



Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund Half Year Report



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Project title:	LeAP: Learning and Action Platform for Community Engagement Against IWT
Country(ies):	Global, Tanzania, Zambia, Namibia
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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).

Output 1 Evidence

Most activities are on track. Over the last 6 months we planned to:

Conduct desk review to collect documented case studies
Call for experiences via SULi, PCLG, ICCA Consortium
Conduct in-country community consultations
Write up of case studies against template
Analyse of lessons learned from case studies
Disseminate of evidence, analyses and videos

We have actively sourced case studies to populate the [People Not Poaching](#) website including through a desk review of the literature, calls for information (through our networks and social media) and through the country partners. We now have 94 case studies in our database (37 from Africa, 30 from Asia, 27 from Latin America). All the case studies are written up against a common reporting template which is available in English, French and Spanish. In addition to the case studies we have a 88 further resources – articles, policy papers etc on communities and illegal wildlife trade.

In the latter half of this reporting period we particularly focussed on identifying and writing up the case studies from Latin America in order to provide inputs to the regional high level

conference on illegal wildlife trade hosted by the Peruvian government in October 2019. We compiled these into a publication available in both English and Spanish that was disseminated at the Conference: <https://pubs.iied.org/17656IIED/>

We have set up Twitter account to promote news and updates (@CommunitiesIWT) and have also recently opened a Facebook Group and started a newsletter. We also have a “Community Voices” WhatsApp group. We are experimenting with all these channels to see which are the most useful to drive people to the website and case studies database. Over the last 6 months we have had 2,900 new users and over 400 returning users and are monitoring use to the extent possible to determine location and type of user.

The activities that are not completely on track are the community consultations. Zambia have conducted consultations but not yet analysed the data. Tanzania are still requiring additional support to complete this exercise.

We also haven't yet analysed the lessons learned from the case studies to date but this is planned for Q3 with a view to producing a publication in time for the World Conservation Congress in 2020.

Output 2 Dialogue and Voice

Activities under this output are on track. The activities planned for this period were:

- 1) Plan and organise national dialogues (extending into Q3 and 4)
- 2) Communities participate in at least 1 international event

In terms of national dialogues, planning is well underway for Tanzania and the national dialogue meeting is expected to happen in early December. For Zambia, the dialogue is planned for Feb 2020. Detailed planning has not yet started but a preliminary meeting was held in the margins of the IUCN Regional Consultation Forum in July 2019, held in Johannesburg.

In terms of community participation in international events, we have collaborated with a Southern Africa focus initiative called “Hear My Voice” and jointly supported community participants (including our Zambia and Tanzania partners) to attend the IUCN Regional Consultation Forum in July 2019, and the CITES CoP in August 2019. At the IUCN meeting we provided a capacity development session for community representatives to understand IUCN decision making processes and to contribute to the regional planning for the World Conservation Congress in 2020. At CITES we supported community representatives from Zambia and Zimbabwe to participate in the CoP (Hear My Voice initiative supported additional community reps from Botswana and Namibia and South African community representatives who had participated in our London 2019 Community Voices event were supported by their own government to participate). We also linked the community representatives we supported with other community participants at the CoP including from Canada and Kenya. We ran a capacity development session for community representatives to help them understand the proposals before the CoP that were of direct relevance to them and provided technical support to help them participate (including making interventions) in the negotiations and working groups.

Output 3: South-South Learning

Activities are largely on track. Activities we planned to complete in this period are:

- 1) Organise and host a webinar
- 2) Organise a south-south learning exchange

We have not yet organised and hosted a webinar from the People Not Poaching website since we have not yet completed final design of the website and have been focussing our attention on that. We plan to host our first webinar in early 2020 (Q4).

In terms of South South Learning, we have established a Community Voices whats app group which includes 20 representatives from 14 countries – mainly participants from our 2018 Community Voices event in London. We also secured co-funding from USAID (via TRAFFIC) to co-organise a “Community Voices” event for Latin American community representatives in the run up to the Peru Conference on Illegal Wildlife Trade. The meeting was held at the end of September and provided an opportunity for participants to share diverse experiences in tackling IWT across the region. Approx 30 community reps from 11 countries (Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guyana, French Guiana, Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia, Argentina and Chile) participated. The Learning event resulted in community representatives developing a statement that was then presented to the Plenary at the IWT Conference. We are in the process of writing up a report of the event but the community statement is available at:

<https://www.peoplenotpoaching.org/event/illegal-wildlife-trade-latin-america-and-caribbean>

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.

We are finding that our partners in Zambia and Tanzania require considerably more support than we anticipated to conduct quite basic activities including developing baselines for community engagement in IWT. These activities are therefore taking longer than expected and requiring more staff support from IIED and IUCN-SULi. We don't anticipate this having a significant impact on the project overall but it has delayed the completion of some activities and has required an injection of unfunded time from UK-based partners.

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.**