



Enathe HASABWAMARIYA

Enathe is a brilliant young Rwandan lady, who graduated from the National University of Rwanda in 2014. She says her ambition is to be a first female professor of her discipline in Rwanda. We helped organize means for her to join an international field research course in July and August 2014, in Rwanda, and then after she participated in a Global Youth Conference in Korea we co-sponsored her own two month research project with WCS, studying chimpanzees. Enathe brings enthusiasm and energy to the projects and people around her. We are sure that she will use the opportunities and experience she's been given to build a career and continue inspiring those around her.



“Story of my life”-- My name is Enathe HASABWAMARIYA, I am a Rwandan girl of 23 years old. My last name has a meaning which is “Get Everything from Mary (mother of Jesus).” My mum gave me this name as she was very religious in a catholic church. So she believed that everything I would need I will get them from Mary. I am orphan since one month when my mum died and during the 1994 genocide when I was 3 my father was killed. We were 9 in my family but we were left at 2, my sister and I. We lived in an orphanage center for 6 years. By chance the government took care of us, brought us to school and now I graduated last year from the National University of Rwanda, with distinction but I have no longer the governmental support. My country has a lot of great biodiversity. But people don't know or are not interested in conservation even though it is a main source of income through Tourism. I want to help my country to live in harmony with its beautiful biodiversity and also as a girl to change the view on how men in Africa see us.