



(due 31st October 2017)

Project reference:	IWT044
Project title:	Critical evidence to drive a reduction in Cambodia's ivory trade
Country(ies):	Cambodia
Lead organisation:	Fauna & Flora International
Collaborator(s):	Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS), Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP)
Project leader:	Jackson Frechette
Report date and number (e.g. HYR1):	31 st October 2017, (HYR1)
Project website/blog/social media etc:	http://www.fauna-flora.org/explore/cambodia/

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).

**Please note that this project had a three-month delay, starting in Q2, July 2017.*

Planned Project Implementation Timetable: *Financial Year Apr 2017 – March 2018. Key Q1-Q2 activities and milestones.*

1.1 Biannual ivory surveys of markets, vendors, and intelligence gathering to identify the supply chain networks – drawing on data mining of national reports and surveys, informant networks and triangulated interviews

1.3 Gendered surveys of consumers and vendors to better understand the links between poverty and the ivory trade

2.1 Establishment of species identification testing (Asian/African) and testing of samples to establish species provenance (mtDNA test)

2.2 Production of Cambodian elephant reference genetic data from existing samples testing

2.3 Investigation of geographic origin of Asian ivory found in Cambodia

3.2 Engage with Ministry of Environment to ensure that laws banning ivory sale and purchase are incorporated into the development of legislation

Actual Project Implementation timetable: *Financial Year Apr 2017 – March 2018. Key Q2 activities and milestones.*

1.1 & 1.3 Our IWT Technical Advisor was not able to start until early October and the local project officer was recruited but could not begin until November 6. Thus we were delayed in the inception of that

part of the project. But surveys will begin the second week of October. Initial survey research design was completed by the Senior Wildlife Trade Officer.

2.1, 2.2, & 2.3 The RZSS team has begun working on the ivory analysis protocols. There were some delays in getting the lab at RUPP set up. After meetings with RZSS and RUPP there was a decision that we need to recruit a full-time technician. This recruitment has been delayed by negotiations over the terms of the MoU with RUPP and further compounded by August and September holidays. All parties have agreed and formalized agreements are being finalized now. The recruitment for the lab technician is underway and we anticipate training beginning mid-November. We do not anticipate any of these delays to impact project delivery.

3.2 We are actively engaged in the review process for the Ministry of Environment's Environmental Code. Once the Project Officer starts, we will conduct another legal analysis to understand the best way to close any loopholes existing beyond the Environmental Code.

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.

There was an initial project delay due to delay in funding agreements and distribution from DEFRA. The implementation of the project was heavily dependent on the recruitment of the Project Officer, the availability of the IWT Technical Advisor, and the genetics lab at RUPP. The delays were mostly administrative, and largely out of our control. We are on-track now and do not anticipate any further delays, nor do we expect any impact in project delivery.

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/No

Formal change request submitted: Yes/No

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?

None

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.**