

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

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Project Title:	Harnessing livelihood benefits from a payment for environmental services scheme
Country(ies)	Uganda
Lead Organisation	Chimpanzee Sanctuary & Wildlife Conservation Trust (CSWCT)
Collaborator(s)	International Institute of Environment and Development
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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).

In this reporting period, CSWCT drew contracts and terms of reference for NAHI and IIED. We received an inception report from NAHI explaining how the project activities will be approached. In addition, for training in enterprises, CSWCT received proposal from Malaika Honey for training and promotion of bee keeping enterprise as well as identifying and approaching Community Based Tourism Initiative (COBATI) for community tourism enterprise. No contracts have been signed with the two above yet as negotiations are still on-going.

Activity 1.1. Staff of Chimpanzee Sanctuary & Wildlife Conservation Trust (CSWCT) and Nature Harness Initiatives (NAHI) conducted 3 consultation and review meetings with community based monitors and St Joseph's Technical College Muntebe so as to generate and consider their input into the development of action plans & Enterprise plans/ guides for establishing demonstrations. Through this consultation, the project updated the list of forest based enterprises to be promoted and undertaken by forest owners. The full list includes woodlot establishment and management, bee keeping, tree nursery management, ecotourism, fruit growing and orchard management, fish farming, seed collection, craft materials from non timber forest products and agroforestry. NAHI is drawing guides of the above enterprises excluding fish farming that is outside the project scope. To aid forest owners to draw their respective individual enterprise guides, the project developed enterprise planning data collection form (Annex 1). This activity will be preceded by development of a baseline data collection form (Annex 2) and its subsequent testing in 3 villages in Hoima district during the month of September 2013. The baseline form was developed by clearly identifying gaps in the current information of CSWCT database in Hoima (**Activity: 3.2**) which was developed during the Darwin Main project funding phase. The baseline process will generate information on current use of all forest owners land including current forest based enterprises practiced if any.

Activity 1.2 CSWCT negotiated a memorandum of understanding with St. Josephs Vocational Training Centre, TECO Muntebe for hosting the integrated training and demonstration site. The centre signed a PES contract to conserve 346ha and is strategically located to offer necessary training events. In addition, during the inception workshop held in September 2013 (Activity 2.1), participating stakeholders formed working committees to provide technical guidance for each of the enterprises to be undertaken. These include National Forestry Authority (NFA), Uganda Wildlife Authority, District Local Government representatives from Hoima and Kibaale

Districts, Uganda Community Based Tourism Initiative, The Uganda National Apiculture Development Organization and Northern Albertine Rift Conservation Group (NARCG) members. In addition, NARCG consulted CLUSA (Cooperative League of the United States of America) implementing a conservation farming project in northern Uganda to provide additional benefit to project beneficiaries. In the next quarter, CSWCT will host CLUSA for exposure visit to the project beneficiary sites to aid in development of concept note.

Activity 1.3 CSWCT examined the project database to determine the list of potential beneficiaries from 342 contracted forest owners. Based on their performance in first year as well as their management interventions 143 (Annex 3-List of potential beneficiaries) were selected. These were refined to exclude villages with single forest owners as well as balancing representation at parish level to ensure that the proportion of trainees isn't below 40%. Training of these beneficiaries (Activity 1.4) has been delayed pending completion of baseline data collection, enterprise planning and development of guides early in the next quarter. This is partly attributed to delayed receipt of funds on CSWCT account by 2 months due to problems of interbank transfer between Darwin Initiative LTS and CSWCT. The first instalment was later received on 18th June 2013.

Activity 2.1 In September 2013 the project organised an inception workshop which was jointly organised to disseminate NAHI's results from a cost benefit analysis study done in 2012, <http://presa.worldagroforestry.org/blog/2013/05/16/are-pes-incentives-adequate-for-sustainable-management-of-private-forests-in-uganda/>. The inception workshop attracted participation of 53 stakeholders from national and local levels (Annex 4: Inception workshop Report).

Activity 2.2 In August 2013, CSWCT worked with NEMA to invite the parliamentary natural resources committee to observe and experience the PES scheme. However, given the busy schedule of the parliament at the time, the project was requested to reschedule the visit at a later date. The project was successful at engaging members of the district natural resources committee in a field monitoring visit in September 2013. This visit attracted 15 participants who were able to engage with beneficiaries under the scheme as well as proposing ways of integrating the project in local government plans.

Activity 2.3 IIED visit was delayed until October 2013 to coincide with the project steering committee meeting of the sister GEF project.

Activity 2.4 At international level, Lilly Ajarova made a presentation at the 2013 Zoos and Aquariums Committing to Conservation (ZACC) conference in Iowa state USA in July 2013, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHpQOuY3Qzw>. At National Level, the Project Manager made a presentation to a regional workshop on revision of national biodiversity action plans held in Entebbe in July 2013.

(http://povertyandconservation.info/sites/default/files/A%20TOOL%20FOR%20MAINSTREAMING%20BIODIVERSITY%20CONSERVATION_%20Paul%20Hatanga.pdf). In addition, a presentation was made to the Northern Albertine Rift Conservation Group (NARCG) in August 2013 at CSWCT office. At local level, the project was presented to community based monitors at a quarterly meeting in June 2013 as well as at the inception workshop in September 2013 in Hoima.

Activity 3.1 Two trainings events were conducted to community based monitors in September 2013 in application of the developed baseline data collection tool and enterprise planning tools. Additional training is planned in the next quarter to reach the sub-county focal persons in environment.

Activity 3.5 Using the biodiversity monitoring tool developed early this year during implementation of the main project, the community based monitors are monitoring biodiversity in project areas. A bi-annual report was produced in June 2013 (Annex5). The project has a new GIS and monitoring officer who is also the Conservation Officer for CSWCT, replacing Phillip Kihumuro. Nebat Kasozi Atuhura joined the team in December 2012.

2a. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments 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.

Delayed receipt of funds on CSWCT Bank Account by two months due to problems of interbank transfer between LTS International and CSWCT. This delayed timely commencement of planned activities but we envisage that it will not delay the implementation of all the activities by end of year 1..

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

Formal change request submitted: Yes

Received confirmation of change acceptance Yes

3a. Do you expect to have any significant (eg more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year?

Yes No

3b. If yes, and you wish to request a carry forward of funds, this should be done as soon as possible through the formal Change Request process. However, it would help Defra manage Darwin funds more efficiently if you could give an indication now of how much you expect this request might be for.

Estimated carry forward request: £

4. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?

The project currently has a challenge with transport because the vehicle that was being used for the field work has broken down beyond repairs and now all the field work covering an area of two districts is dependent on the use of only two motorcycles.

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.

Please note: Any planned modifications to your project schedule/workplan or budget should not be discussed in this report but raised with LTS International through a Change Request.

Please send your **completed report by email** to Eilidh Young at Darwin-Projects@ltsi.co.uk . The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message eg Subject: 17-075 Darwin Half Year Report**