekoshilo. These team leaders like many of the others have moved very successfully from a science-oriented to a social-oriented mission. What they bring, and what is appreciated in the villages, is a real understanding of the forest and its animals.



Freddy Kipakata was one of four monitors covering the two posts of the Kasuku crossing and the Dingi cross-roads before and during the closed hunting season. He like the other monitors is a native of the area.



This is the main bushmeat market in Kindu, Maniema. Two women were trained from this market to be the informers/educators of the other market women. The central market trainers were Mangaza Dikomo and Mangaza Furaha. Three market women from smaller markets were trained for the same job in their own area, Marcelline Nyekote, Sabine Lodi, and Tete Mangaza.