



MSc project on the role of dung beetles in tropical agroforests

We are looking for a master student interested in investigating ecosystem services provided by dung beetles in tropical agroforests. Dung beetles have an important role in nutrient recycling, cattle parasite control and seed dispersion in agroecosystems around the globe. This project will examine how dung beetles affect nutrient recycling in small-holder farms either with or without tree cover and with differing amounts of trees in the surrounding landscape. The field work for this project will be done close to Kitale in Western Kenya.

This work will be part of a larger collaborative project between SLU, World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) and the Vi Agroforestry program (Vi Skogen) looking at multi-functionality of agroforestry for small-holder farmers.

Our research group is working on various ecosystem services in agricultural landscapes (See webpage: <http://www2.ekol.slu.se/ecoservices>).

We are looking for a motivated and independent master student who is willing to travel to Kenya for field work. We recommend that the student applies for a MFS-scholarship to cover travel and subsistence costs in Kenya. Next deadline at SLU for a MFS-scholarship is 15 September 2013. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact:

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