



Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund Half Year Report

(due 31st October 2019)

Project reference:	IWT063
Project title:	Combatting cross-border illegal wildlife trade in the Lower Zambezi, Zambia
Country(ies):	Zambia/Zimbabwe
Lead organisation:	Conservation Lower Zambezi
Collaborator(s):	Wildlife Crime Prevention
Project leader:	Ian Stevenson
Report date and number (e.g. HYR1):	31/10/19 - HYR1
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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 started on the 1st of July 2019 and over this first reporting period (01/07/2019 – 30/09/2019), progress has been made on several activities:

Output 1 – Border Training to Combat IWT

Activity 1.1 – Training sessions

CLZ have released funding to the coordinating partner Wildlife Crime Prevention in anticipation for these activities. The training will begin in January 2020.

Activity 1.2 Purchase of Equipment

As above.

Activity 1.4 – DNPW Capacity Building

Following an application for support from a Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW) Investigations Officer (IO) – Prosper Malambo. CLZ issued support for his Law Degree at the Zambian Open University under the IWT CF Project. Prosper’s term began in September and he has continued to attend lectures and continue his studies alongside his work as an IO. Under this grant IWT CF is supporting 75% of his degree studies and Prosper himself is

covering 25%. Prosper will write his first exams in December 2019 and his results will be reported in the next report.

Output 2 – Dog Unit and Rapid Response Unit – Operations

Activity 2.1 – Dog Unit

The DNPW Lower Zambezi Dog Unit had 248 patrol days from July – August 2019. 40% of these days were spent on borders surrounding the Lower Zambezi National Park (LZNP) as requested for under the project. This was covered by IWT CF funding. The Dog Unit had 9 arrests and recovered two firearms, two pieces of ivory and 153.52 kg of bushmeat in the project period.

Activity 2.2 – Rapid Response Unit

The DNPW Lower Zambezi Rapid Response Unit had 473 patrol days from July – August 2019. 40% of these days were spent on borders surrounding the Lower Zambezi National Park (LZNP) as requested for under the project. This was covered by IWT CF funding. The Rapid Response Unit had 7 arrests and recovered four firearms, three pieces of ivory and 122.3 kg of bushmeat in the project period.

Output 4 – Community/Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation

Activity 4.1 - Community Scout Patrols

The IWT CF grant supported two CS patrols per month in the Chiawa GMA over the first three months of the project. The patrols supported farmers by patrolling high-risk areas around villages and crop fields. The scouts are able to deter elephants and response to human-elephant conflict.

Activity 4.2 – Elephant Behaviour Workshops

Planning for the first workshop began in September 2019 and the motivational prizes (t-shirts bearing the UKAid logo) were procured. The workshop will take place in the first week of the second quarter.

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.

N/A

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?

N/A

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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