



Darwin Initiative Main/Post/D+ Project Half Year Report (due 31st October 2018)

Project reference	25-006
Project title	Enhancing equity and effectiveness of Protected Area Conservation
Country(ies)/territory(ies)	Uganda, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi
Lead organisation	International Institute for Environment and Development
Partner(s)	FFI, UNE-WCMC, Centre for Environmental Policy and Advocacy (Malawi), Africa Parks (Malawi), Forest Development Authority (Liberia), Uganda Wildlife Authority, Kenya Wildlife Service.
Project leader	Phil Franks
Report date and number (e.g., HYR3)	HYR1
Project website/blog/social media etc.	https://www.iied.org/assessing-social-impacts-protected-conserved-areas

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).

The project formally started on July 1st 2018. Having made a prompt start to implementation made possible by having all key staff already in place we are currently on track relative to the workplan apart from one aspect.

The main achievements of the last three months have been:

1. Meetings with Uganda Wildlife Authority and Kenya Wildlife Service to finalise the selection of sites for the social equity assessment. For Uganda UWA proposes to maintain Kibale NP, Murchison NP and Mgahinga NP. Discussions are ongoing on the fourth site and should be concluded by the end of December. For Kenya KWS proposed to maintain Kisite Marine Park and Marsabit NP and Reserve but switch Tsavo West NP for the nearby Amboseli NP which is more advanced in terms of governance and logistically simpler, and switch Nakuru NP for Ruma NP which is of comparable size and less affected by local politics. We will submit a change request as soon as the Uganda situation is clarified.
2. National inception workshops (activity 2.1) have been conducted in Kenya and Uganda as planned. These workshops were targeted at senior managers and mid-level technical staff (primarily from research, monitoring and planning units). Prominent national NGOs were also invited. In Kenya we had approximately 20 participants and a similar number in Uganda including and Deputy Director of UWA. In both cases at the request of KWS and UWA we extended the workshop by half a day to include some capacity building on key concepts of social impact, governance and equity. Chief Park wardens from the 7 parks so far confirmed were present and led a planning exercise for the assessment process at their park.
3. Capacity building for site level assessment facilitation teams (activity 2.1) was conducted in Uganda at the Mgahinga NP site. This activity for Kenya will take place in November this year. This delay of 2 months enables the assessment at the first Kenya site (Ruma) to take place immediately after the training which enables more efficient use of resources as technical support staff of FFI and IIED need make only one trip to

the site. The assessment at the first site in Uganda has just started and the first Kenya assessment will start in November so that both start within Q3 as planned.

4. As explained in our project proposal, *the assessment methodology is based on the SAPA methodology developed by IIED and partners, plus elements of a methodology for PA governance assessment also developed by IIED*. We have just completed a major revision of the manual for SAPA facilitators which adds the governance assessment elements needed for SAPA to assess equity of PA management and governance as well as social impact, and more substantial guidance for measures to support implementation of actions that respond to the results of the assessment. See (<http://pubs.iied.org/14659IIED/>). This revision of the SAPA manual funded from IIED frame funds was initially expected to be completed before the start of the project but now that completion has taken place in the period July-September this effort can be regarded as a contribution in kind, additional to that specified in the proposal.
5. Initial discussions have with our partner in Liberia and Malawi have taken place but, in line with our plan, work with these countries will only commence in the first quarter of year 2 (April-June 2019).
6. CBD COP14. The Project Leader will attend and plans have been made with DEFRA to make a short presentation of the work of this project and the previous Darwin funded SAPA project on which this project builds at the Darwin side event on November 25th.

2a. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments/lessons learnt 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.

One possible problem that we have encountered relates to a change in status of Uganda Wildlife Authority from parastatal to a department of the Ministry of Tourism Wildlife and Antiquities. If this happens (this is not yet clear) this would have significant policy implications – the Wildlife Act, which establishes UWA, would have to be repealed, for example. We don't expect this to happen quickly but it may have some implications for our project in terms of reducing the ability HQ staff and park wardens to respond to results of the assessment because of changes in policy and/or the demoralisation and loss of key staff that this uncertainty may cause.

The only other significant issue to not here relates to our logframe indicator: Decreased threat to biodiversity in 8 PAs in Kenya and Uganda as a result of 15% reduction in poaching. Further discussion with UWA and KWS reveals that their systems for monitoring incidence of illegal activities may not be adequate to provide specific information on poaching. In this case we will need to identify a different indicator for incidence of illegal activities, and depending on the nature of this indicator we may need to somewhat reduce the achievement target. We will provide an update on this by the end of December.

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: 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.

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. Additionally, if you were funded under R24 and asked to provide further information by your first half year report, please attach your response as a separate 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.**

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