



## Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund Half Year Report (due 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021)

<b>Project reference</b>	IWT086
<b>Project title</b>	Mainstreaming traditional hunting communities of western Nepal in tiger conservation
<b>Country(ies)</b>	NEPAL
<b>Lead organisation</b>	National Trust for Nature Conservation
<b>Partners(s)</b>	Bardia National Park, Banke National Park, Ujyalo Nepal Bardia, Tharu Women Upliftment Centre
<b>Project leader</b>	Dr. Siddhartha Bajra Bajracharya
<b>Report date and number (e.g. HYR1)</b>	31 October 2021/ HYR1
<b>Project website/blog/social media</b>	<a href="#"><u>National Trust for Nature Conservation, Bardia Conservation Program   Facebook</u></a>

**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).**

The project was signed on 22<sup>th</sup> September 2021 between NTNC and IWT Challenge Fund with the starting date of 15 April 2021. No activities were implemented during the reporting period (April to September, 2021). Consultation meeting and personal visit were made with some community-based organizations and community leader, respectively. Project activities are implemented from the October 2021.

**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

**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.**

Social distance, wearing mask and using sanitizer are encouraged to the participants.

**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?**

Not now

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.**

Please send your **completed report** by email to [IWT-Fund@ltsi.co.uk](mailto: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.**