

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

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Project Title	Sustainable Conservation and Management of Marine and Coastal Resources in Kenya
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Collaborator(s)	Fauna and Flora International Kenya and East African Wildlife Society
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1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – September) 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 the baseline timetable, the following Activities/Milestones are indicated for the first six months of the Project; progress is indicated against each.

Activity 1.4, Survey of local community knowledge on marine and coastal biodiversity: this is scheduled as part of Activity 1.1, the participatory baseline biodiversity survey, to be undertaken in Year 1, Q3.

Activity 1.5, Socio-economic survey: this field survey has been completed, and the survey report will be available Year 1, 3rd Quarter. A socio economic and livelihoods assessment was undertaken in September 2009 by Kilimanyika Consultants, one of the partners in the implementation of the project. The consultancy was conducted as the initial activity to gather baseline information for the development of the proposed community conserved areas within the Shimoni-Vanga Area. The activity was conducted in the six villages of Shimoni, Mkwiro, Wasini, Majoreni, Vanga and Jimbo of Kwale and Msambweni Districts. The consultants will submit the final report at the November 2009. A shortlist of livelihood initiatives will then be identified based on the findings of the report and subsequent socio-economic surveys will be undertaken annually. The attitudes and perceptions survey will be undertaken in Year 1, Q3.

Activity 2.1, Organizational and training needs assessment: to be conducted Year 1, Q3.

Activity 5.1, Organize a project launch to create awareness of the proposed programmes: Initial meetings were held between FFI and the main project partners, the East African Wildlife Society (EAWLS) to discuss the implementation, evaluation and monitoring of the project. A one-day workshop was held in Mombasa on 17 July 2009 between the project implementation team and other partners to introduce the project, review the draft work plan and align proposed project activities with current activities being undertaken by the partners. Twenty-three participants attended the workshop, representing government and non-government departments/organizations who are partners in the project. These included Fisheries Department, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute, Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Forestry Service, Coast Research and Development in the Indian Ocean, UNDP GEF Small Grants Program, Kilimanyika Consultants and the Provincial Administration. A primary discussion point was the new government legislation that supports collaborative management of natural resources between the community and the government, particularly in regard to 'Beach Management Units' (BMU's), in which communities work with government in developing sustainable fisheries.

Subsequent harmonization meetings were also held between the Project Coordinator and the Fisheries Department to prioritise and harmonize the activities. A draft work plan has been produced to guide the implementation of project activities in the first year between FFI, EAWLS and the Fisheries Department (FiD). Arising out of these meetings, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the project and FiD has been developed to guide collaboration between the partners, particularly in regard to (a) the establishment of BMU's within the project target area of Shimoni-Vanga, (b) the development of guidelines in sustainable fisheries, (c) building the capacity of community based institutions and (d) mapping and establishment of CCAs and community mobilization.

From 14-17 October 2009, FFI and EAWLS conducted a series of community stakeholder meetings in the 6 project sites. The purpose of the meetings was to introduce the project, its objectives and the expected results to the local communities in the Shimoni- Vanga area. Under FiD, BMU's have recently been established in Shimoni, Mkwiro, Vanga and Jimbo, but training has not yet been conducted. Under the Darwin programme, FiD will work with the Darwin project to sensitize the communities on BMU Regulations, qualifications for membership, and nominations / elections of the Executive Committee. A sensitisation exercise has already been conducted in Wasini, Kibuyuni and Majoreni as the initial process to establish Beach Management Units in the three remaining sites.

Areas for the establishment of a Community Conserved Area have already been identified in two of the project sites, Kibuyuni and Wasini. The local communities have mobilized themselves and demarcated "no take" zones in the marine area.

General Project Administration: the financial accounting and reporting modalities have been discussed and agreed upon with EAWLS to facilitate timely and accurate reporting of project progress and expenditure in line with Darwin Initiative requirements. The project has hired a new project assistant, Halinishi Yusuf. She started working in October 2009 and is now actively engaged in supporting the EAWLS Marine Project Coordinator in implementing project activities. This includes activities for the establishment of BMU's in Wasini, Kibuyuni and Majoreni. A project vehicle and a laptop computer have been procured.

2. 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.

The project experienced a two month delay before it could access project funding meaning that the project implementation began in June 2009

Due to inflationary adjustments and foreign exchange losses, the project implementation team have been forced to revise some costs, as follows:

1. Consultancy costs: the socio-economic survey costs were increased, to acquire the services of a group highly experienced in coastal surveys, Kilimanyika Ltd. General re-budgeting within the relevant budget line "Other Costs") can absorb this increase:
2. Project vehicle: the cost of a quality second-hand vehicle for the project was such that the equipment budget line was used to 9% to accommodate this purchase. On 15 September 2009 this increase was discussed and agreed with Darwin/ LTS by telephone.

The departure for new pastures of the previous EAWLS marine project assistant created delays, as it required the EAWLS project team to recruit a new assistant (completed Oct. 09).

Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement? Yes, issue 2 above.

Discussed with the DI Secretariat: ~~no~~ **yes, in September 2009**

Changes to the project schedule/workplan: ~~no~~ **yes, in(month/yr)**

3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures? No

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 the Darwin Secretariat directly.

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