



These activities will be carried out in Q3.

**1.2 Best practice workshop on investigating the trafficking of PAC**

**Progress to date:** Two workshops were organized in Kinshasa and Brazzaville

the demands of consumers. During Q3, two workshops are planned to be organised in Kinshasa and Brazzaville

This will result in the drafting of an action plan engaging all partners in the law enforcement in DRC and RoC.

**1.3 Monitor trafficking routes and identify traffickers and consumers:**

**Progress to date:** WCS is working with the Michigan State University to understand the supply chains of bushmeat, especially those of pangolins, crocodiles, great apes (gorillas, chimpanzees or bonobo), primates and other fully protected species in the markets of Kinshasa and Brazzaville. To date, two workshops and 6 focus groups were conducted in the two cities to understand the bushmeat

This activity will be pursued during Q3 and Q4 with the on-site collaboration of the MSU

**1.6 Monitor dwarf crocodile supply from source to city**

**Progress to date:** During this period, the crocodile consultant conducted an initial two-week site visit to the Lac Tele Conservation Reserve (LTCR) in RoC to identify objectives and establish protocols for achieving a better understanding of the crocodile bushmeat trade both within Congo and across its borders to DRC and

This approach and protocol will be implemented during the Q3 and Q4 of this project

**2a. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments/lessons learnt that the project has encountered over the last 3 months. Explain what impact these could have on the project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.**

On 23 December 2018, DRC is going to organize the long-awaited general elections across the country with the results to be released in January 2019.

We will continue to monitor the situation as it develops and inform LTS and DEFRA if and when we anticipate any delays.

We also noted an unusual dry period in the north of RoC this year, which will likely impact one element of our crocodile survey work.

Wet seasons are both being pushed later and lasting shorter times with unpredictable weather patterns.

We will inform LTS and DEFRA of any delays if and when they arise.

**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.

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. 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](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.**