



**Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT)  
Challenge Fund  
Half Year Report  
(due 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017)**



<b>Project reference:</b>	IWT011
<b>Project title:</b>	Protecting wildlife by linking communities and conservation in Mozambique
<b>Country(ies):</b>	Mozambique
<b>Lead organisation:</b>	WWF South Africa
<b>Collaborator(s):</b>	Southern African Wildlife College; Sabie Game Park
<b>Project leader:</b>	Dr Joanne Shaw
<b>Report date and number (e.g. HYR1):</b>	HYR3 (April-September)
<b>Project website/blog/social media etc:</b>	n/a

**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 the end September).**

Our project aims to address the impacts of illegal cross-border trade of rhino horn upon white and black rhinoceros in Kruger National Park (KNP) in South Africa. KNP is home to the largest population of white rhino in the world as well one of the largest of black rhinos. Our work is based with Sabie Game Park (SGP), a private reserve running 40 kilometres along the eastern boundary with KNP and the five adjacent neighbouring villages of the Mangalane community.

Our project is making good steady progress towards achieving the goals of stabilising rhino numbers through positive attitudes in the community towards wildlife. During this reporting period, there have been no rhino losses have been reported at SGP. Such an achievement is based upon our three Outputs; (1) Local economy expanded and livelihoods improved (2) Improved community governance increases full participation and equitable benefit sharing; (3) Capacities developed at multiple levels to understand and implement new Conservation Law and communities empowered to protect their resources.

Regarding Output 1, the small grants business enterprises are a learning-by-doing community led project aimed at developing the Mangalane community's project development and financial management skills. Project proposals approved include; a communal garden, goat rearing and a bakery project of which bank accounts have been opened and signatories have been appointed to monitor the cash flows.

Wildlife carrying capacity is continuously monitored by SGP and surplus animals are donated to the community for household food consumption. A total of five buffalo, four kudus, two hippos, five bushbucks and eight impalas were allocated in June 2017 to contribute to household food security.

For Output 2, the relationship between SGP and Mangalane community is improving through the development of water and human wildlife conflict (HWC) forums. In this regard, the two parties have agreed to allow supervised access for cattle into SGP to drink water. This is a very important step for SGP to demonstrate that their priority to support community livelihoods.

A community constitution mechanism to govern leadership responsibility, accountability and transparency was developed in the previous year. The community has taken on leadership roles to monitor performance of their leaders and undertaken re-elections as necessary to ensure people remain accountable. In the past six months, the community has also in a process of reviewing their constitution to ensure that it includes protocols to address financial and governance misconduct.

Regarding Output 3, the Management Oriented Monitoring System (MOMS) is a tool used to monitor illegal incursions, wildlife losses and HWC by the village scouts. MOMS tool was reviewed on a monthly basis to streamline language and concepts to reflect understanding of the local culture and to capacitate

community to analyse and interpret the data accurately.

SGP has been mainly responsible for management of village scouts. This role has been handed over to the community by drafting codes of conduct and for village scouts to present their reports to the community on a monthly basis.

The Mozambiquan government has adopted and is effectively implementing the new Conservation Laws, with new regulations in the process of finalisation. In this regard, one person who was apprehended for involvement in illegal activities relating to rhinos has been prosecuted to 12 years imprisonment, while two are awaiting trial. Similarly, WWF South Africa has also played a critical role by sharing the Mangalane story to influence KNP wildlife management and community engagement strategy development and at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research Rhino Protection workshop to influence financial investment in similar community work around South Africa's KNP.

**2a. 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.**

The Mozambiquan Conservation Area Laws allowed the community to benefit at least 20% from wildlife revenue which the Mangalane community is a beneficiary. However, the revenue is insufficient to transform livelihoods and thus ongoing policy review is required to increase the total value of revenue received by the community.

HWC is a critical component to be addressed in all projects related to wildlife management and communities. The recent allocation for lion proof cattle kraals are highly appreciated by the community as it has improved security for community livestock and contributes to positive relationships with SGP.

Community conservancy is a high priority for our project and economic prosperity of the community. SGP is negotiating with Mozambiquan government to develop an ecotourism training hub to ensure Mozambiquans receive first priority for arising employment opportunities. Additionally, there is a planned learning exchange field trip to South Africa for community leadership to experience a community wildlife economy to allow them to visualise and experience value of the wildlife business.

In partnership with other stakeholders, we will be conducting a rigorous livelihoods survey throughout the Greater Lebombo Conservancy (GLC) which will be available for review in the final report.

There is a proposed project to raise Corumane dam wall which will result in the relocation of some households in Baptine village due to potential flooding. We are working with the affected households through the water committee and Corumane dam project managers to monitor potential impacts.

Mr Ferdie Terblanche who was the Community Liaison at SGP has departed from the project to peruse fulltime Masters studies at Stellenbosch University. In the interim, Dr Jim Latham and the Southern African Wildlife College have provided valuable technical support to the site to maintain the momentum of the project. We are currently looking for a suitable Mozambiquan candidate based at SGP to fulfil this role.

The developments mentioned above will not affect budget and timetable of project activities.

**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 (e.g. 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.** Please remember that any funds agreed for this financial year are only available to the project in this financial year.

If you anticipate a significant underspend because of justifiable changes within the project, please submit a rebudget Change Request as soon as possible. There is no guarantee that Defra will agree a rebudget, so please ensure you have enough time to make appropriate changes if necessary.

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

No

**If you were asked to provide a response to this year's annual report review with your next half year report, please attach your response to this document. Additionally, if you were funded under R3 and asked to provide further information by your first half year report, please attach your response as a separate document.**

**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.**

Please send your **completed report by email** to Victoria Pinion at [IWT-Fund@ltsi.co.uk](mailto:IWT-Fund@ltsi.co.uk). The report should be between 2-3 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message e.g. Subject: IWT001 Half Year Report.**