

Biodiversity Challenge Funds Projects Darwin Initiative, Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund, and Darwin Plus Half Year Report

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Submission Deadline: 31st October 2022

Project reference	IWTEV003
Project title	Exploring drivers of wild meat consumption and interventions in Vietnam
Country(ies)/territory(ies)	Viet Nam
Lead partner	Wildlife Conservation Society, Viet Nam Program
Partner(s)	Wildlife Conservation Society, Viet Nam Program
Project leader	Hoang Bich Thuy Country Director
Report date and number (e.g. HYR1)	HYR1
Project website/blog/social media	https://vietnam.wcs.org/ https://www.facebook.com/wcs.vietnam/

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – Sept) against the agreed project implementation timetable (if your project has started less than 6 months ago, please report on the period since start up to end September).

Output 1: A report on the current situation and trends of wildlife trafficking in Vietnam and patterns of trade for human consumption purpose

Activity 1.1. Review and analyse open-source information and conduct field observation surveys in the North of Vietnam

WCS has developed an information gathering plan, which includes a series of activities such as desk review, online research, field observation, information exchange. This plan also includes verification with partners in provinces previously identified as hotspots including Ha Noi, Bac Ninh and Ha Nam. This work will allow us to get an update about wildlife trade and wild meat consumption in Vietnam. We have developed a TOR for a service provider to support us in collecting and analyzing open-source data on social media users' mentions and interactions relating to wildlife trade and consumption between 2018 - 2022. This online research is expected to be conducted in the project's first year, in parallel with field observation trips and the KAP survey.

Activity 1.2. Compile results of open-source information gathering and field observation surveys to draft an analysis report on the current situation and trends of wildlife trade and wild meat consumption in Vietnam, especially the illegal trade of wildlife for human consumption purpose
Results will be compiled on completion of Activity 1.1. Planned for Q3 in project implementation timeline.

Output 2: A KAP survey report on scope of current markets and wild meat consumption trends and practices, motivation to serve and to consume wild meat and willingness to pay for wild meat

Activity 2.1. Develop KAP survey protocol and questionnaires, secure the institutional review board (IRB) approval

Upon the project award, WCS met with its lead stakeholder – the Institute of Police Science (IPS) under the People's Police Academy (PPA) to discuss the work plan and their engagement in project activities to secure appropriate approval within their system. WCS project staff have been working on a survey protocol for submission to the WCS IRB. The KAP survey, including deployment of questionnaires, field observation, in-depth interviews and focus group discussions, will be done in Ha Noi, Bac Ninh, and Ha Nam, targeting current and potential wild meat consumers, restaurant owners, and staff, law enforcement officers and relevant CSOs to understand the scope of current markets, practices, and motivations for wild meat consumption. In the next quarter, WCS will complete the necessary IRB process and pre-test the KAP survey tools before deploying them in all three above-mentioned provinces.

Activity 2.2. Deploy KAP survey in Hanoi and/or two neighbouring provinces (Ha Nam, Bac Ninh)

KAP surveys will be conducted on completion of Activity 2.1. Timing will depend on approval process. Planned for Year 1 Q3 in project implementation timeline.

Activity 2.3. Compile results of the field survey and draft the KAP survey report on scope of current markets and wild meat consumption trends and practices; motivation to serve and to consume wild meat and willingness to pay for wild meat

Not started yet. Planned for Year 1 Q4 in project implementation timeline.

Output 3: Preventative policing strategy including potential entry points for long-term behaviour change interventions.

Not started yet. Planned for Year 1 Q4 in project implementation timeline.

Output 4: Guidance on impacts of wildlife trade and consumption on public health risks and mitigation measures

Activity 4.1. Develop set of guidelines and policy briefs on health risks associated with wildlife trade and consumption, and mitigation measures

WCS developed a plan to gather all existing materials and evidence related to risks of zoonotic disease transmission, current guidelines, and legal framework for disease control and prevention. An analysis report will be developed, including evidence-based guidelines to mitigate public health risks along the wildlife supply chain and promote proper and safe practices for law enforcement officers while handling wildlife.

Activity 4.2. Organise consultation meetings/briefings to share documents with relevant stakeholders to raise their awareness of the risks and consult the measures to prevent health risks associated with wildlife trade and consumption

Not started yet. Planned for Year 2 in project implementation timeline.

Activity 4.3. Organise virtual regional forum sharing lessons learned on preventing health risks associated with wildlife trade and consumption in Vietnam, Indonesia, and China – not started

Not started yet. Planned for Year 2 in project implementation timeline.

2. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments/lessons learnt that the project has encountered over the last 6 months. Explain what impact these could have on the project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.

None encountered.

3. Have any of these issues been discussed with NIRAS-LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

Discussed with NIRAS-LTS:

No – N/A

Formal Change Request submitted:	Yes – an initial change request to adjust the project logframe was submitted and approved prior to the project commencing.
Received confirmation of change acceptance	Yes
Change request reference if known:	No reference number. Approved in an email dated July 21, 2022

4a. Do you currently expect to have any significant (e.g. more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Estimated underspend: £
<p>4b. If yes, then you need to consider your project budget needs carefully. Please remember that any funds agreed for this financial year are only available to the project in this financial year.</p> <p>If you anticipate a significant underspend because of justifiable changes within the project, please submit a re-budget Change Request as soon as possible. There is no guarantee that Defra will agree a re-budget so please ensure you have enough time to make appropriate changes if necessary.</p>	
5. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to BCF management, monitoring, or financial procedures?	
NA	

Please note: Any planned modifications to your project schedule/workplan can be discussed in this report but **should also be raised with NIRAS-LTS International through a Change Request. **Please DO NOT send these in the same email.****

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