



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

<b>Project reference</b>	26-006
<b>Project title</b>	Conserving Tsavo's wildlife by building community resilience and fostering coexistence
<b>Country(ies)/territory(ies)</b>	Kenya
<b>Lead organisation</b>	Zoological Society of London
<b>Partner(s)</b>	Kenya Wildlife Service Tsavo Trust Five Talents Kenya Wildlife Works
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<b>Report date and number (e.g. HYR3)</b>	31/10/2019 HYR1
<b>Project website/blog/social media etc.</b>	<a href="https://www.zsl.org/conservation/regions/africa/kenya-conservation-work">https://www.zsl.org/conservation/regions/africa/kenya-conservation-work</a> Twitter: @ZSLAfrica

**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).**

*Please note, this project commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 and therefore we are reporting on 4 months progress for the specific activities relevant to this timeframe.*

**Output 1**

Activity 1.1. KWS Community Outreach Officers hold quarterly community meetings with the Chief and key community influencers, facilitated by ZSL.

To date, three formal community meetings have been facilitated between the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and Manganlele and Kamungi community leadership to lay the foundations for open and honest discussion and relationship-building between the communities and KWS. Meetings have been productive and are well documented and minuted. The initial meeting included a declaration known as the "Komboyo Declaration", that agreed between KWS and the community to entrench their joint commitment to establishing social peace, working together to reduce human-wildlife conflict and develop collaborative and collective positive relationships into the future. Several adjacent community leaders also attended to learn about the project and to foster a good working relationship with the wildlife authority.

The second meeting was led by ZSL as a focused 'project kick off' meeting with representatives from both communities (Kamungi and Manganlele), as well as all project partners – Tsavo Trust, Wildlife Works and KWS' Community Wildlife Service. The main objective was to sensitise the project and its objectives, which were well received by both communities' Chiefs and ensured all representatives were well known to each other.

The third meeting focussed on human-wildlife conflict (HWC) in the county and was led by county leaders. ZSL presented the project during this meeting, raising awareness of its objectives (in particular, Objective 2 to implement HWC mitigation strategies) and encouraging community members to join future project meetings.

Activity 1.2. ZSL Community Officer and Community Liaison trained by partner, 5T on VSLA establishment including an exchange visit for ZSL staff.

ZSL has now recruited the two positions of Community Officer and Community Liaison. The Community Officer was originally from the Mangalete Community and is of Kamba ethnicity, ensuring acceptance in the community and a strong understanding of the culture and context within which this project will sit. Project sensitisation has begun, and the new employees have attended the most recent community meeting, enabling introductions with key community representatives. ZSL has also provided initial training on the use of SMART (Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool) to enable community data collection for surveys in the project. Five Talents Kenya (5T) will provide VSLA Training as scheduled by the end of Q2 (November 2019) with the exchange trip to be scheduled immediately there following. This activity will be reported on in the Yr1 annual report and completed in the timeframe agreed.

*See Annex for related documents and images: SD01 Komboyo declaration meeting; SD02 Project kick off meeting; SD03 HWC County meeting; SD04 images of informal meeting with Mangalete*

#### **Output 4**

Activity 4.1: ZSL delivers training course for all eight Tsavo Trust (TT) community scouts in data collection and analysis using SMART by end of Y1 and supports on the production of quarterly patrol maps in QGIS.

This activity is scheduled for TT community scouts in early January 2020 and therefore will be completed by end of Q3 (Feb 2020) as per the implementation timetable.

Activity 4.2: Daily SMART patrols will be conducted (foot and vehicle) by TT community scouts and KWS to record and remove snares, record signs of illegal activities and intercept and arrest suspected poachers/hunters along the park boundary with Kamungi

TT currently undertakes daily patrols for the collection of this data. Reporting is made via handwritten data sheets and uploaded to a SMART database. ZSL will train these same teams in the use of Cybertracker (Activity 4.1) to automate their data collection and so streamline data reporting into SMART from patrols and enable more rapid, strategic decision making. Over the past 4 months, joint patrols by TT community scouts and KWS in Kamungi have resulted in 11 arrests for illegal wildlife activities, collection of 198 snares, recovery of 30 bushmeat items and 4 pieces of ivory.

Activity 4.3: TT will conduct weekly patrols across the northern sector of the TCA monitoring signs of illegal activity, including poacher camps and animal carcasses, producing monthly reports that detail aerial patrol coverage and data on illegal activity.

TT maintain regular patrols over the northern sector of the TCA which are reported separately via an immediate post flight activity report from the aircraft crew. These data are then integrated into SMART by ZSL and reported monthly to partners and project stakeholders. TT averaged a coverage of 8,724km each month over the TCA, with a significant proportion of this covering the northern sector (see maps on TT monthly reports here):

<https://tsavotrust.org/category/monthly-reports>

Activity 4.4: TT will produce quarterly reports including patrol maps to enable monitoring of patrol coverage by TT community scouts and KWS along community borders and inform patrol strategy by end of Y1.

TT produce a monthly report including patrol maps for aerial patrols (see link above). Data are being integrated for a quarterly report detailing ground-based patrols as well. This will come into effect as SMART trainings are completed and scouts begin to use CyberTracker to provide data as under activities above.

**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.**

Some localised social unrest in the Mangalet community resulting out of a security incident handled by KWS within Tsavo West National Park (TWNP) caused some delays in setting up initial community meetings. However, the project has been able to act as mediator to the parties involved (KWS and the Mangalet community) and ZSL has thus built much good will and positive regard from both parties from the mediation of this incident and by facilitating meetings that allowed grievances to be aired and reconciliation to take place. Practically, this will not delay our projection for budgeted activities as we anticipate being able to complete all planned activities as per the implementation table for the first 6 months of the project (ending November 2019).

**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:	Not required
Received confirmation of change acceptance	N/A

**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?**

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. 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**