



Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund Half Year Report

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Project title:	Developing Investigation and Prosecution Capacity to Save Angola's Elephants
Country(ies):	Angola
Lead organisation:	Stop Ivory
Collaborator(s):	INBAC, MINAMB, PGR, EIA, WCS Uganda, USFWS, TRAFFIC
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Report date and number (e.g. HYR1):	31 st October 2019, (HYR3)
Project website/blog/social media:	www.stopivory.org or www.elephantprotectioninitiative.org

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 April to Sept 30th 2019:

The project activities for Year Three have been progressed with Angolan government, law enforcement officials and with partners and stakeholders including the UK Embassy through a combination of remote communications via email, Whatsapp and Skype, and through increasing the number of in country trips as was recognised in previous ARs. Stop Ivory in country trips took place in the week of the 18th May, 2019 (with lead international legal consultant Prof Erica Lyman) and during the week of the 14th of September. Furthermore, in response to the AR2 reviewer, a local partner has not been found but instead, an in-country consultant, Sr. Jose Agostinho has been hired to support the progression of activities.

1. Strengthen the criminal justice system for wildlife crime

- *Activity 1.1: Combating Wildlife Crime & Legislative Best Practice: An Assessment of Angola's Legislation.* Cooperatively delivered with USFWS, the final analysis and recommendations report were updated up to June, 2019. This report (available in English and Portuguese) has been delivered to MINAMB, PGR and the Supreme Court of Justice. This activity's delivery was behind schedule due to changing legislations and lack of clarity on Penal Code.
- *Activity 1.2: Guide to Wildlife Crime Charges in Angola.* This activity is also behind schedule for the same reasons as above. Given information received during the meetings with MINAMB and the PGR in the week of the 18th May regarding the progress with the Penal Code; the Guide has been updated to accommodate expert guidance. This version has been circulated within MINAMB and the PGR and will be formally launched during the Judicial Symposium.

Furthermore, this Guide has been used as a training aid within the TRAFFIC implemented, USAID funded Prosecutor Workshop in October, 2019 for 20 prosecutors.

- *Activity 1.3: Introductory Sensitisation Workshop on Wildlife Crime for Police and Prosecutors.* This activity is completed in line with the implementation plan. The workshop agenda and materials and briefing were shared with TRAFFIC so that they could replicate the workshop under their USAID funded grant. Feedback from MINAMB, PGR and participants of the January workshop was shared during meetings in the week of the 14th of September.
- *Activity 1.4 Introductory Judicial Symposium on Wildlife Crime.* Meetings on this activity were held in May; expertise and feedback from PGR, MINAMB and INBAC have been incorporated to ensure Angolan ownership and hone the content and delivery for the Judicial audience. The event is arranged to take place during 19-21st of November, later than proposed but unavoidable due to limited availability of the lead international legal expert in combination with delays in being allocated a Judicial focal point from INBAC.
- *Activity 1.5 National Wildlife Criminal Offenders Database.* Meetings on the development of the database including providing a briefing note on the Database and a walkthrough of the Ugandan version took place in country with representatives of INBAC and MINAMB in April, 2019. An expert from project partner WCS, Uganda Geoffrey Mwedde and an IT technician have been contracted for this activity. A scoping mission with government agencies is planned for the week of the 28th October. This activity is on track according to the implementation plan.

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

- *Activity 2.3 and Activity 2.4.* Discussions on these investigative activities and the delivery of findings with Angolan law enforcement with EIA have been held both via email, skype calls and in person meetings. EIA are having ongoing discussions with enforcement contacts to disrupt the criminal networks in operation in Angola. A confidential briefing note was shared with the Minister of Environment in September, prior to CITES CoP related to ivory trafficking and the involvement of active criminal syndicates linked to specific Asian demand countries.

3. Stakeholders fully appraised of outcomes and impact of project activities and open access plan implemented.

- As mentioned in Outputs 1 and 2, the materials developed have been shared in soft and hard copy across the government agencies INBAC, MINAMB and the PGR as well as with partners and stakeholders in the Angola wildlife space; TRAFFIC, ICCF, USFWS, UNDP, UNODC. Furthermore, UNDOC and UNDP will take the Guide as a framework to build upon and update when they start their interventions in 2020.

4. Monitoring and evaluation:

- In response to feedback from AR2, in the week of the 19th of July, a meeting was held with M&E consultant and expert Donna Podems. The outcomes included: guidance on the survey methods for the “training” activities and a new template to be used in the Judicial Symposium. This data, and updates to the log frame will be reported on in the Final report as specified by the reviewer.
- Survey results from Activity 1.3, the January Workshop: there were further delays from TRAFFIC in hiring a Portuguese speaking administrative assistant who was due to be hired in August under their project and who would undertake the follow up survey. The assistant will be given the deadline of the end of October when hired in September to acquire these feedback.

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.

A key cause of delays continues to be related to the limited capacity within INBAC as stated in previous reports. For example, delays in being assigned focal points by INBAC have had a knock-on effect on the planning and implementation of Activities 1.4 and 1.5. Therefore, we have started planning and communications regarding activities well in advance, and will use in country consultant Jose Agostinho and National Legal consultant Maria Jesus to help push things along in our absence on the ground. These challenges do not have a significant impact on budget, or on the activities being completed, however, they do impact by lengthening the time required for their development and 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?

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.

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 DO NOT send these in the same email.****

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