

## Illegal Wildlife Trade: Half Year Report

(due 31 October)

<b>Project Ref No</b>	XXIWT019
<b>Project Title</b>	Strengthen enforcement capacity to combat illegal wildlife trafficking in China
<b>Country(ies)</b>	China
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Beijing Normal University
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	Wildlife Conservation Society
<b>Project Leader</b>	<i>Li Zhang, Ph.D./Professor</i>
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<b>Project website</b>	

### **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).**

With the support from IWT Challenge Fund, Beijing Normal University provided 10 wildlife enforcement trainings together with CITES Management Authority of China and its branch offices in 10 cities in Shanghai, Kunming, Chongzuo, Longzhou, Fangchenggang, Chongqing, Geermu, Wuyuan, Suining and Dujiangyan in 6 provinces. In total about 900 wildlife law enforcement officers from Forest Police, Custom, Market Management Authority, Frontier Army and Wildlife Management Authority participated these trainings. Representatives from International Fund for Animal Welfare, Wildlife Conservation Society, The Nature Conservancy and TRAFFIC were invited to participate these trainings as lecturers or observers.

From March 25 to 26, 80 wildlife enforcement officers from Shanghai Customs and Forest Police participated the law enforcement training in Chongming of Shanghai. The training was hosted Shanghai Wildlife Conservation Department and Beijing Normal University. Experts from TRAFFIC, Beijing Normal University, General Customs Office, National Forest Police and East China Normal University were invited to give lectures.

From April 20 to 21, CITES Management Authority and Beijing Normal University, together with Wildlife Conservation Society and TRAFFIC, hosted a wildlife training workshop for enforcement officers from Customs, Frontier Army, Forest Police and market management authority in Kunming of Yunnan Province. 120 officers participated the training.

From June 9 to 11, CITES Nanning Office together with Beijing Normal University hosted three wildlife enforcement training courses in Chongzuo, Longzhou and Fangchenggang in Guangxi Province for

Frontier Army, Customs, Forest Police and Border Control Authority. Experts from International Fund for Animal Welfare, The Nature Conservancy and Wildlife Conservation Society were invited to give lectures. Over 200 enforcement officers participated these three trainings.

From June 30 to July 1, CITES Kunming Office together with Beijing Normal University hosted a wildlife enforcement training course for Sichuan provincial wildlife management authorities in Dujiangyan of Chengdu. About 100 enforcement officers participated the training.

From August 19-21, CITES Xi'an Office together Beijing Normal University and Qinghai Forestry Department hosted a wildlife law enforcement training course for customs, forest police and market management officers from Qinghai, Shan'xi, Gansu and Ningxia four provinces in Ge'ermu city in Qinghai Province. In total about 110 enforcement officers attended this training. Experts from TRAFFIC, IFAW and BNU gave lectures for trainees.

From August 25 to 26, BNU and CITES Chengdu office hosted a training course for customs, forest police and wildlife management officers from Chongqing City. In total about 80 enforcement officers participated this course. TNC and IFAW experts were invited to give lectures together with experts from Beijing Normal University, Nanning Forest Policy College and Northeast Forestry University.

From August 30 to September 1, BNU and CITES Chengdu office hosted a training course in Suining City for customs, forest police and wildlife management officer from Sichuan Province. Experts from Beijing Normal University, Northeast Forestry University, International Fund for Animal Welfare and The Nature Conservancy gave lectures. About 80 enforcement officers participated this training.

From September 22 to 24, CITES Fuzhou Office together with BNU hosted a training course for wildlife enforcement officers from Jiangxi and Fujian provinces in Wuyuan City in Jiangxi Province. 90 enforcement officers from customs and police officers attended this course. Experts from CITES Fuzhou Office, Wildlife Conservation Society and Beijing Normal University gave lectures.

With the support from IWT Challenge Fund, Beijing Normal University has worked with partner NGOs and governmental agencies to develop a series of training materials for these enforcement trainings including CITES and China wildlife legislation power point presentations, species identification manuals, online wildlife trade monitoring guide brochures and species identification smart phone applications.

Another 8 training courses are planning to co-hosted by BNU and related CITES branch offices from October 2015 to February 2016.



Photo 1. Training Course in Chongming, Shanghai (March 25-26, 2015)



Photo 2. Training in Kunming of Yunnan Province (April 20-21, 2015)



Photo 3a. Training for Border Control officers at Chongzuo in Guangxi Province (June 9, 2015)



Photo 3b. Training for Customs and Forest Police officers at Longzhou in Guangxi Province (June 10, 2015)



Photo 3c. Training for Customs and Forest Police officers at Longzhou in Guangxi Province (June 10, 2015)



Photo 4. Training for wildlife management officers at Dujiangyan in Sichuan Province (June 30-July 1, 2015)

**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.**

Due to the delay of the receipt of the first fund payment, some of planned activities did not implement in the last quarter of FY14/15 because of the restriction of the financial protocols of Beijing Normal University. We have rescheduled the project plan and completed the work of the last quarter of FY14/15 in the first quarter of FY15/16. I greatly appreciated that IWT Challenge Fund management team had helped me to move the remained budget in FY14/15 to FY15/16 so that the project team could complete the planned work smoothly.

**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: Yes

Formal change request submitted: Yes

Received confirmation of change acceptance Yes

**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.

If you anticipate a significant underspend because of justifiable changes within the project and would like to talk to someone about the options available this year, please indicate below when you think you might be in a position to do this and what the reasons might be:

**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.**

Please send your **completed report by email** to Joanne Gordon 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 eg Subject: 001 IWT Half Year Report**