

Project Ref No	IWT034
Project Title	Reducing IWT through synergising community decision-making, benefits and law enforcement
Country(ies)	Mozambique
Lead Organisation	FFI
Collaborator(s)	Chuilexi Conservancy
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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).

This project started on 1st April 2016. Progress made towards activities timetabled for delivery in Y2, Q1 and Q2 is detailed below.

Output 1

- Recruitment and training of community scouts
 - Activity not planned for Y2 Q1 & Q2
 - See below. Nine community scouts were recruited in Y1 and a further three scouts have been recruited in Gomba over the reporting period.
 - Purchase of equipment
 - Scouts have been re-equipped with uniforms, boots and are receiving rations for anti-poaching patrols and activities.
 - Training of scouts
 - The Community Scouts at Gomba have been increased from two to five, and have undergone training, including a field visit to neighbouring Mariri concession, where polywire fencing has also been successfully used with its partner communities in tackling human-wildlife conflict.
 - Law enforcement activities
 - The Chuilexi Conservancy scout force has increased over 2017 to 62 men. This is the result of the development of 8-man Rapid Reaction Team (RRT) and a 4-man canine unit team over the year. Staffing for these units was drawn from the existing core stock of scouts. Consequently, a further 12 new scout recruits have been employed to replace these individuals. The RRT will be based at the Miuro headquarters and be used for rapid deployment in follow up to intelligence and poaching incidents, particularly elephant. The canine unit will work closely alongside the RRT.
 - 2017 has seen a concerted drive in scout training. One 4-week basic ranger training course was completed over April to bring all scouts to the same level of training. A further 4 weeks of training will be conducted in November directed at the new RRT and to the 12 new scout recruits.
 - Chuilexi scouts have conducted over 2,000 patrol days over the reporting period. Law enforcement data for the 2017 calendar year will be provided in the Year 2 annual report.

Output 2

2.1 Committee training

Activity not planned for Y2 Q1 & Q2

2.2 Committee meetings

- A total of 5 formal meetings were held over the reporting period with the representative community committees of Eruvuka, Gomba and Naulala. Meetings continue to cover a wide range of issues, including ongoing work with Eruvuka and Gomba around human/wildlife conflict mitigation actions; introduction to the first tourism safari within Chuilexi; and in particular illegal activities related to Naulala.

2.3 Community AGMs

Activity not planned for Y2 Q1 & Q2

2.4 CBO Preparation and registration

- This was delayed due to the medical absence of Community Officer Lopes. We hope to conduct these over Q3/4.

Output 3

3.1 Land/resource planning and bylaws

Activity not planned for Y2 Q1 & Q2

3.2 HWC - electric fencing and maintenance

- Additional work carried out on the 7km Eruvuka fence to strengthen pedestrian and vehicle entrance/exit points. With the latter, cattle grids were installed to prevent buffalo crossing. With these enhancements, the electric fence has resulted in a dramatic decline in human-wildlife conflict incidents with no recorded damage by buffalo or elephant to the field protected. The 5 Community Scouts are successfully maintaining and checking this fence daily.
- The first phase of the electric fence installation at Gomba has been completed. This protects fields in the adjacent floodplain areas of the Rovuma River from crop raiding by hippo. As a result, this fence has a very different configuration to the Eruvuka fence. It is a polywire fence and removable when the Rovuma River floods. To date 4km has been installed. It is planned to expand this by a further 3 km to incorporate the remaining concentration of fields in these floodplains.

3.3 Agriculture extension and training

- This activity has been delayed to Q3 & 4 due to the medical absence of Community Officer Lopes. In addition, communities requested that Y1 support for agriculture was moved to supplement the electric fence as crop raiding and human-wildlife conflict were causing a much higher impact. A change request was submitted in Y1, approved and the agriculture activities were moved to Y2.

3.4 Micro-credit scheme

- 45 women continue to be beneficiaries of the micro-credit. This will be increased to 60 by the end of the year. The use and impact of the micro-credit will be assessed through the forthcoming socio-economic survey.

3.5 Bursary scheme

- The bursary programme began with the enrolment of 6 children (1 boy and 1 girl from each village), who are now attending secondary school at the district centre of Mecula. The scheme has followed a methodology developed by a neighbouring concessionaire, Mariri Investimentos, which is having success linking educational benefits to a reduction in lion poaching. The Chuilexi Programme will also be named the Lion Scholars Bursary Scheme so that there is an aligned approach across the landscape which will assist with broader messaging on this issue. Preparations are underway to enrol a further 12 students from the three villages for the 2018 school year bring the bursary scheme enrolment to 9 boys and 9 girls.

3.6 Meetings revenue distribution protocol

Activity not planned for Y2 Q1 & Q2

3.7 Flying doctors

- Following authorisation from the provincial directorate of health, the “flying doctors” initiative is underway in partnership with a Nampula-based health NGO and Mission Aviation Fellowship. To date 2 visits have been made to the villages. A change request has been submitted to request use of IWT funds to support this activity.

M+E Outputs

Activity not planned for Y2 Q1 & Q2

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.

Progress with Chuilexi’s community programme was slowed over the first six months of the year. Chuilexi’s Community Coordinator, Lopes Alimo, had to be medically evacuated due to a severe infection of the foot caused by diabetes. This sadly resulted in an amputation below the knee. Lopes dealt with this admirably. After special treatment and physiotherapy in South Africa, Lopes was fitted with prosthesis and is now active, back at work and fulfilling his duties. As this mainly occurred over the rainy season, this did not overly affect implementation of activities with the Conservancy Manager moving forward with community plans over this period. The only exception was work towards CBO preparations and registration. This will now be conducted over Q3/4.

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: 1. Yes/No

Formal change request submitted: 1. Yes/No

Received confirmation of change acceptance 1. Yes/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:

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

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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