



## Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2015)

<b>Project Ref No</b>	21-016
<b>Project Title:</b>	Alternative sustainable livelihood sources for forest edge hunting communities
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Uganda
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Royal Zoological Society of Scotland
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	Budongo Conservation Field Station
<b>Project Leader</b>	Fred Babweteera
<b>Report date and number (eg HYR3)</b>	30th November 2015 HYR2
<b>Project website</b>	<a href="http://www.budongo.org">www.budongo.org</a>

**1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – Sept) 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 to end September).**

Identification and registration of target households: In addition to the 284 households that were selected in year 1, we identified an addition 230 households to support in the second year. Household targeting criteria used during the first year was used for the second year.

Joint Snare Patrol Exercises: Three joint snare patrol sessions were conducted between Budongo Conservation Field Station patrol team and the ex-hunter groups. Over 400 snares were recovered during the joint patrols. Besides the joint patrol exercises the field patrol team has continued with the daily snare patrol schedule in different parts of the Budongo Forest.

Demonstration sites for buffer zone farming: Three 2-ha demonstration sites were established. On these sites, six non-traditional crops that were proposed to be least preferred by wildlife were grown and are being monitored.

Training in animal husbandry and improved agronomy: BCFS veterinary team trained 35 households that received livestock as farm inputs. In addition, the veterinary team conducted village based livestock treatment sessions at which over 600 animals from both beneficiary and non-beneficiary households were treated. In collaboration with Masindi District Farmers Association, we conducted three agronomy skills training sessions at the demonstration sites.

Vocational skills: The first batch of vocational skills trainees (5 for tailoring and 5 for hair dressing) completed their respective courses. An additional eight trainees undertaking a brick laying course are due to complete their training later this year.

Procurement and distribution of farm inputs: Improved seed of rice, soy bean and assorted vegetables were procured and supplied to the new beneficiary farmers. Over 50 acres of farm land is expected to be planted using the distributed seed. Households that benefited during the first year were expected to procure seed for the proceeding planting seasons using income from the sale of the previous harvest.

Economic surveys of household agricultural yields and incomes: Surveys of the agricultural yields and incomes from the first batch of beneficiary farmers are currently underway. Data from these surveys will be compared with the baseline data to determine the change in household agricultural yields and incomes.

**2a. 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.**

No notable changes made yet.

**2b. Have any of these issues been discussed with LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?**

Discussed with LTS: Yes/No

Formal change request submitted: Yes/No

Received confirmation of change acceptance Yes/No

**3a. Do you currently expect to have any significant (eg 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 as it is unlikely that any requests to carry forward funds will be approved this year.** 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 and would like to talk to someone about the options available this year, please indicate below when you think you might be in a position to do this and what the reasons might be: N/A

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

None

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 send your **completed report by email** to Eilidh Young at [Darwin-Projects@ltsi.co.uk](mailto:Darwin-Projects@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 eg Subject: 20-035 Darwin Half Year Report**