



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



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<b>Project reference:</b>	283
<b>Project title:</b>	Strengthening transcontinental cooperation to combat IWT between Viet Nam and Mozambique
<b>Country(ies):</b>	Viet Nam, Mozambique
<b>Lead organisation:</b>	Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)
<b>Collaborator(s):</b>	Viet Nam Supreme People's Procuracy (SPP) and Ministry of Public Security (MPS)
<b>Project leader:</b>	Hoang Bich Thuy
<b>Report date and number (e.g. HYR1):</b>	April 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018, HYR2
<b>Project website/blog/social media etc:</b>	None

**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).**

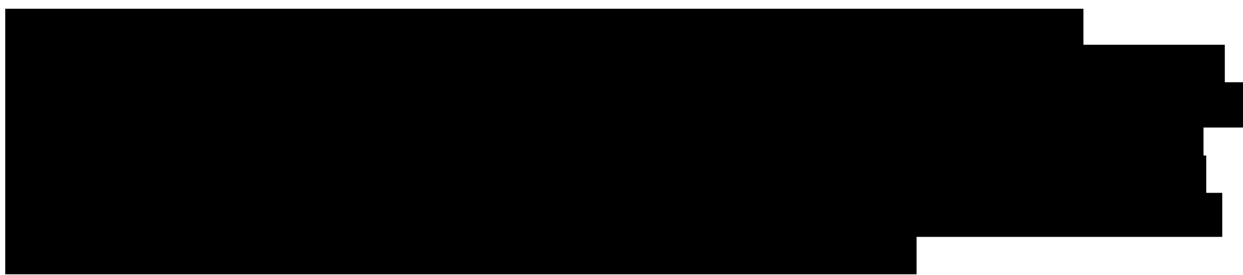
**Output 1: Political commitment for cooperation between Viet Nam and Mozambique to combat IWT is strengthened through legal mechanisms and improved protocols.**

*Activity 1.2: Secure agreement on MLAT and protocols for enforcement cooperation*

As reported, the draft MLAT was successfully negotiated and initialled in March 2018 and ready for an official signing between the two countries. The signing ceremony which was originally planned for September 2018 is now delayed till the last quarter of 2018 or early 2019 to be in the agenda of the coming trip of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of Viet Nam Communist Party to Mozambique. WCS has been following up closely with the Department of International Cooperation and Mutual Legal Assistance (V13) of Viet Nam Supreme People's Procuracy (SPP) for more updates and preparations. Progress will be updated in the next reporting period.

**Output 2: Enhanced capacity for cooperative law enforcement actions on IWT between Mozambique and Viet Nam**

*Activity 2.1: Finalise preparations for the Vietnamese liaison officer*



*Activity 2.2. Conduct bi-lateral meeting to formalise the Vietnamese liaison officer deployment plan*

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**Output 3: Viet Nam and Mozambique proactively share information and actionable intelligence on African rhino horn and ivory trafficking networks**

*Activity 3.1: Investigate and collect data on trafficking networks*

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Additionally, in this reporting period, WCS followed up with Viet Nam SPP on the request of the Mozambique PGR about a CWT-related training to Mozambique PGR's prosecutors. WCS is following up for updates and more details will be reported in the next period. This training will be one of the first collaborative actions under the signed MOU between Viet Nam SPP and Mozambique PGR.

**Output 4: Vietnamese residents in Mozambique perceive a greater risk of partaking in wildlife crimes**

*Activity 4.1. Conduct KAP survey in Mozambique*

As reported in the first Annual Report, between 5 February 2018 to 11 March 2018, WCS conducted a survey with Vietnamese immigrants in Mozambique to understand their knowledge, attitudes and practices (KAP survey) towards the illegal wildlife trade. Results from this KAP survey showed that a majority of Vietnamese immigrants in Mozambique are aware that it is illegal to transport/smuggle high profile products, such as elephant ivory and rhino horn. However, respondents do not clearly understand the laws against illegal wildlife trade in Vietnam and/or Mozambique. Domestic consumption of wildlife products amongst the Vietnamese community in Mozambique still occurs, especially bushmeat consumption and wildlife products such as elephant hair bracelets are smuggled from Mozambique to Vietnam. High benefits and corruption are the main reasons stated by respondents as motivations for illegal wildlife trade. There is a high potential for developing an effective online communication channel to reach the Vietnamese community in Mozambique, as it was identified as the most frequently used method by the community to receive news and information. This KAP survey results help WCS to execute next steps with various stakeholders on mitigation strategy and engagement of business sector into zero tolerance policies and interventions. We plan to develop an additional, carefully designed survey, tentatively scheduled in late 2018 or early 2019, to address the gap in understanding of, and monitor changes towards wildlife consumption and risks of partaking in wildlife trafficking.

*Activity 4.2 Develop a mitigation strategy and intervention development & Activity 4.3: Develop model zero tolerance policies for wildlife trafficking and gift giving by staff among Vietnamese companies in Mozambique*

The KAP survey revealed that Movitel staff who have been recruited by different companies such as Viettel Construction might not be well briefed during pre-departure training or about information on the risk of partaking in illegal wildlife trade before traveling to Mozambique. WCS is in the process of building partnership and seeking opportunities for communication cooperation with Viettel Construction Company to prepare their staff with knowledge, skills, and risk perception of involving in illegal wildlife trade.

We are also connecting to Long Son Joint Stock Company, a large cashew nut importing company from African countries to Viet Nam, to set up a consultation meeting for cooperation in combating wildlife trafficking. We will instil corporate social responsibility into these consultation meetings to increase awareness and adoption of behaviours among their colleagues to prevent wildlife trafficking. This is also our approach for zero tolerance policy to be issued by the corporate partners.

**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.**

N/A

**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:

Yes

Formal change request submitted:	Yes
Received confirmation of change acceptance	Yes

**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: £ [REDACTED]

**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?**

N/A

**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](mailto: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.**