Detailed Travel Itinerary

As stated in my proposal, my research involves traveling to the Democratic Republic of Congo from early June to early August. I will be studying the effect of poaching on mountain gorillas, a critically endangered species. The itinerary below lists the major dates that concord with my plans this summer.

May 31: Depart for Kinshasa, DRC from Boston, USA

June 01: Arrive in Kinshasa, DRC and begin to settle into housing.

June 02 - June 21: Live in Kinshasa. Talk with and interview both government officials and environmental NGO’s about poaching (contacts will be made in advance).

Perform additional research at the national archives.

June 22: Leave Kinshasa, depart for Virunga National Park in Eastern DRC.

June 23 - July 19: Interview park staff, perform field and archival work within the park.

July 19 - August 1: Home stay in local village near the Park to better understand local culture and people’s disposition towards poaching in the area.

August 2: Depart Virunga and return to Kinshasa.

August 3: Depart for Boston, MA