

## Illegal Wildlife Trade: Half Year Report

(due 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014)

<b>Project Ref No</b>	IWT05
<b>Project Title</b>	Project Waylay: Supporting authorities in investigating illegal consignments of elephant ivory and rhinoceros horn in countries of origin, transit and destination
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Kenya, South Africa, Uganda
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	ICPO – INTERPOL
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	Uganda Revenue Authority, Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
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<b>Report date and number (eg HYR1)</b>	31 October 2014, HYR 1
<b>Project website</b>	N/A

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

1. In March 2014, the INTERPOL General Secretariat secured matched funding from the European Commission, administered through the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC).
2. In April 2014, INTERPOL hired a full-time Project Assistant to work on Project Waylay.
3. Since April 2014, the Project Waylay team has:
  - Identified relevant authorities and initiated discussions with focal points within the national police, customs, prosecutor's office, revenue authority, CITES management authority, and wildlife authority in 40 INTERPOL member countries that are known to or believed to conduct controlled deliveries for wildlife products, or known or suspected countries of origin, transit and destination for elephant ivory and rhinoceros horn.

The aims of these discussions are: (1) increased qualitative and quantitative understanding of the current global application of controlled deliveries to wildlife law enforcement, and (2) identification of focal points within countries of interest as a precursor for training and operational activities.

- Developed a 30-page draft report. As indicated in the agreed timetable, this report will be further developed throughout the project and finalized by Year 3, Q2.

The draft report advises on operational and legal aspects of the use of movement tracking technology during the authorized implementation of controlled deliveries of wildlife contraband in and from South Africa. Legal framework and policies are reviewed in regards to domestic and international controlled delivery operations in South Africa, Kenya and other. Movement tracking technology is discussed along with advances in wildlife crime methodology such as the determination of the origin of ivory through DNA analysis. Summaries of three cases are included of international controlled deliveries, in

addition to one case of domestic controlled delivery of elephant ivory. Information on past cases and focal points in countries were provided by the CITES Secretariat.

- Researched seven models of tracking devices applicable to tracking consignments of illegal wildlife products.
- Begun preparations for a training in the first quarter of 2015, including: (1) discussions with the UK Border Force and the Kenya Wildlife Service, (2) contact established with the British High Commission of Uganda, and (3) engagement with the UK Defra Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) focal point for the IWT Conference in Botswana in March 2015.
- Supported member countries during two controlled delivery attempts among four countries.
- Held meetings with senior officials from the relevant law enforcement agencies in the three host countries and raised awareness of the project during other INTERPOL initiatives, such as a workshop held in Kruger National Park, South Africa and during INTERPOL Standard Enforcement Trainings for wildlife law enforcement officers held in Botswana, Mozambique, Namibia, Kenya and Zambia.
- Received a request for assistance from one member country wishing to conduct controlled deliveries but lacking the legal framework.

**2a. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments 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.**

N/A - Any issues or unexpected developments will be addressed with LTS upon identification.

**2b. Have any of these issues been discussed with LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?**

Discussed with LTS: No

Formal change request submitted: No

Received confirmation of change acceptance No

**3a. Do you currently expect to have any significant (eg more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year?**

Yes  No  Estimated underspend: £

**3b. If yes, then you need to consider your project budget needs carefully as it is unlikely that any requests to carry forward funds will be approved this year.** Please remember that any funds agreed for this financial year are only available to the project in this financial year.

N/A

**4. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to IWT challenge Fund management, monitoring, or financial procedures?**

N/A

**Please note: Any planned modifications to your project schedule/workplan can be discussed in this report but **should also** be raised with LTS International through a Change Request.**

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