



Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund Half Year Report



(due 31st October 2018)

Project reference:	IWT 060
Project title:	LeAP: Learning and Action Platform for Community Engagement Against IWT
Country(ies):	Global, Tanzania, Zambia, Namibia
Lead organisation:	IIED
Collaborator(s):	IUCN SULi, Zambia CBNRM Forum, Tanzania Natural Resources Forum, Namibia Nature Foundation
Project leader:	Dilys Roe
Report date and number (e.g. HYR1):	October 2018, (HYR1)
Project website/blog/social media etc:	https://www.iied.org/learning-action-for-community-engagement-against-wildlife-crime

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).

This project did not start until June 2018 so this first half year report covers a limited time period. Nevertheless, progress has been significant.

Output 1 Evidence

All activities are on track. We developed a design spec for an online learning platform web portal and put this out for quotes from three web design companies. We selected the IIED comms team to develop the portal, based on the quote and availability within the specified time period (spec and response available on request).

We recruited a platform coordinator, based in Australia, to work with us on the written content of the site and to co-develop a template for collecting case studies of community engagement to tackle IWT.

We worked with a Masters student from the Durrell Institute for Conservation and Ecology (DICE) to identify relevant case studies and are currently in the process of writing up all of these case studies against the agreed template.

We launched the web portal (www.peoplenotpoaching.org) in October immediately prior to the London Conference on IWT.

We are continuing to further refine and develop the site

Output 2 Dialogue and Voice

Activities under this output are focussed in Tanzania and Zambia and have not yet started. However an inception meeting was held with the two country partners in October and workplans agreed.

Output 3: South South Learning

A large proportion of time, energy and effort on this project was spent planning and organising a Community Voices event in the run up to the London Conference. We identified and invited 45 community representatives from Africa, Asia and Latin America to attend the event, share experiences and develop a common statement for the London Conference. We secured additional funding to support their attendance (flights, visas and accommodation) from UN Environment, USAID (via TRAFFIC), IFAW, FFI, ZSL and African Wildlife Foundation (in addition to existing co-funding being provided by GIZ). We collaborated with ZSL and FFI to organise the event and ZSL provided additional in-kind co-funding by hosting the event in their Prince Albert Suite at no charge. We also collaborated closely with the UK government in their organisation of the London Conference so that community voices could feed into various panel discussions and side events. The event was held on October 10th (outside the reporting period of this half year report) and a fuller report will be included in the annual report.

Monitoring and Evaluation

IIED secured a consultancy grant from WWF UK which allowed us to conduct a partial baseline survey of the **content of international/regional strategies/plans/projects wrt community engagement**.

We also worked with a Masters student from Imperial College to conduct an analysis of the community engagement content of a wide range of IWT strategies and plans in African countries. The Zambia and Tanzania components of this study will form the baseline against which to measure changes in the IWT policy at the national level in this project.

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.

Nothing to 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 – not yet

Formal change request submitted: No – not yet

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 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. 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.**