

Illegal Wildlife Trade: Half Year Report

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Project Ref No	XXIWT019
Project Title	Strengthen enforcement capacity to combat illegal wildlife trafficking in China
Country(ies)	China
Lead Organisation	Beijing Normal University
Collaborator(s)	CITES Management Authority of China, CITES Scientific Authority of China, Wildlife Conservation Society, International Fund for Animal Welfare, The Nature Conservancy, TRAFFIC
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Project website	

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).

In the first half of the fiscal year 2016-2017, four wildlife enforcement trainings were hosted by Beijing Normal University (BNU) in partnership with CITES Management Authority of China (CNMA), CITES Scientific Authority of China (CNSA), General Customs Administration, Forestry Police, Administration of Industry and Commerce, and their provincial branch offices in Guangxi Province, Yunnan Province, Gansu Province, local offices in Dongxing City, Tianshui City and Xishuangbanna City, as well as the China Program of International for Animal Welfare (IFAW), TRFFIC and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS). With the support from Illegal Wildlife Trafficking crisis fund and the matching fund from CNMA, in total over 300 wildlife enforcement officers were trained.

In April 21 to 22, about 120 customs officers, forest police officers and border control inspectors from Guangxi Province gathered in Dongxing City bordering to Vietnam, and got trained by experts from CNMA, TRAFFIC and TNC.

In June 28 to 30, Over 50 senior enforcement officers from Shanxi, Gansu, Ningxia and Qinghai Provinces participated western regional wildlife enforcement training workshop. Mr. ZHANG Shanning, the division head of CNMA Law Enforcement and Training Division, Ms. JIA Yongyi, the chief of CNMA Xi'an Branch Office, together with senior enforcement officers

from regional customs, market management, forestry police, port inspection and local transportation bureau participated the training courses.



Photo 1/2. Guangxi regional wildlife law enforcement training for custom officers at Dongxing City of Guangxi Province.



Photo 3/4. Regional wildlife enforcement training course for senior officials in Tianshui City of Gansu Province.

From July 11 to 15, hosted by CNMA Kunming Branch Office together with CNMA and BNU, over 50 wildlife enforcement officers from both China and Laos participated the training and dialog workshop in Jinghong City of Yunnan Province. Dr. MENG Xianlin, the director general of CNMA and Mr. ZHANG Shanning, director of CNMA enforcement and training division, together with senior officials from Yunnan Province and Xishuangbanna Prefecture participate the seminar. Wildlife law enforcement officers from northern Laotian provinces along the Chinese borders together with their Chinese neighbour enforcement officers participated this 3-day training course. Representatives from IFAW, TRAFFIC and WCS also got invited. After the training courses, senior representatives from China and Laos also had a bilateral dialogue meeting on how to strengthen collaboration to combating illegal wildlife trafficking along China and Laos border. IWT supported BNU project was pleased to partly facilitated this meeting.



Photo 5/6. China-Laos cross boundary wildlife enforcement training and dialogue seminar was hosted in Jinghong City of Yunnan Province from July 11 to 15, 2016



Photo 7. China and Laos bilateral dialogue meeting on strengthening the collaboration on combating illegal wildlife trafficking border was held in Xishuangbanna of Yunnan Province on July 15, 2016.

Over 90 enforcement officers from Yunnan provincial customs, forestry police, market management and border inspections were taken the wildlife law enforcement training course facilitated by BNU, IFAW, WCS and TRAFFIC in partnership with CNMA and its Kunming Branch Office in Jinghong City of Yunnan Province from July 17 to 19, 2016. Mr. ZHENG Zhong, the director of CNMA Kunming Office introduced the outcomes from the China-Laos bilateral dialogue meeting on how to strengthen the cooperation between the two parties on combating illegal wildlife trade in the region. Experts from BNU, IFAW, TRAFFIC and WCS gave lectures on regional wildlife species in common trade, related national and international regulations, as well as law enforcement case studies and the tool kits of species identification smart phone software.



Photo 8,9,10 Yunnan regional multi agencies wildlife law enforcement-training courses in Jinghong City of Yunnan Province. Over 90 enforcement officers from customs, forestry police, market management and border inspections participated courses facilitated by BNU, IFAW, WCS and TRAFFIC in partnership with CNMA and its Kunming Branch Office.

According to the annual planning for the IWT project implemented by BNU together with our partners including CNMA, IFAW, WCS and TRAFFIC on January 2016, there were in total 42 wildlife enforcement trainings planned. BNU will host and support 12 of these training courses. Due to the busy schedule of CNMA and most of our partners who were preparing for the CITES 17th Conference of Parties held in the Autumn of 2016, there were only 4 trainings scheduled in the first half of this fiscal year. The rest of the planned training will be accomplished by the end of March 2017.

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 the misunderstanding of the audit processes, BNU budgeted and processed annual audit at the end of first fiscal year in April 2016. After the communication with LTS, the budget for audit needs to be revised.

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: 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.

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:

No.

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.

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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