



Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund Half Year Report

(due 31st October 2018)

Project reference: IWT 059

Project title: Deploying Anti Money Laundering Typologies to Curb Illegal Wildlife Trade

Country(ies): China, Vietnam, Singapore (covered by co funding), Lao PDR, Malawi, Kenya, Mozambique, Malaysia, Tanzania, Zambia

Lead organisation: Environmental Investigation Agency (UK) Ltd

Collaborator(s): Liberty Asia and Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)

Project leader: Julian Newman

Report date and number: 17 October 2018, (HYR1)

Project website/blog/social media: Blog and social media due to begin in early 2019

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).

Overall since the project commenced on 1st July 2018 activities have largely adhered to the agreed Implementation timetable. In addition, a number of steps have been taken to set-up the project.

For Activity 1.1 (since it also relates to Output 2 this activity is also shown as 2.1) desk-based research activities have focused on trafficking of ivory tusks and pangolin scales from West and Central Africa to Asia, including analysis of major seizures based on weight.

Activity 1.3 (since it also relates to Output 2 this activity is also shown as 2.3) is ahead of schedule, with a new draft narrative typology into the activities of a Chinese ivory smuggling syndicate having been completed by EIA in mid-September and sent to partner Liberty Asia for verification.

Activity 2.5 also commenced sooner than anticipated, with the opportunity arising through Liberty's Asia network for EIA to present on an existing typology, concerning ivory trafficking in Tanzania, on two occasions. The first took place on 12th July 2018 and involved staff from two banks in East and Southern Africa. On 19th September a further presentation took place for two banks in Asia. Furthermore, the Project Leader presented at an informal meeting of the IWT Financial Task Force Workshop to discuss red flags and indicators held on 27th September at Standard Chartered Bank in London. Later the same day the Project Leader presented to over 80 staff from Standard Chartered at an event to raise awareness of IWT.

Activity 2.6 is a routine action, with relevant EIA staff compiling weekly reports of media reports and details of significant seizures.

Under Activity 2.7 these reports are converted into tabular form and sent to Liberty Asia for

onward submission to databases used by banks. During the reporting period EIA made submissions on 90 people, leading to the addition of 39 new names to the databases, and 49 existing profiles were updated.

As well as specific project activities, time has also been spent on setting up the project including; internal meeting at EIA between project staff and colleagues from finance and fundraising to create relevant reporting systems; internal presentation by the Project Leader to 20 EIA staff on aspects of the project; meetings and conversations with partners LA and RUSI.

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.

In the period between submitting the full project proposal and the commencement of the project two staff (one from EIA and one from LA) who were intended to take part in the project left their respective organisations. Both have been replaced. EIA also successfully recruited an individual for the post of Senior Crime Analyst. Details are as follows:

Crime Analyst (EIA): Samantha Rainsford has been replaced by Rich White

Senior Crime Analyst (EIA): John Broome was recruited for this post in May 2018.

Head of Research Programmes (LA): Steve Farrar has been replaced by Duncan Jepson.

A change request and CVs for the three project staff are attached to this report.

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: Yes (submitted with this report)

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?
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No

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. 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.**