



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

<b>Project reference</b>	DPLUS067
<b>Project title</b>	Regional collaboration to achieve sustainable Caribbean fisheries management
<b>Country(ies)/territory(ies)</b>	Anguilla, British Virgin Islands (BVI), Turks and Caicos (TCI)
<b>Lead organisation</b>	CEFAS
<b>Partner(s)</b>	Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources (DFMR) in Anguilla; Conservation and Fisheries Department (CFD) in BVI; and Department of Environment and Coastal Resources (DECR) in TCI.
<b>Project leader</b>	<i>Rosana Ourens</i>
<b>Report date and number (e.g. HYR3)</b>	<i>HYR3</i>
<b>Project website/blog/social media etc.</b>	<a href="https://www.cefas.co.uk/case-studies/regional-collaboration-to-achieve-sustainable-fisheries-in-the-caribbean/">https://www.cefas.co.uk/case-studies/regional-collaboration-to-achieve-sustainable-fisheries-in-the-caribbean/</a>

**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).**

The table below includes the activities that should have been started or completed by the first half of the financial year 2019-2020 according to the timetable of the project. The last column on the right indicates the current state of progress:

Activity	Agreed work plan		Current state
	Completed	Started	
<b>OUTPUT 1: Data collection</b>			
1. Assess the effectiveness of the new BVI data collection programme			✓
2. Analyse Horseshoe Reef data trends			In progress
3. Design and test of a phone application for the fishermen			In progress
<b>OUTPUT 2: Data assessment</b>			
4. Assess sustainability of TCI conch and spiny lobster exploitation levels			In progress
5. Produce stock assessment toolkits for both species in all three UKOTs			In progress
6. Produce stock status reports for both species in all three UKOTs			In progress
<b>OUTPUT 3: Sustainable management</b>			
7. Community workshop in BVI to agree restrictions to minimise fishing impacts within the FPA			✓
8. Assess the effectiveness of the management measures implemented by the Fisheries Management Council in BVI			✗

<b>OUTPUT 4: Capacity building and collaboration</b>			
9. Deliver three 3-day training workshops, one hosted in each UKOT			✓
10. Gather feedback after each workshop to inform the organisation of the next workshop			✓
11. Regional network of fisheries managers			✓

✓ Completed  
 ✗ Not started

Comments to the table:

Activity 1. The new data collection programme has been implemented in 2018/19, and the effectiveness of the data collected during the implementation has been evaluated.

Activity 2. BVI has not collected enough data to conduct the analysis. This activity is expected to be completed in the second half of this FY.

Activity 3. The phone app has been developed and it is being migrated to the servers of the governments in the UKOTs.

Activities 4,5,6. The status of the stocks in the UKOTs is being analysed. The assessment toolkit is being developed and it will be presented to the UKOTs during the workshop on stock assessment to be celebrated in Turks and Caicos in 2020/2021

Activity 7. The community workshop has been successfully completed

Activity 8. BVI has not officially implemented a Fisheries Management Council yet and therefore there are no regulations to assess

Activities 9, 10, 11. A workshop on fisheries management has been successfully completed and feedback gathered.

<b>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.</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The workshop on stock assessment has been postponed to 2020/2021 for personal reasons of the Cefas staff working on the project. This change request has been already approved by Darwin and it is not expected any impact on the outcome of the project.</li> <li>2. The IT departments of the three UKOTs need to provide the server details to migrate the phone app to their servers. Progress has been made in TCI, but not in Anguilla or BVI. If the partners of the project do not chase their IT departments, the app cannot be migrated and used in these UKOTs.</li> </ol>	
<b>2b. Have any of these issues been discussed with LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?</b>	
Discussed with LTS:	<u>Yes/No</u>
Formal change request submitted:	<u>Yes/No</u>
Received confirmation of change acceptance	<u>Yes/No</u>

**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?**

**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**