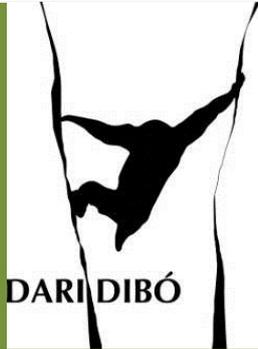


# Newsletter

Year 2 – No. 1  
March 2013



## Collaboration Max Planck Institute

In October 2012 we started a chimpanzee survey project in collaboration with the Max Plack Institute (MPI) for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig. This survey is part of the Pan African research project "Ecological influences on Culture in Chimpanzees and Hominoids" of the MPI. The goal of this program is to systematically collect data on 35 to 40 chimpanzee populations spread out over their whole African natural range.

We will collect data in the Boé area in Guinea-Bissau. Joost van Schijndel is responsible for this research. He has followed a course in Leipzig to ensure that he collects the data in the same way as other research groups participating in this program.

## Trail cameras

At various places in the Boé trail cameras have been installed. They have yielded many good images and interesting discoveries of species of which we did not know that they could still be found in the Boé. The big advantage of a trail camera is that animals show their natural behavior. Below is an excellent example of a group of chimpanzees in Boé.



## Research Jasper Hoogveld

Last year, Master student biology at the University of Nijmegen, Jasper Hoogveld, did biological research for four months in the Boé.

He analyzed the data collected by local people during the patrols they do twice a month. By bike he determined the coordinates of the places where village committees have seen chimpanzees during their patrols. He could conclude that chimpanzees occur in the entire area, throughout the whole year.



## Nature education

Every week the local radio in Beli broadcasts an hour of nature education aimed at the teachers of the primary schools in Boé. This helps them improve their lessons on the environment in which the children live.

At the start of the school year 2012-2013 Chimbo gave all primary school pupils of the Boé a pencil or a ballpoint plus an exercise-book as part of this awareness raising program.

## "Casa Daridibó"

The construction of the 'Casa Daridibó' has started in January. The Casa Daridibó consists of three small buildings and will facilitate the networking of local organisations regarding the use of their environment and their sustainable development. The house will serve for community meetings, training sessions and exhibitions and will house a small research center and library for ecovolunteers.

