

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

Note: If there is any confidential information within the report that you do not wish to be shared on our website, please ensure you clearly highlight this.

Submission Deadline: 31st October 2022

Project reference	DARCC015
Project title	Haitian fellowship programme to strengthen sustainable livelihoods for biodiversity conservation
Country(ies)/territory(ies)	Haiti
Lead partner	Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)
Partner(s)	International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)
Project leader	Wendy Dyemma-Harper
Report date and number (e.g. HYR1)	October 31, 2022 HYR1
Project website/blog/social media	https://canari.org/haitian-fellowship/

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).

The project started on July 1, 2022. During the first three months of project implementation, the following progress was made against the planned activities in the agreed project implementation timetable:

Output 1

1.1. Facilitate project inception meetings

CANARI completed project start-up activities, including development of the project webpage on CANARI's website, project brief as well as facilitation of inception meetings among the CANARI project team, project partner IIED and the project teams of the complementary projects also being implemented by CANARI. These projects include the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) Caribbean Islands Phase II investment (CEPFII), the sub-project under the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Integrating Water, Land and Ecosystems Management in Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Lab supported 'Experience Nariva' project.

1.2. Conduct consultations with Haitian CSOs to identify needs and potential fellows

Work on this activity began but was not completed during Yr1 Q2. Under the complementary CEPFII project that CANARI is also implementing, a Haitian Country Coordinator was recruited during Q2 to prepare a list of civil society organisations (CSOs), including community-based organisations active in the CEPF priority Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) in Haiti, including descriptions of the CSOs and current activities in the KBAs. The Haitian Country Coordinator will also be conducting a technical and organisational capacity needs assessment of the

identified Haitian CSOs – this work will be carried out in Q3. Once this work is initiated, CANARI will be able to identify needs of selected Haitian CSOs and potential fellows.

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.

The political and social unrest in Haiti was identified as a major risk (Risk 4) in project development and unfortunately, the situation has worsened. Due to this situation and the adverse impacts on safety and security, CEPF has not yet been able to operate in Haiti and is currently assessing the viability of doing so as grant-making activities there are dependent on express permission from the World Bank (as the funder of the CEPF Caribbean Phase II investment) and Conservation International (as the secretariat for the CEPF). As a precursor to initiating grant-making in Haiti, CANARI as the Regional Implementation Team (RIT) for the CEPFII project is currently conducting a situational analysis of conservation actions in the CEPF priority KBAs in Haiti and reaching out to prospective grantees to build their capacity to apply to CEPF for small and large grants. This work is being carried out by CANARI's Haiti Country Coordinator.

This DARCC015 project was developed with the assumption that CEPF would award at least six grants to Haitian CSOs working in and around priority Haitian KBAs. It was intended that the fellows who would participate in this DARCC015 project would be selected from these CSOs. CANARI will have more information in the next quarter in terms of if CEPF can proceed with grant-making in Haiti or not. CANARI still believes it is possible for this project to engage six fellows based on the research that the Haiti Country Coordinator is carrying out, however, there may be a slight delay. CANARI does not see the need to request changes to the budget at this time.

3. Have any of these issues been discussed with NIRAS-LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

Discussed with NIRAS-LTS: No

Formal Change Request submitted: No

Received confirmation of change acceptance No

Change request reference if known:

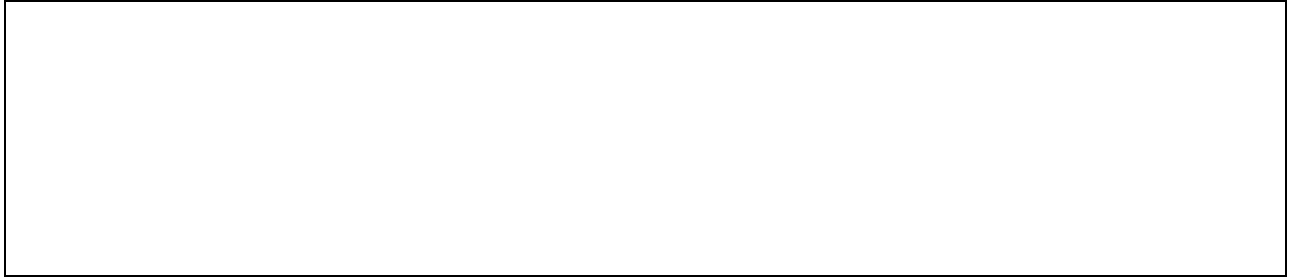
4a. Do you currently expect to have any significant (e.g. more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year?

Yes No Estimated underspend: £

4b. 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 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.

5. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to BCF management, monitoring, or financial procedures?



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.****

Please send your **completed report by email** to BCF-Reports@niras.com. The report should be between 2-3 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number, followed by the specific fund in the header of your email message e.g. Subject: 29-001 Darwin Initiative Half Year Report**