

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

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Project Title Integrating religion within conservation: Islamic beliefs and Sumatran forest management

Country(ies) Indonesia

UK Organisation

Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICE)

Collaborator(s)

UK : Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences (IFEES)

Indonesia: British Council (BC), Indonesia;Conservation International (CI), Fauna and Flora International Indonesia Program (FFI-IP);Indonesian Conservation of Natural Resources section for West Sumatra province (BKSDA), Department of Forestry, Qbar and the University of Andalas (UNAND).

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http://www.kent.ac.uk/dice/research/islam_conservation.html

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – September) against the agreed baseline timetable for the project (if your project has started less than 6 months ago, please report on the period since start up).

April 2010

Bogor, Java 8-10th: Muslim Action on Climate Change (MACCA) conference: The DI PO joined UK-based partner Fazlun Khalid (IFEES), who gave one of the keynote presentations (including mention of the DI project). The DI PO gave a 10 minute presentation and both the DI PO and Mr. Khalid sat in on Q&A panel during the conference-the first of its kind in Indonesia. The DI PO raised additional funds to cover Mr. Khalid's international costs. As co-sponsors of the event, funds for in-country costs were provided by Indonesia-based project partners BC and CI. As part of the DI's commitment to building local conservation capacity, and with match funding from the Indonesian Islamic Council, the project sponsored two of its religious leader partners to serve as the project's religious emissaries for West Sumatra. Over 100 participants from across Indonesia, Asia, the Middle East and the UK attended this conference. Excellent project exposure was achieved via the presentation as well as the through DI project brochures which were provided in the participant's welcome pack.

Padang and DI project site Guguak Malalo, 12-15th: Ulama training workshop: A joint DI/IFEES/CI/BC training workshop focusing on religion and conservation was delivered to 13 local Ulama and adat leaders from Padang and neighboring villages. The training focused on identifying and improving awareness about natural resource use management based on Islamic teaching, and agreeing on methods to spread environment education widely based on these teachings. Result: Ramadan Conservation campaign (see under August/September). This activity lays the foundations for the planned project intervention during the next phase.

Jakarta, 24th: Grand Connectors Training: DI B&E coordinator was selected out of 1,500 applicants and fully sponsored by The Climate Project Indonesia, part of Al Gore's Climate Change Initiative. The programme provides the information and skills necessary for young conservationists to provide outreach on climate change related issues in their communities (see under September).

May 2010

Padang, 3 meetings with Andalas University regarding the drafting of an MOU between DICE and UNAND Universities (output: a final TA draft written and agreed upon, an offer by UNAND to host the PY2 Partner meeting in October).

Solok District, West Sumatra: Two joint partner surveys were conducted to assess the potential of two sites (Gantung Ciri, Sungai Jernih) for their feasibility as DI focal areas. Result: did not meet project selection criteria (not primarily Minang, not a pronounced reliance on an ecosystem service, not easily accessible, too far from other nagari, not a strong sense of local adat). The investigation for a potential third field site is ongoing.

June 2010

London, 8th Religion and Environment Conference hosted by the Zoological Society of London (ZSL): the DI Project Leader and project partner Mr. Khalid (IFEES) gave a joint presentation, showcasing the DI project, entitled, 'Islam and Rainforest conservation in Sumatra' over 100 people from ZSL, academic institutions and NGOs were in attendance.

Padang, Project TA signed with UNAND; meeting with international NGO, WCS, who are coordinating the National Program for Community Empowerment on the environment (PNPM Lingkungan). The meeting discussed the possibilities for collaborative project activities in field site Pakan Rabaa Timur (output: agreement to collaborate on awareness raising activities and tree nurseries).

Padang Lawi, Joint partner site visit conducted. Output: Initial trip was successful and many project selection criteria met. A follow up visit to meet nagari representatives scheduled for late July.

July 2010

Bali, 12-14 July, Pre-Tiger Summit Dialogue and Partner Meeting 2010. The project's highest local partner is the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry (MoF). Thus, it was therefore a great honour that the DI Field Manager was invited to support the MoF's senior government officials in their work with counterparts from 13 tiger range countries and 117 participants including world tiger experts, representatives from NGOs, and donor agencies such as USAID, AUSAID and GEF. This provided DI will an ideal opportunity to discuss its approach to conserving rainforest tiger habitat through religion, education and outreach. Output: to produce a draft Global Tiger Recovery Programme and a "Leaders Declaration" which will be discussed at the Tiger Summit in St. Petersburg, Russia. The Global Tiger Recovery Programme will be based on national plans developed by the TRCs. Indonesia's Ministry of Forestry has, with the support of partners, developed the country's National Tiger Recovery Programme.

Padang, 2 meetings with local Ulama to discuss potential activities for a Ramadan Conservation Campaign. Output: Final draft TOR, budget, written materials designed (see under August); Meeting with Qbar, discussed the final stage of PRA and Mapping activities in project field sites. Output: Final programme designed and scheduled (see under September).

Padang Lawi Nagari, meeting with local representatives. Output, leading officials are positive and wish to be considered. Focus Group Discussion planned for early October.

August 2010

Please note: This year the holy fasting month of Ramadan was from August 11 to September 9. During this time, working hours are dramatically reduced in order to focus on religious worship and family as is the cultural norm.

Jakarta, 2-5: International Project Proposal Writing training (Part 1) received by DI B&E coordinator. Funding was provided by Collaborative Knowledge Network-Indonesia. Output: Invited for second and final training (October). Will be using these skills to apply for additional grants to support the project and its partners.

Padang, 16 August-02 September, DI Ramadan Conservation Campaign. Output: the DI piloted sermon guidelines for local *Ulamas* (religious leaders) to develop conservation-themed messages (e.g. Damage of Natural Resource on Earth, Allah's Creations, Damage Caused by Humans and Rehabilitation Efforts) within their Friday prayer sermons. The Ulamas then delivered these sermons within their Friday prayer sermons in nine mosques reaching close to 1,000 people. The DI team also gave seminars at local religious high schools and directly within mosques (160 students) focusing on issues concerning: climate change and global warming (from experience gained from the Grand

Connectors training mentioned above), Al Qur'an and conservation and the importance of ecosystem services. Several hundred pre and post questionnaires were collected. Two conservation-themed religious bulletins were produced as hand outs.

Padang & Sumatra-wide, The DI R&E Coordinator TOR was revised and advertised within local conservation and university networks, candidates short-listed and interviews conducted.

September 2010

23-25th, Jakarta BC's Climate for Classroom teacher training: Output: two participating DI teachers from Padang were sponsored by BC to receive additional training to train other teachers on climate change related issues in Padang, West Sumatra.

Padang: The DI R&E Coordinator position was filled; Ramadan questionnaire data input into SPSS, a statistical software package, for independent analysis (scheduled for October); Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services training workshop preparation completed and University lecturers secured for delivery in October. Output: TOR, budget, invites and training manual draft completed with partner input; DI / UNAND MSc student field research plans. Output: two 15 minute student project presentations completed. Q&A session scheduled in early October involving all local project partners; annual project and partner meeting preparation. Output: Final TOR, invites, budget, M&E consultant secured; Article (2) for Tropika magazine drafted and accepted for publication in November.

Padang and outlying areas: PRA (Participatory Rural Appraisal) data from each of the project nagari is now complete. Output: a complete report of governance system, social structures (including the role of adat and religion), history, livelihoods and the importance of ecosystem services and their threats, in the two DI project areas. It was also determined that the nagari would benefit greatly from an ecosystem service map which is currently being developed with support from a GIS expert.

2. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments 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.

There have been no such events in the last 6 months.

Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement? N/A

Discussed with the DI Secretariat: N?A no/yes, in..... (month/yr)

Formal change request submitted: no/yes, in.....(month/yr)

3. Do you expect to have any significant (e.g. more than £5,000) under spend in your budget for this year?

Yes No If yes, and you wish to request a carry forward of funds, this should be done as soon as possible. It would help Defra manage Darwin funds more efficiently if you could give an indication of how much you expect this request might be for. Estimated carry forward request: £

4. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures? No thank you.

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 or budget should not be discussed in this report but raised with LTS International directly.

Please send your **completed form by email** to Eilidh Young at Darwin-Projects@ltsi.co.uk. The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message eg Subject: 17-075 Darwin Half Year Report**