



Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund Half Year Report

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Project reference	IWT069
Project title	Strengthening intelligence-led enforcement to combat IWT between Indonesia and Malaysia
Country(ies)	Indonesia, Malaysia
Lead organisation	WCS
Partner(s)	National Police (INP), Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF), Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK), Financial Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (PPATK), Aviation Security, Airport and Seaport authorities (Angkasa Pura and Pelindo); Sarawak Forest Department, Sabah Wildlife Department, Royal Malaysian Police, and Malaysian Army; Facebook, Indonesia E-Commerce Association (IDEA), Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC); APE Malaysia (Sabah), Sarawak Eco-Warriors (Sarawak).
Project leader	Dwi Adhiasto
Report date and number (e.g. HYR1)	1 April - 30 September 2020, (HYR2)
Project website/blog/social media	

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. Activity 1.1. Trained sources of information (Sol), totalling 45 people across five provinces in Kalimantan, Sarawak, and Sabah, continued to support information gathering in Indonesia (ID) and Malaysia (MY) during this period. In this quarter, 13 men from our landscape received community-based informant training in Kapit, Sarawak, from 1-5 September 2020. We have trained 80 Sols so far (Indicator: in Yr 1 > 100 people trained). We also finalized socio-economy assessment survey design to be conducted in the next period.

Activity 1.2. The Sol network monitored poaching and IWT activities in border areas.

Activity 1.3. Sol monitoring in ID and MY forest landscapes led to at least six pieces of information being provided to government agencies, three of which led to sting operations within this period.

With WCS's support, 12 cases have been handled by government agencies in ID (eight cases) and MY (four cases) to date. Between April and September 2020, ten people arrested in Year 1 because of project provided information were prosecuted and convicted: eight in ID and two in MY. Overall, in ID, a total of 13 criminals have been sentenced, two people received administrative sanctions, and one person is in an ongoing legal process, while in MY, three people received fines, one person received an administrative sanction, and three are in

ongoing legal processes. (Indicator 1.3: From Yr 1-3, at least 20 major criminals involved in trafficking of target species are being, or have been, successfully prosecuted).

Output 2. Activity 2.1. During this period, WCS provided resource and training support for three capacity building events held by GoI, in which four agencies were trained (Indicator 2.1: By Yr 2, at least 3 new government agencies trained in IWT and use of alternative laws to prosecute IWT cases in ID and MY (baseline = 0). During thematic trainings on handling wildlife crime cases, we provided information on the use of alternative laws and the multi-door approach to prosecute IWT cases.

Activity 2.2. A wildlife trafficker (named *Asa*) associated with pangolin, helmeted hornbill, and tiger trade in ID and MY was selected for World Check and Dow Jones Risk and Compliance submission: an initiative in collaboration with Indonesian Customs, who have experience with this submission. This process is ongoing, and another trafficker, named *Sus*, was also selected for submission. *Sus* is a pangolin trafficker who operated in East Java and has links to a supplier in Central Kalimantan and a dealer in Sarawak.

Activity 2.3. WCS continues to support the Indonesian Financial Transaction Report and Analysis Centre (INTRAC) with updating the pangolin traffickers network across ID, MY and China. Updates are based on new findings from ID and China related to pangolin shipments from Jakarta to Taiwan and mainland China.

In MY, the suspect of one WCS-supported case was prosecuted using the anti-corruption law (See Activity 1.3; Indicator 2.3: From Yr 2-3, at least 2 CWT cases prosecuted using alternative laws related to financial transactions (baseline = 0).

Output 3. Activity 3.1. During this period, we identified the government agencies relevant for a capacity assessment of Pontianak seaport and Supadio airport in ID and Kuching airport, Sibu airport, and Bintulu seaport in MY. The completed draft of the assessment tool was developed in accordance with the existing Port Monitoring and Anti-Trafficking Evaluation (portMATE) tool and the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission

Activity 3.2. WCS established training materials that focus on law enforcement efforts in borders prone to wildlife smuggling and the use of alternative laws, such as anti-money laundering and customs laws, to prosecute IWT cases.

Activity 3.3. WCS have continued to monitor the online trade of protected species on Facebook since April 2020. Of the 431 advertisements recorded from 368 accounts, seven had ID-MY links. After 419 advertisements were reported to Facebook to be removed, 66 advertisements from 54 accounts (Indicator: Yr 1-3, >20 illicit accounts shut down) were deleted.

Activity 3.4. Training materials will be developed on the use of technology-based applications for IWT cases and will be included in the training materials mentioned in Activity 3.2.

Output 4. Activity 4.1. There has been positive progress towards Indicator 4.1: In Yr 1, 1 assessment report on the policy/legal framework for ID-MY CWT collaboration.

Activity 4.2. Good communication between WCS and SFC has enabled SFC to perform sting operations related to helmeted hornbill and pangolin trafficking.

Activity 4.3. No progress to date.

2a. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments/lessons learnt that the project has encountered over the last 6 months (for Covid-19 specific delays/problems, please use 2b). Explain what impact these could have on the project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.

None to report for this period.

2b. Please outline any specific issues which your project has encountered as a result of Covid-19. Where you have adapted your project activities in response to the pandemic, please briefly outline how you have done so here. Explain what residual impact there may be on your project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.

COVID-19 limited the mobility of our Sols and field teams in seeking information related to IWT. Local and national scale travel restrictions continue to impede Sols from outside areas accessing IWT hotspots. Coordination with law enforcement officials regarding wildlife cases has also become more challenging in Kalimantan, as authorities prioritize efforts to reduce the impacts of COVID-19. Therefore, Sols in the field are currently focused on collecting information in their own areas and online, and on communicating any findings with law enforcement officials online. AWe have postponed activities involving in-person meetings and trainings and are instead developing online training materials.

2c. 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 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. Please DO NOT send these in the same email as your report.

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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