

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

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Submission Deadline: 31st October 2023

Project reference	DARCC032
Project title	Capacity Building for Community-led Adaptive Coastal Resources Management
Country(ies)/territory(ies)	Indonesia
Lead partner	Yayasan Planet Indonesia
Partner(s)	Planet Indonesia – USA
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Report date and number (e.g. HYR1)	31st October 2023, HYR1
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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).

Although we are not looking for specific reporting against your indicators, please use this opportunity to consider the appropriateness of your M&E systems (are your indicators still relevant, can you report against any Standard Indicators, do your assumptions still hold true?). The guidance can be found on the resources page of the relevant fund website.

Output 1: The coastal resources management plans are developed in a participatory way by the village governance bodies with participation from the community [DI- A04]

Output Indicators:

1.1. 5 approved coastal resources management plans

Currently, we are in the process of developing an adaptive natural resource management plan for seven villages. We have established one forum (named Forum Tujuh) consisting of representatives from each village under supervision by the Regional Office of Environment and Forestry, Forest Management Units, and the Provincial Office of Marine and Fisheries. This forum helps us map the natural resources at the village level.

1.2. 250 community members who use mangrove forests and marine areas actively contribute to the preparation of natural resource management plans

During this reporting period, there were 110 community members (95 men and 14 women) actively contributing to the preparation of the natural resource management plan through the platform under 1.1. They were involved in preparatory meeting events such as community convening, the formation of Multi-stakeholders forum, capacity building for Forum Tujuh, and participatory mapping of resources in Mengkalang and Tanjung Harapan Villages.

Output 2: Active participation of community stakeholders in monitoring & evaluation of ecosystems and species prioritised in the management plans [DI- A03]

2.1. Five villages develop a joint monitoring and evaluation plan through the multi-village forum

- 7 villages (Sungai Nibung, Mengkalang Jambu, Seruat Dua, Dabong, Kuala Karang, Mengkalang, and Tanjung Harapan) have agreed to form a forum named “Forum Tujuh,”, a forum of villages to develop the Natural Resource Management Plans. This forum started with the initial meeting in July 2023 regarding the initial training of the Adaptive Resource Management Plan format and the establishment of the forum named “FORUM TUJUH”. This meeting was also the commencement of the forum’s boards and management personnel representing the multi-stakeholder relevant government agencies at the village level (7 village heads), sub-district (3 sub-district heads of Teluk Pakedai, Kubu, and Batu Ampar), and relevant district government agencies such as the Provincial Office of Marine and Fisheries, Provincial Office of Environment and Forestry, and Government Forest Management Units of Kubu Raya Region. The meeting resulted in a follow-up agenda to socialize the formation of the forum at the village level. The workshopping process has been conducted in two villages (Mengkalang in August 2023 and Tanjung Harapan in September 2023). *Joint monitoring and evaluation will be on the agenda of this forum as part of the work plan.*

2.2. 50 community members with increased capacity in-natural resource management, monitoring, and data collection (50% women)

- 16 women were involved in the preparatory and Forum Tujuh establishments, as well as in the workshops at the village level. 6 out of 60 participants were women at Forum Tujuh Commencement, 5 out of 25 participants were women at village level socialization of Mengkalang Jambu Village, and 5 out of 40 participants at the village level socialization of Tanjung Harapan Village. We seek to further increase the number of women participating in the forum meetings that will be conducted in five other villages. We will also involve these women in further capacity building, monitoring, and data collection in the form of training and workshops. Therefore, the number of women will be progressively calculated during the project.

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.

During the start of the project in July 2023, we learned that the multi-stakeholders at the provincial, district and village levels were warm-welcoming and supportive.

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

Discussed with NIRAS: Yes/No

Formal Change Request submitted: Yes/No

Received confirmation of change acceptance Yes/No

Change request reference if known:

4a. Please confirm your actual spend in this financial year to date (i.e. from 1 April 2023 – 30 September 2023)

Actual spend: £ ██████████

4b. Do you currently expect to have any significant (e.g. more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this financial year (ending 31 March 2024)?

Yes **No** Estimated underspend: £

4c. 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.

NB: if you expect an underspend, do not claim anything more than you expect to spend this financial year.

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

There is no other issue

If you are a new project and you received feedback comments that requested a response, 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.

All new projects (excluding Darwin Plus Fellowships and IWT Challenge Fund Evidence projects) should submit their Risk Register with this report if they have not already done so.

Please note: Any planned modifications to your project schedule/workplan can be discussed in this report but **should also be raised with NIRAS through a Change Request. **Please DO NOT send these in the same email.****

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