

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2010)

Project Ref No	19006
Project Title	The CUT plan for large carnivore management in Tanzania
Country(ies)	Tanzania
UK Organisation	Institute of Zoology, Zoological Society of London
Collaborator(s)	Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute, Wildlife Division, plus numerous GOs, NGOs and projects based in Tanzania
Project Leader	Sarah Durant
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Project website	www.tanzaniacarnivores.org

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).

Project purpose is: Improved national and local capacity to reduce direct threats to leopard, lion, cheetah and wild dog by mitigating Conflict; ensuring sustainable Use; and reducing illegal Trade CUT). We have had some small delays, but we expect to make up for delays incurred by year end.

Progress on activities scheduled for Q1 and Q2:

1.1 Review of existing data on approaches to carnivore conflict:

Review completed, and preliminary meeting held with all carnivore conflict groups in Tanzania and guidelines for policy protocol drafted.

1.2 Meeting with FAO Tanzania office to establish way forward for adapting HWC toolkit for use in Tanzania

Project leader has met with Rene Czudek (FAO Forestry and Wildlife Officer in the Subregional Office for Southern Africa) to discuss way forward. FAO have reiterated their support and have agreed to make HWC toolkits available for modification by project.

1.5 Conduct field trials of agreed standardised protocol at 3 pilot sites

Schedule of visits undertaken for project staff to familiarise themselves with ongoing carnivore conflict management projects. This has enabled project team to acquaint themselves with different techniques utilised in Tanzania for the management of human-carnivore conflict.

1.9 Distribute, revise and finalise protocol document

Minutes of first meeting, and framework for protocol drafted and circulated.

2.1 Review existing camera trap and call in data to develop standardised protocol to survey lion and leopard.

A backlog of camera trap data has been entered in the project database and camera trap data consolidated and reviewed. Unpublished call-in data has been obtained from Serengeti, Ugalla and Swagaswaga.

2.2 Pilot surveys at 4 sites within hunting concessions, documenting manpower and resources used.

Funding for additional surveys has been used to conduct a preliminary survey in Gelai Forest Reserve, however there has been a slight delay in initiating more formal surveys whilst lion protocol is finalised. Maswa, Ugalla and Gelai have been identified as 3 of the 4 sites.

3.1 Review and prioritise likely exit ports for cheetah, leopard and lion trafficking

Wildlife crime stakeholders have been consulted and engaged in the project in a series of meetings between project staff and Tanzania Harbours Authority, the Interpol Office and TRAFFIC. 10 land, sea and air ports have been identified through discussions with these stakeholders.

3.2 Develop training curriculum, manual and interpretive materials for customs officers at exit ports.

Training materials developed by TRAFFIC are being made available for adaptation.

4.1 Provide training to establish and effective CUT carnivore threat co-ordinator and a minimum of 4 senior staff at TAWIRI trained as trainers in all aspects of project

Ongoing. All staff have gained experience/been trained in project management, camera trap survey analysis, management of human carnivore conflict and combating wildlife crime.

4.6 Establish stakeholder network and issue a quarterly e-mail newsletter to deliver news, report project progress and raise awareness of CUT

A network of 350 stakeholders established. Due to additional funding, stakeholders were introduced to the project via a printed issue of the project newsletter, Carnivore NewsBites. The second issue of the quarterly newsletter will be electronic and distributed early November.

Progress on activities ahead of schedule:

1.4 Development of large carnivore management and conflict mitigation protocol and identification of pilot sites

A preliminary framework for a protocol was developed during the first CUT conflict meeting in July 2012, attended by all the key human-carnivore conflict stakeholders operating in Tanzania.

3.4 Established centralised database and reporting for all trafficked large carnivore products

The project has established a database of all large carnivore products illegally traded and reported in national newspapers, which are searched daily for news items relating to large carnivores.

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.

The project has been subject to small delays due to administrative issues, and this has led to up to a 3 month delay in some project activities, however we expect to make up time lost and anticipate that the project will be back on schedule by the end of the year.

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

No major issues

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: £0

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

No

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**