Kibale EcoHealth Project

Health through Conservation

Description	The Kibale EcoHealth Project is a long-term investigation of health ecology and epidemiology in the region of Kibale National Park, Uganda. Through an evidence-based scientific approach, the project strives to discover how anthropogenic changes to tropical ecosystems alter health-related outcomes and infectious disease dynamics in people, wildlife, and domestic animals. The Kibale EcoHealth Project combines ecology, epidemiology, social science, and veterinary and human medicine. The Kibale EcoHealth Project is dedicated to building capacity in Uganda for transdisciplinary research, education, and outreach in disease ecology and ecosystem health.
Purpose	To protect the health and wellbeing of people, wildlife, and domestic animals while ensuring the sustainability of the ecosystems these species share.
Scope	Regional: in and near the Kibale National Park, Uganda
Primary Funders	Funding for core activities come from the National Institutes of Health, through the joint NSF/NIH Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases Program.
Participants & Key Collaborators	Core researchers, students, post-doctoral associates, field assistants and support staff. Other partners include: Makerere University, Uganda Wildlife Authority, Uganda National Council for Science and Technology, Kibale National Park, Conservation Through Public Health, University of Wisconsin-Madison, McGill University, Wisconsin National Primate Research Center, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Stanford University, University of Oregon, University of Bristol, and University of Cambridge.
Definition of One Health	None. The project's central hypothesis is that key human behaviors, primate behaviors, ecological conditions, and landscape features affect the dynamics of interspecific disease transmission, and that identifying such factors will point to clear avenues for intervention through public health, conservation, and wildlife management.
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	Monitoring and evaluation is done in partnership with the Research and Monitoring unit of the Uganda Wildlife Authority..
Sources of Information	Kibale EcoHealth Project Website: http://svmweb.vetmed.wisc.edu/KibaleEcoHealth/index.html
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