



Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund Half Year Report

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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
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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).

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: Ongoing. The initial 1-year contract of the Regional Law Enforcement (LE) specialist (Georges Nunes) recruited in Year 1 was renewed for the duration of the project in September 2018.

Activity 1.2 Develop Terms of Reference and provide operational support for intelligence/wildlife crime cell operating in Niassa National Reserve, Mozambique

Progress to date: Two collectors have been recruited for the intelligence cell in Niassa NR with training anticipated for January 2019. Ongoing training provided by Regional LE Specialist to analyst in Niassa NR. A new Wildlife Crime Cell for northern Mozambique is in the process of being established (see 1.3).

Activity 1.3. Develop Terms of Reference and provide operational support for intelligence analyst/manager operating in Mozambique's National Wildlife Crime Unit

Progress to date: ToRs have been developed, however the recruitment of the analyst for Southern Mozambique is pending the establishment of the new WCU premises. This is planned to take place in November 2018. Recruitment of an intelligence manager for the northern WCU cell is in progress.

Activity 1.4 Develop Terms of Reference and provide operational support for intelligence analyst/manager operating in the Wildlife Crime Unit in Sangha Department, Congo, in co-operation with Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park

Progress to date: A new intelligence manager was recruited in August 2018 for the WCU in Sangha and is now operational. An additional national analyst has been recruited and installed in the Ouesso office bringing to 4 the total number of national analysts working across the landscape. With additional funding support from the US State Department/INL (leveraged through this project) we are about to begin recruitment for a regional advanced analyst to be based in the WCU office in Ouesso.

Activity 1.5 Develop Terms of Reference and provide operational support for intelligence manager operating in Yankari Reserve, Nigeria

Progress to date: To kick-start the work in Nigeria, we invited the WCS Nigeria field operations manager for Cross River National Park – Emmanuel Bassey - to Congo in September 2018 for a 2-week induction course in the WCU and Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park operations and intel-led procedures. Cross River state is the identified pilot program for a WCU-type operation in Nigeria, with particular focus on the Calabar sea port. This initial site visit, and subsequent recommendations, will form the basis of a capacity building plan in Nigeria for the remainder of the project period.

Activity 1.6 Develop Terms of Reference and provide operational for intelligence/wildlife crime cell operating in Cross State in Nigeria

Progress to date: See above Activity 1.5.

Activity: 1.7 Provide on-the-job mentoring support to national wildlife crime analysts/managers through remote support and twice-yearly site field visits by the regional law enforcement specialist to each of Mozambique, Republic of Congo and Nigeria

Progress to date: During this reporting period the regional LE specialist has conducted two visits to Nouabalé-Ndoki and the WCU in Congo (May – June 2018, and September – October 2018), one visit to Maputo and Niassa NR in Mozambique (July – August 2018, with a second visit ongoing from October 2018) and has hosted a two-week site-visit to the Congo's WCU by our WCS Nigeria field operations manager (September 2018).

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: In Congo, a full capacity assessment for intelligence sources, operators and collectors was completed in August by the new intelligence manager. A 10-week training program to address identified problems will run from October through December 2018 and be implemented by the intelligence manager. In Mozambique, a training of collectors in north and southern Mozambique (Maputo) will be conducted in Jan-Feb 2019 by the regional LE specialist. The WCS Nigeria field operations manager received a 2-week induction training in Congo from the regional LE specialist and a site exchange report has now been received detailing follow-up training requirements for Nigeria for the next reporting period.

Activity 2.2 Develop and provide operational support for implementation of Standard Operating Procedures for intelligence-led enforcement approaches for each of Niassa National Reserve, Yankari Game Reserve and Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park

Progress to date: SOPs now exist in French for Congo for i) anti-poaching operations, ii) intelligence and iii) financial management of intelligence sources. The SOP for intelligence and financial management have been translated into Portuguese and shared with the Mozambican authorities awaiting feedback and review. The SOP for anti-poaching operations is currently being revised to adapt it to the Mozambique context and this will likely be discussed at a national level with other protected areas in addition to Niassa NR. The SOPs are also in the process of being translated into English to be shared with Nigeria.

Activity 2.3 Identify, procure and deploy intelligence management and analysis tools and necessary hardware in sites currently without (Yankari Game Reserve, Nigeria and Nouabalé-Ndoki National Park, Congo)

Progress to date: In Congo, the intelligence manager has been providing on-the-job training to the team of 4 analysts in analytical techniques including terrain analysis, crime pattern analysis and link analysis using MindJet, whilst also further exploring SMART Profiles. Remote mentoring of analyst by in Niassa NR by the regional LE specialist is ongoing.

Output 3. Enhanced intelligence and investigative capabilities and infrastructure in provincial/national wildlife crime units in Nigeria, Republic of Congo and Mozambique

Activity 3.1 Identify, customize and deploy intelligence management and analysis tools and

necessary hardware at national/provincial level (National Wildlife Crime Unit, Mozambique and Wildlife Crime Unit, Congo), to facilitate targeted enforcement action

Progress to date: Research into i2, Semantica and Jigsaw ongoing. We are now collaborating on our intelligence knowledge management with our WCS program in Asia who have extensively utilized i2 in collaboration with governments across a number of countries. There is considerable potential to install i2 in national/provincial crime units under this project with a view to expanding at regional levels and eventually sharing information on trans-continental criminal networks. It is likely that moving forward greater effort will be invested in advanced intel analysis platforms at the provincial/national level than at the protected area level (cf. Activity 2.3).

Activity 3.2. Conduct a training workshop on the legal and judicial process for district and provincial prosecutors in and around the Niassa Reserve in Mozambique

Progress to date: A WWF-led training for prosecutors took place in Gorongosa [covering Central Mozambique] in September and Lichinga [covering Northern Mozambique] in October. We supported participation of Jose Siteo, who manages ranger operations in Niassa NR to attend this workshop and to highlight judicial problems encountered during processing of recent arrests.

Activity 3.4 Conduct a training on the judicial process and legal reform for departmental-level prosecutors, judges and gendarmerie in the Sangha and Likouala Departments of Northern Congo

Progress to date: In May 2018, the WCU had two exchanges on the judicial procedures related to wildlife crime with the prosecutors and the president of Impfondo court in Likouala. In August 2018 a workshop for prosecutors, judges, gendarmerie, police and park wardens across the Likouala and Sangha departments was held in Ouessou, to strengthen capacity and awareness on judicial procedures and human rights and to highlight and exchange ongoing challenges.

Activity 3.5 Convene a workshop and facilitate on-going discussions with NESREA on a partnership to establish a wildlife crime unit in Calabar, Nigeria

Progress to date: Ongoing, but as noted in previous reports our institutional focus for engagement and discussion has now shifted to Nigerian Customs Service (see 2a).

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.

The NCS will be the key partner in a proposed training of customs officials in Nigeria, to be held at the NCS Training College in Ikeja, Lagos as well as the main host for a facilitated visit by China Customs. We anticipate this south-south approach will greatly strengthen the bottom-up approach we continue to follow from our own contacts and relationships in Nigeria, and responds in part to some of the concerns expressed in our Annual Year 1 Report Review that emphasized the need for a clear road-map for engaging the NCS.

Socio-political events in Mozambique have resulted in heightened national security concerns and economic close-down of the port in Pemba, Cabo Delgado Province which was our preferred site for the northern WCU cell servicing Maputo and Niassa NR. As a result we have taken the decision to relocate the office further south on the coast to Nacala in Nampula Province. This will require us to source appropriate field office premises in Nacala prior to finalizing the recruitment and training of investigators and collectors. This is planned for the next reporting period and we aim to remain on schedule as planned by end of Y2.

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 -

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.

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

We have submitted a Change Request (#2) with this HYR2 report to move funds between budget categories for this financial year.

Note also that in response to the Annual Year 1 Report Review we submitted a formal Change Request (#1) in July 2018 to modify several indicators in our logframe. This was approved on August 21, 2018.

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 R4 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.**