



Finima Nature Park Week 16 Report

Highlights: General anti-poaching patrol and biological monitoring was conducted round the park and observations were noted, no arrest was made. Birds, Mona monkeys, snakes, insects among many other animals were sighted.



Fig. 1, 2, 3, & 4 show pictures of Green snake, African Jacana, Mona Monkeys & the Geese respectively

Outreach & Engagement: There was no school visit under this reporting period as all the schools are on Easter break.

Ecotourism: Families, individuals, friends, Members of Deeper Life Bible Church and two Researchers from University of Port Harcourt, Forestry and Wildlife Management Department (Dr. Adekunle Oladele and one of his Post Graduate students Mr. Choco-Onyinye Prince) visited the Park during the week and all visitors were properly conducted round the Park with satisfactory nature interpretation. Dr. Adekunle Oladele expressed his desire to develop a good working relationship with the FNP just like the one between NCF and University of Ibadan, Forestry Department. He said the relationship will permit him to carry out more research at the FNP and publish the findings in order to make the rich flora diversity of the park known to the world out there.



Fig. 5, 6, 7 & 8 show cross section of Visitors that visited the Park during the week



Fig. 9, 10, 11 & 12 show cross section of the Researchers from Uniport during their field trip to the Park

Reforestation program: No planting was observed during this reporting week, but plan is underway to plant more 300 red mangroves in the coming reporting week provided the atmospheric weather condition is favorable.

Tidiness & Cleanliness: Tidiness of the boardwalk and other Park facilities were carried out during this reporting week i.e. sweeping of the trail, clearing and cutting of tree branches that fall along the board walk.

Coastal erosion & Encroachment: monitoring of coastal erosion is ongoing, as observation shows that siltation and deposition of debris along the shoreline persist. Coastal area measurement from Ship Wreck is 150m away from the Sea and 110m away from the Hippo creek while it is 90m away from the Almond Tree respectively. To mitigate this we have planted some red mangrove numbering 450 stands around the Almond Tree region since this is the predominant species.



Fig.13, 14, 15& 16 show impact of coastal erosion and encroachment along the shoreline and enrichment planting by the Almond Tree area respectively.

Others:

- The drone operator was around during the Easter holiday for two days to cover the FNP Resource Centre to theseacoast through the first walkway.
- Job has already begun on the construction of the seat-out and on fish introduction; an expert was invited to the pond on 17th April, 2017. The professional recommended we condone part of the pond with either local materials used in making local basket or coated wire mesh in order to achieve a more realistic goal. Effort are in place to get who can help with the condoning.



Fig. 20, 21, & 22 show pictures of the FNP Rangers purchasing some of the materials that will be used for constructing the seat-out.

Update on number of Visitors:

Total number of visitors for the week = 189

Total number of visitors from January 2017 to date =2011

Week	Date	Nr. of Visitors	YTD
1	01/01 - 07/01	223	223
2	08/01 - 14/01	9	232

3	15/01 - 21/01	23	255
4	22/01 - 28/01	117	372
5	29/01 - 04/02	66	438
6	05/02 - 11/02	104	542
7	12/02 - 18/02	427	969
8	19/02 - 24/02	50	1019
9	25/02-03/03	45	1064
10	04/03-10/03	45	1109
11	11/03-17/03	85	1194
12	18/03-22/03	46	1240
13	23/03-29/03	456	1696
14	24/03-05/04	69	1765
15	06/04-12/04	73	1838
16	06/04-12/04	189	2027