



Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund Half Year Report



(due 31st October 2017)

Project reference:	XXIWT-019
Project title:	Strengthen enforcement capacity to combat illegal wildlife trafficking in China
Country(ies):	China
Lead organisation:	Beijing Normal University
Collaborator(s):	Wildlife Conservation Society, CITES Management Authority of China
Project leader:	<i>Li Zhang, Ph.D./Professor</i>
Report date and number (e.g. HYR1):	31 st October 2017; HYR3
Project website/blog/social media etc:	

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).

With the support from IWT Challenge Fund, Beijing Normal University organized 3 wildlife enforcement trainings together with CITES Management Authority of China and its branch offices in 3 cities in Suining of Sichuan Province, Nanning of Guangxi Province and Beijing. Meanwhile, BNU also supported CITES Management Authority of China (CNMA) in partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) to organized 4 trainings in Guangzhou of Guangdong Province, Haikou of Hainan Province, Menglian and Simao of Yunnan Province. In total about 530 wildlife law enforcement officers from forest police, customs, market management authority, frontier army and wildlife management authority from 6 provinces got trained. Experts and representatives from Chinese Academy of Sciences, China Forest Police Academy, International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Nature Resources Defence Commission (NRDC) were invited to participate these trainings as lecturers or observers.

1) Organized by CITES Chengdu Office and BNU, CITES wildlife law enforcement training workshop for Sichuan provincial enforcement agencies was held in Suining City from April 24 to 26, 2017. Sixty-three wildlife enforcement officers from forest police, customs, and the bureau of inspection and quarantine participated the training courses (see photo below).



2) From May 30 to June 3, CITES CNMA and Vietnam CITES joint senior wildlife law enforcement training workshop was held in Beijing. Twenty-five senior wildlife law enforcement officers from both China and Vietnam participated. The workshop was co-sponsored by BNU/IWT project and CITES CNMA. IWT project partners WCS was also invited to introduce their work in Southeast Asia.



3) Hosted by CITES Nanning Office, BNU organized Guangdong, Guangxi and Hainan three provinces wildlife law enforcement trainings in Nanning from June 6th to 10th, 2017. In total of 121 enforcement officers from the three provinces got trained.



4) Hosted by CITES Kunming Office, 51 custom officers and forest police officers got trained in Simao of Yunnan Province on August 13, 2017.



5) On August 18, 2017, CITES Kunming Office hosted another wildlife law enforcement officers training courses in Menglian of Yunnan Province. 43 forest police and custom officers participated the training.



6) Anti-smuggling Office of Hainan Province hosted a wildlife law enforcement training in Haikou together with CITES CNMA on August 30. 72 enforcement officers from Hainan Forest Police, Customs, Port Management Bureau and Border Security participated the training courses.



7) CITES CNMA Guangzhou Branch Office hosted Guangdong Provincial Wildlife Law Enforcement Training Workshop in Guangzhou on October 10, 2017. In total of 160 wildlife law enforcement officers participated the training courses.



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.

There is no any notable problems nor unexpected issues in the last 6 months.

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@itsi.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.**