



## Darwin Initiative/D+ Project Half Year Report (due 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019)

<b>Project reference</b>	25-015
<b>Project title</b>	Why Eat Wild Meat?
<b>Country(ies)/territory(ies)</b>	Cameroon
<b>Lead organisation</b>	IIED
<b>Partner(s)</b>	FCTV, Living Earth, University of Oxford
<b>Project leader</b>	Dilys Roe
<b>Report date and number (e.g. HYR3)</b>	HYR2
<b>Project website/blog/social media etc.</b>	<a href="https://www.iied.org/why-eat-wild-meat">https://www.iied.org/why-eat-wild-meat</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).**

The partners held an in-country launch of the project in April 2019, hosted FOC by the British High Commission and attended by over forty representatives from MINFOF, local NGOs and other Embassies' officials. In October 2019, Stephanie Brittain (Oxford), Neil Maddison (Living Earth) and Mama Mouamfon (FCTV) held their annual project meeting in Cameroon, to discuss the progress made in Y2 activities and begin planning for Y3 activities. A meeting was also held with Stanley Dinsi from Cameroon PCLG to present the preliminary results of the project and to get his insights on results sharing and dissemination amongst Cameroonian policy makers.

From April-July 2019, Stephanie Brittain (Oxford) and the FCTV fieldwork team consisting of Thibau Kamogne, and two student research assistants Soreya Ngomna and Salif Mteroupe conducted fieldwork in the 3 study sites to better understand local preferences, drivers and constraints to accessing wild meat protein alternatives, as well as gathering information on the role and importance of wild meat for food security. Stephanie designed the semi-structured interviews and carried out a series of training exercises with the team before going to the field. 542 semi-structured interviews were carried out, comprising between 80-95% of the total population of each village. 51% of those interviewed were men, and 49% were women. Female only focus groups were also conducted with 13 women over 4 workshops, to gather the perspectives of women and better understand the drivers of female food choice and barriers to their participation in alternative projects. The data for this research element has been entered into a database for analysis and Stephanie is in the process of generating preliminary results. The results are expected to be written up and ready for dissemination by end of Y2Q3 in line with the log frame.

From July-September 2019, Stephanie Brittain (Oxford) and the FCTV fieldwork team conducted fieldwork in the 3 study sites to explore preferences for wild meat-alternative interventions according to local people. After consultation with other researchers at Oxford and her wider network, Stephanie decided that scenarios protocols were more suitable than choice experiments for the purpose of this research, in order to gain a deep qualitative understanding of the reasons why people make the decisions they do. Stephanie designed the scenarios protocols and after a week of training and practical exercise, the whole team went to the field and conducted some initial trial interviews to refine the wording of the scenarios presented and

to ensure that all information shared was clearly understood. Subsequently, the team conducted 171 interviews across the 3 study sites, representing at least 1 participant per household, while ensuring a balance of genders, ages and wealth brackets were sampled. The team are in the process of finalising the transcription of these interviews, ready for analysis by Stephanie from November onwards.

IIED, Oxford University and FCTV have completed an inventory of alternative protein projects taking place around Dja – they include projects to small scale farming of snails, fish and chickens.

In November 2019, IIED will host a meeting between projects partners and our advisory committee. The purpose of the meeting is to 1) review the outputs of our two literature reviews 2) discuss the results of fieldwork 3) finalise a draft communications plan for the project and 4) begin planning and designing a decision support tool.

**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.**

Nothing to report at this stage.

**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 (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?**

Not at this stage of the project.

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 R25 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. **Please DO NOT send these in the same email.**

Please send your **completed report by email** to [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 e.g. Subject: 25-035 Darwin Half Year Report**