



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



(due 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017)

<b>Project reference:</b>	IWT 047
<b>Project title:</b>	Developing Investigation and Prosecution Capacity to Save Angola's Elephants
<b>Country(ies):</b>	Angola
<b>Lead organisation:</b>	Stop Ivory
<b>Collaborator(s):</b>	INBAC, Kissama Foundation, EIA
<b>Project leader:</b>	<i>John Stephenson</i>
<b>Report date and number (e.g. HYR1):</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> October 201, (HYR 1 )
<b>Project website/blog/social media etc:</b>	<a href="http://www.stopivory.org">www.stopivory.org</a> or <a href="http://www.elephantprotectioninitiative.org">www.elephantprotectioninitiative.org</a>

### 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).

Progress between project start on the 1<sup>st</sup> July to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017:

Progress with launching the project has been slow due to the presidential elections, which were held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017. The Angolan Parliament went on recess for the official campaign period from the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, and the newly elected President Joao Lourenco, who was inaugurated on the 26<sup>th</sup> September, formed his new cabinet on the 27<sup>th</sup> September.

This has meant the principle decision makers within the Angolan Ministry of the Environment were unavailable to approve activities during the interim period. INBAC, works under the direction of the Ministry and requires formal sign off for new activities. The new Minister for the Environment, Madame Paula Francisco Coelho, who was previously Secretary of State for the Environment, is fully aware of and in support of Stop Ivory, the EPI and our work.

We have profited from the interim period to develop the technical aspects of the project with INBAC and EIA, in anticipation of approval and the launch. Specifically, we have worked on the following activities:

#### 1) Strengthen the criminal justice system for wildlife crime

- Activities 1.1 and 1.2: We are in regular contact with INBAC over Skype and through emails and have developed the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the review of penalties and application of wildlife crime, and the best practice handbook on wildlife crime. The terms of reference outlines what the legal review and handbook should cover, the activities to be undertaken within the

time frame and the deliverables. Once the TORs have been formally approved by the Minister, a legal consultant will be contracted to undertake the work. We anticipate that whilst we had hoped to have started the review already, we will still complete the activity within Year 1.

**2) Investigate, analyse and take action to reduce domestic and trans-boundary ivory trade**

- Activities 2.1 and 2.2: We have met with the CEO of EIA several times and have developed an MOU with EIA to conduct the desktop review and conduct a scoping visit to assess the ivory trade in Angola. EIA are ready to commence once we have the approval of the Ministry.

The formal project launch event (activity 0.1) will be held in November, with the Minister of the Environment as the guest speaker. We are pleased to have the strong support of the British Embassy in Luanda, which will host the project launch.

**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.**

1) *Presidential elections.* The Angolan Presidential elections has resulted in a delay to the start of the activities in-country. However, we anticipate completing year 1 activities on time and within budget.

2) *Change in Project Manager* – we have modified the project manager of the grant from Donnamarie O’Connell to Ruth Musgrave, with formal approval from LTS International. Ruth Musgrave returned from maternity leave and has taken over the activity.

**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?**

Nothing to note 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](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.**