

# Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

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<b>Project Title:</b>	Sustainable Conservation and Management of Marine and Coastal Resources in Kenya
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## **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).**

**Overall Project Coordination:** FFI and EAWLS continued to work closely with the Fisheries Department and other partners in implementing project activities during this reporting period. The Coordination and Harmonization Group held a total of four meetings at the Fisheries Offices, in Mombasa. Through these meetings, work-plans were developed and partnership established with the Regional Programme for the Sustainable Management of the Coastal Zones of the Countries of the Indian Ocean (ReCoMap). ReCoMap has initiated a project replicating the Darwin Initiative's CCAs concept in other areas of the South coast.

Progress in implementation of the various activities indicated on the agreed baseline timetable of the project is as outlined below:

### **Activity 2.2. Capacity building and training plan developed**

A training plan for Beach Management Units (BMUs) has been produced. The training will be carried out in seven villages under the Darwin Initiative (Shimoni, Wasini, Mkwiro, Kibuyuni, Majoreni, Vanga, and Jimbo) and in an additional six villages (Mwandamo, Gazi, Chale, Mwaepe, Mwakamba, and Tiwi (Nyari)) under a new initiative funded by ReCoMaP. Training modules on fisheries management, BMU orientation (roles and responsibilities of BMUs), and financial management have also been developed.

### **Activity 2.3. Capacity building and training plan implemented based on needs assessment**

The onsite Project Coordinator and the Assistant Project Officer underwent a refresher Training of Trainer course held at the Fisheries Department offices, Mombasa, in preparation for the BMUs training exercise. Subsequently, six day training was undertaken for members of the executive committee of the BMUs in Shimoni with facilitation from Fisheries Department and funding support from Darwin Initiative project. A total of 30 participants drawn from Shimoni, Wasini, and Mkwiro were trained in fisheries management, roles and responsibilities in marine and coastal resources management, by-laws development, conflict resolution, and financial management. Communities have also undergone training on the proper book of accounts required and basic financial management skills.

The Darwin Initiative, during this reporting period, is supporting the newly established BMUs to develop proper financial accounting systems by facilitating the purchase of proper books of accounts as required by the BMU regulations. The Fisheries Department will also avail support for the exercise.

**Activity 3.7. Participatory development of management plan for CCA's (includes mangrove forest management and sustainable fisheries management plan)**

Draft Terms of Reference (TORs) have been produced and a consultant to conduct the exercise identified. The consultancy is planned to start in the 3rd quarter.

**Activity 3.8. Participatory development of CCA by-laws/ guidelines**

By-laws have been developed for the seven villages within the project area. The by-laws developed cover areas under the jurisdiction of each BMU and include CCAs as well as other areas for sustainable fisheries.

The whole exercise of by-law development was conducted in a participatory way:

- Meetings were held to constitute a technical team and involved officers from the Fisheries Department and EAWLS.
- Meeting with the BMU Executive Committee held to orientate them with the process of developing by-laws — drafting by-laws submission of the draft by-laws to their respective assemblies for review and comments, submission of the draft to the technical committee, technical committee meetings with the BMU assemblies to present the draft by-laws, final review and submission of the by-laws to the Director of Fisheries for approval.

**Activity 5.4. Hold sensitization meetings at the project sites (Shimoni, Majoreni and Vanga)**

A total of seven sensitization meetings have been held with the local communities residing within the project area; one meeting in each of the seven villages namely Shimoni, Wasini, Mkwiro, Kibuyuni, Majoreni, Vanga, and Jimbo.

***Awareness creation of the Darwin Initiative project to a wider audience (within and outside the project area)***

Awareness rising about the project within and outside the project area has been recognized as one of the most important activities which will enable replication of similar initiatives along the Kenya coast.

During this reporting period, a total of five articles have appeared within the EAWLS monthly newsletter on the Darwin Initiative project. The newsletter is available free of charge as a PDF and is distributed online to various recipients who include individuals and organizations working within the marine and coastal environment. The articles appearing in the newsletter covered various project achievements to date such as the harmonized BMU training modules and BMUs training activities. In addition, through the Darwin Initiative support, EAWLS has been active in advocating for the suspension of the ringnet fishery which had become the greatest threat to the establishment of conservation areas as well as in developing sustainable fisheries measures. The ringnet, for a number of years had been used by fishermen in inshore waters irrespective of provisions that it should be used offshore. Currently, the use of the net is suspended pending the development of a management plan of which EAWLS is a member.

**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.**

Initial delays in application for, and release of, funding for the first two quarters led to a short delay in implementation of project activities. In addition, the festival of Ramadan, which usually leads to a month-long slow-down of all activities on the Kenya coast, similarly affected our own project activities (12 Aug – 12 Sep). Consequently, a number of activities planned in the first and second quarter have been carried forward to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. These include development of CFAs (Community Forest Associations), CFA by-laws, and capacity building for CFA committee members.

In addition, during the reporting period the recently hired Project Assistant (Halinishi Yusuf) left the project for further studies in the Netherlands. Currently the project is recruiting a new project assistant to fill the vacant position; a good candidate has been interviewed and has accepted the position.

**Have any of these issues been discussed with LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?**

The change in staffing (see 2 above) to be discussed with LTS shortly (once new candidate formally recruited)

**Discussed with LTS:** no/yes, in..... (month/yr)

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

**Received confirmation of change acceptance** no/yes in.....(month/yr)

**3. Do you expect to have any significant (eg more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year?**

Yes  No

If yes, and you wish to request a carryforward 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 carryforward request: £4000**

**4. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?**

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](mailto: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**