

## Biodiversity Challenge Funds Projects Darwin Initiative, Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund, and Darwin Plus Half Year Report

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**Submission Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

<b>Project reference</b>	DIR28CC\1082: DARCC007
<b>Project title</b>	Alor Community-based Surveillance Group and Local Youths Development Program
<b>Country(ies)/territory(ies)</b>	Indonesia
<b>Lead partner</b>	Perkumpulan TAKA
<b>Partner(s)</b>	Yayasan Teman Laut Indonesia (Thresher Shark Indonesia)
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<b>Report date and number (e.g. HYR1)</b>	30/10/2023 HYR1
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**1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – Sept) against the agreed project implementation timetable (if your project has started less than 6 months ago, please report on the period since start up to end September).**

In the first half-year period (May – September 2022) the project has achieved all progress according to the initial implementation plan. Out of the 4 outputs, we have focused mainly in Output 1 and Output 2. Preliminary preparations for activities regarding Output 3 and 4 have been conducted as well. The project progress is outlined based on each output and activities that have been conducted accordingly, as follows:

**Output 1:** Increase the capacity of 2 community-based surveillance groups (Pokmaswas) in organizational and monitoring technical skills.

The project plan was to focus on 2 Pokmaswas groups, however we had the opportunity to have an additional group to be involved in the activities. The groups are from 3 villages within the Alor Regency: Pulau Buaya Village, Ternate Village, and Alor Besar Village. The activities that have been carried out in regards to Output 1 include:

1.1. Pre-assessment on the group effectiveness level

- Pre-assessment of the effectiveness level of 3 groups was done on July 7 – 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 based on the EKKP3K (technical guidelines for evaluation the management effectiveness of aquatic, coasts, and small islands conservation areas by the Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries). The assessment was done by document checking and interviews.
- The result showed that 2 groups (Pulau Buaya and Ternate) are in the yellow level (medium effectivity), 1 group (Alor Besar) is in the red level (low effectivity). The result of the assessment was synthesized as an action plan of effectivity development specific to each group.

1.2. Capacity development in resource use and ecosystem monitoring

1.4. Capacity building in group management and governance

- Capacity building activity 1.2. and 1.4. was formulated into a series of training. The training given to each group is specified according to each of their needs that have been identified in the pre-assessment (activity 1.1.): Resource use ecosystem monitoring training, marine tourism training, group management, and administration training was conducted on September 19 – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- The training was followed by 36 group members (30 male/5 female) and speakers from the Provincial Fisheries Agency, Tribuana University, Regional Office for Marine and Coastal Resources Management, TAKA, and WWF Indonesia.
- The training pre and post-test showed that there is an average of 15,97% of knowledge increase of the group members

### 1.3. Technical assistance in the implementation of resource use monitoring:

- The first technical assistance for resource use monitoring (RUM) was carried out on September 26 – 27<sup>th</sup> 2022 in collaboration with the Provincial Fisheries Agency and WWF Indonesia with the group members.

**Output 2:** Capacity of 15 local youths (Conservation champions) in Alor in leading conservation initiatives and monitoring activities in Alor has increased

The initial plan was to have 15 local youths to participate, however we had the opportunity to have an additional youth to be involved in the project. Output 2 was carried out with the name 'Thresher Shark Conservation Champion' program. The program selected 16 Alor youths (6 male/10 female). The activities conducted in regards to Output 2 include:

#### 2.1 The champion program campaign and open selection process to select the participants

- The program campaign was conducted in 11 out of 17 districts of Alor, including 2 universities, student organizations/associations, and religious groups. Campaign was done through social media and partners as well.
- Up to 141 youths from 11 sub-districts applied for the program. 50 were short-listed to join the next round of selection. The selection rounds include: focus group discussion (FGD), interview, and watermanship test.

#### 2.2 The thresher shark conservation champion camp to provide knowledge and skills on thresher shark conservation

- 7 days conservation champion camp was followed by 16 selected participants (conservation champions). The camp consisted of 12 trainings related to capacity building for working on conservation projects

#### 2.3 Ecological and fisheries monitoring to provide hands-on experience after training

- Within the first half-year period, there is no progress yet for this activity.

#### 2.4 Diving course training

- 6 conservation champions were selected for the diving course training based on their water skills.
- Open water diving training was conducted in collaboration with 2 diving operators in Alor: Air Dive Alor and Nautika Dive Alor with TDI/SDI and PADI standard on August 12<sup>th</sup> – September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Output 3:** Knowledge of elementary school students in Alor about the importance of marine ecosystems has increased through integrating conservation curriculum into the elementary school program. We have identified 10 elementary schools that will be targeted for the project.

#### 3.1 Potential new curriculum identification with district education authorities

- Data collection on the current curriculum through interviews with school headmasters and governmental agency on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2022.
- The need and interest regarding marine ecosystem and conservation curriculum has been identified through the interviews.

#### 3.2 Gather inputs from targeted elementary school teachers to define the conservation curriculum

○ Curriculum design and content are in the formulation process	
<b>2. 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.</b>	
There are no notable problems that cause major impact to the project. One of the biggest challenges is the permit for activity from the government. Although we keep an intense communication with the government, especially the Provincial Fisheries Agency and Regional Fisheries Agency of Alor, the process often requires more time. Several activities must be postponed (e.g., Activity 2.3.) from the initial plan, as the permit has not been granted yet. However, from the perspective of the whole project timeline, it has not made a significant impact. Overall, in the first half-year period of the project, all activities were able to be conducted according to plan.	
<b>3. Have any of these issues been discussed with NIRAS-LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?</b>	
Discussed with NIRAS-LTS:	Yes/No
Formal Change Request submitted:	Yes/No
Received confirmation of change acceptance	Yes/No
Change request reference if known:	

<b>4a. Do you currently expect to have any significant (e.g. more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year?</b>	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Estimated underspend: £
<b>4b. If yes, then you need to consider your project budget needs carefully.</b> Please remember that any funds agreed for this financial year are only available to the project in this financial year. <b>If you anticipate a significant underspend because of justifiable changes within the project, please submit a re-budget Change Request as soon as possible. There is no guarantee that Defra will agree a re-budget so please ensure you have enough time to make appropriate changes if necessary. Please DO NOT send these in the same email as your report.</b>	
<b>5. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to BCF management, monitoring, or financial procedures?</b>	
No	

**If you are a new project and you received feedback comments that requested a response (including the submission of your risk register), or if your Annual Report Review asked you to provide a response 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 NIRAS-LTS International through a Change Request. **Please DO NOT send these in the same email.****

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