

## Illegal Wildlife Trade: Half Year Report

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<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)
<b>Project Leader</b>	Cees Van Duijn, Biodiversity Coordinator, INTERPOL Environmental Security Unit
<b>Report date and number (eg HYR1)</b>	HYR2 - 30 October 2015
<b>Project website</b>	<a href="http://www.interpol.int/Crime-areas/Environmental-crime/Environmental-crime">http://www.interpol.int/Crime-areas/Environmental-crime/Environmental-crime</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. Since April 2015, the Project Waylay team has:

- a. Coordinated a Workshop on the Application of Controlled Deliveries to Illegal Consignments of Wildlife Products.

The project used this workshop to strengthen its existing network of officers trained in the tracking of illegal consignments of wildlife products, including the application of controlled deliveries. This network is fluid and changes often due to the changing of law enforcement posts around the world. However, the project continues to maintain key contacts in various countries in an effort to facilitate controlled deliveries in the various regions.

- b. Following the workshop, Project Waylay organized a monitoring period where the participants of the workshop were requested to identify opportunities for conducting controlled deliveries.

Although several countries attempted to conduct a controlled delivery on ivory consignments, the results of the initiative were underwhelming. This will be outlined more in the evaluation and case study report of controlled delivery operations carried out. However, more importantly, the monitoring period exposed various key obstacles that limit the ability to conduct a controlled delivery.

Consequently, as a result of the identified obstacles, some of the planned activities, such as the national training on the use of tracking devices in controlled deliveries, have had to be shifted into the third and fourth quarters of Y2. It has also modified its plan to develop an international operational plan for and execute a controlled delivery, into a more domestic, regional focus.

These activities will be detailed in length in the final report of Y2.

**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.**

The primary obstacle Project Waylay has encountered is an reluctance from national law enforcement agencies to commit resources and man power to this type of law enforcement activity without political support. One secondary obstacles is a lack of legislation permitting law enforcement to conduct controlled deliveries. Although this doesn't prohibit law enforcement from conducting controlled deliveries, they are reluctant to do so without political support. Another secondary obstacle is the lack of standard operating procedures providing guidance to law enforcement on how to conduct a controlled delivery. This carries additional implications for post operational investigations as there is no existing protocol in many countries on how to collect and present evidence in court.

These obstacles have caused the project to slightly shift the focus of the international operation to a more domestic, regional focus between neighbouring countries. One important lesson learned so far is that one cannot plan to conduct a controlled delivery because the opportunity is dependent on the chance that a consignment is discovered while already on a shipping route. Rather, it is best to build the capacity of law enforcement to be prepared when a controlled delivery opportunity arises, and ensure that law enforcement is vigilant in looking for these opportunities. As a result of this, focusing on domestic, regional activities between neighbouring countries, such as Kenya and Uganda, provides an increased opportunity to identify controlled deliveries and build the experience of law enforcement. This shift in focus will not have an effect on the budget and timetable of the project, aside from the short postponement of the training and operation, to ensure we source the correct training curriculum for Kenya and Uganda.

There are also countries around the world that already have a strong capacity to conduct controlled deliveries, such as South Africa and the UK. Project Waylay continues to stay engaged with these countries in hopes of having an opportunity to conduct international controlled deliveries, should the opportunity arise.

**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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