



Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund Half Year Report



(due 31st October 2017)

Project reference:	IWT036
Project title:	Implementing park action plans for community engagement to tackle IWT
Country(ies):	Uganda
Lead organisation:	IIED
Collaborator(s):	WCS-Uganda, Uganda Wildlife Authority, Village Enterprise, Uganda Conservation Foundation
Project leader:	Dilys Roe
Report date and number (e.g. HYR1):	31 st October 2017, (HRY1)
Project website/blog/social media etc:	https://www.iied.org/park-action-plans-increasing-community-engagement-tackling-wildlife-crime

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).

The project was formally confirmed in May 2017 and the first four months have been largely occupied with inception activities (Output 0) which is on track with our timetable. Specifically we:

- Developed a detailed work plan for the project highlighting key activities, partner responsibilities and timing.
- Held an inception workshop in Uganda in June 2017 where all the partners came together and reviewed and agreed the workplan, partner budgets and logframe indicators (some minor revisions were noted in the logframe).
- Held a meeting with UWA senior management to review the project activities.
- Developed and agreed detailed ToRs and contracts with all the partners. This process has identified the need for some minor revisions to our budget although the total remains unchanged.

Activities under Outputs 1 (Scouts programme) and 2 (Enterprises) have not yet started but now that contracts have been agreed with partners these will start in October, in accordance with our planned schedule. However in preparation for the start-up, Henry Travers (consultant to IIED) has been working with Uganda Conservation Foundation (UCF) to ensure coordination between this project and UCF existing IWT Fund project (IWT 0032). In particular the two projects will share data on wildlife scouts and use a

joint data collection tool and joint enumerators. Data will be collected on mobile devices using Open Data Kit (ODK) software.

Under Output 3 (UWA capacity development) our main activity has been planning and preparation for the training programme that will be delivered to UWA Community Conservation staff. Julia Baker (consultant to IIED) was able to visit Uganda in August as a result of involvement in a Darwin-funded project led by Oxford University and so added on a couple of days to her trip in order to meet with the prospective trainers and with UWA staff. We have identified two trainers — Eunice Duli and Agrippinah Namara — both of whom are familiar with UWA and understand their capacity constraints. We are currently planning to hold the first training event in February 2018.

Julia also met with Susan Namuli, UWA’s Monitoring and Evaluation Manager, and Patience Nuwainembabazi, Warden for Monitoring and Evaluation, to start some preliminary discussions around our plans to revise the forms that are used by community conservation staff to collect intelligence on illegal activities from park staff. Currently Community Conservation staff pass on intelligence to Law Enforcement staff who report to UWA HQ. Hence the Community Conservation staff receive no credit for the intelligence and their role is not visible to UWA senior management.

Also under Output 3, UWA staff began the process of updating the Community Conservation Policy in June, and redrafting will start early next year. The overall process for updating the policy is likely to take longer than anticipated (but still within the project timeframe) and we will revised the logframe indicators accordingly to take account of this.

Output 4 is a little behind schedule. We have established a project website and will shortly publish a project flyer based on the website text. Work has only just begun on the communications strategy, and this will be a priority in the period to Christmas. Uganda PCLG is also behind schedule in announcing the project via its membership and mailing list due to prolonged illness of the UPCLG administrator. We will prioritise support to UPCLG to fulfil this function also in the period to Christmas.

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.

No specific problems other than some minor delays at start up and the need for some minor modifications to the logframe and budget. No impact on the total IWT project budget or overall timetable is expected and we will provide an updated logframe and slightly reorganised budget via a change request shortly.

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 – not yet
Formal change request submitted:	No – not yet
Received confirmation of change acceptance	Yes/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?

Nothing at this stage

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. 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.**