



**Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT)
Challenge Fund
Half Year Report**



(due 31st October 2017)

Project reference: IWT038

Project title: Strengthening intelligence-led enforcement approached to combatting wildlife crime in Africa

Country(ies): Republic of Congo, Mozambique, Nigeria

Lead organisation: Wildlife Conservation Society

Collaborator(s): MEF (ROC), ANAC (MOZ), NESREA (NIG)

Project leader: Emma Stokes

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Project website/blog/social media etc: @WCS_Nigeria, @WCSMozambique, @WCS_Congo

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).

Two activities were scheduled for this reporting period (Q1 and Q2 of Year 1). Progress towards these activities is summarized below:

Output 1: Enhanced national capacity of ROC, Mozambique and Nigeria to support intelligence-led policing actions.

Activity 1.1. Recruit and provide operational support to a regional law enforcement specialist

Progress to date: A regional law enforcement (LE) specialist was recruited in September and deployed to the first of the three focal protected areas on 22nd September 2017, where he will conduct the first 3 month field mission. Mr. Nunes has more than 25 years of intelligence experience in the French military and is fluent in both French and Portuguese, which will be extremely valuable in the target countries.

Output 2: Enhanced infrastructure, information gathering, and strategic support structures in place in protected areas in Nigeria, Republic of Congo and Mozambique to implement intelligence-led policing.

Activity 2.1 Conduct intelligence-focused capacity assessment and scoping trip by regional law enforcement specialist in Nigeria, Republic of Congo and Mozambique to assess current systems of intel management and analysis

Progress to date: Mr. Nunes is currently deployed to the Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park (NNNP) in the Republic of Congo to conduct the first of three capacity assessments and scoping trips on intelligence management and analysis. Mr Nunes is currently working with both the NNNP's provincially based Wildlife Crime Unit (WCU) in northern Congo, and the NNNP's own operation room analyst on three major areas of work (which will directly contribute to Outputs 1-3 over the next reporting period):

- Intelligence operations and risk management training for the WCU: This is being conducted in partnership with the New Century group who have deployed two trainers for 3 months. Mr Nunes is assisting in this training and will provide the necessary continuity and follow-up to this training.
- Intelligence analysis training. Two new analysts have been recruited for NNNP (NNNP ops room and WCU), and are currently receiving training in basic intelligence management principles from the New Century trainers. The training course will enable Mr. Nunes to evaluate the new analysts and to develop a clear Terms of Reference and program of work on completion of this initial training. It is proposed to utilise the new Advanced Intelligence module (currently in beta version) for the SMART protected area and law enforcement software tool to manage intelligence collected in the field. Piloting of this software module will commence in the next quarter.
- Development of law enforcement and field intelligence Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). A basic document structure and table of contents has been defined and will continue to be populated over the coming two months.

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.

Two new developments to the project have taken place in Mozambique and Nigeria. Both developments are positive in that they offer clear opportunities to leverage the proposed program of activities under this project. Neither activity will require a significant change to the budget and timetable of the project activities, but will likely add stakeholders to the list of project partners.

- In Mozambique at the national level, the full-time intelligence manager, David Chambal, has been continuing with the necessary groundwork for establishing the national Wildlife Crime Unit. This received a major boost in July 2017, through a workshop in Maputo attended by experts from multi-institutional crime units tackling similar wildlife or other transnational criminal syndicates. This increased institutional awareness of what steps need to be taken in Mozambique to more effectively address illegal wildlife crime and has leveraged new funding opportunities.

- In Nigeria, rules have now been tightened regarding which authorities are allowed access to ports and airports. This is now restricted to Customs, Immigration and Police with NESREA (our proposed partner on this project) no longer allowed access. It is clear therefore that our partners for implementing the program of work in Nigeria now need to include Customs. Preliminary discussions have been held by the WCS Nigeria program director with the Customs office in Abuja and Ministry of Environment, and a follow up visit to Abuja in the next quarter is scheduled in order to explain the project in more detail. NESREA will still remain a project partner. Once we have approval from Customs in Abuja we will plan to meet with the local Customs office in Calabar. NESREA remain keen to engage in the project and preliminary discussions with Customs have been positive.

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	N/A

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 further issues.

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.**