

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

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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.

Overall Project Coordination

The FFI and EAWLS during the reporting period continued to engage closely in implementation of project activities. FFI continued to provide key technical input in project activities as well as participation in monitoring on the implementation of project activities and expenditure of project funds.

In addition, the project has continued to build upon the close working relationships it has established with the Fisheries Department, CORDIO, Kilimanyika and recently has brought on board the Kenya Forest Service as a key stakeholder in the development of the management plan for the Vanga mangrove forest.

1.5 Socio economic survey

Both FFI and EAWLS held a one day planning meeting with Kilimanyika to develop new terms of reference for the proposed socio-economic survey. A review of the previous socio-economic assessment was done to identify gaps as well as identify new information requirements to enable the project implementers review the impact of the project on the local communities. Draft Terms of Reference and a workplan has been developed for the proposed exercise to start in mid-November. Key in the draft TORs is a requirement to train a total of 14 local community SocMon monitors two for each of the 7 BMUs, development of a simplified SoCMon Assessment guideline that will be used by the communities and the two institutions to assess the impact of the project post-Darwin Initiative funding.

3.7 Participatory development of management plan for CCAs (includes mangrove forest management and sustainable fisheries management plan)

During the reporting period a consultative and participatory planning process for the development of a Participatory Mangrove Forest Management Plan for the Vanga mangrove forest has been initiated. The management plan will cover the approximately 5,000 ha mangrove forest and has been partly supported by UNDP GEF SGP, under a matching funds arrangement with the Darwin Project. The plan whose development is currently in progress

involves extensive consultations and collaboration with key stakeholders from the government such as KFS other government institutions such as Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute, Kenya Wildlife Service, Ministry of Fisheries Development and Ministry of Livestock Development.

The mangrove forest management plan, a first of its kind in Kenya, is being developed according to the capacity and needs of the collective forest users who mainly come from the three villages of Jimbo, Vanga and Kiwegu and has a focus in identifying the various socio-economic issues within the dependent communities as well clarifying expected benefits both in terms of sustainable forest management and livelihood improvement of the forest dependent communities. It will also assist the local communities to package their ideas on forest conservation into an approach that may attract funding and enhance sustainable forest utilization.

So far, the plan preparation process has involved awareness raising meetings for the forest users, where their interest in participatory forest management planning has been assessed, and a local planning team with representatives from Community Based Organizations (Jimbo Environmental Group, Mwambiweje Women Group, Vumilia Kiwegu), Jimbo and Vanga Beach Management Units, KFS, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI) and Fisheries Department formed.

A livelihood analysis identifying all community groups including vulnerable groups within the Vanga-Jimbo area, their main sources of income and the linkages to use of forestry resources has also been conducted and a draft report generated.

3.10. Implementation and monitoring of CCA management plans

Key in implementation of the Darwin Funded project is ensuring that the local communities have the capacity to implement the CCA management plans. The project has invested substantial resources (time and funds) in developing the local capacity of Beach Management Units within the project to enable them develop and implement CCA Co-management plans.

During the reporting period, a five day monitoring exercise was conducted in the first week of October, 2011 to evaluate how the 7 BMUs were implementing and running activities related to coastal and marine resource management. The following BMUs were targeted in this; Shimoni, Wasini, Mkwiro, Kibuyuni, Majoreni, Jimbo and Vanga.

The following parameters were used in the assessment nature and types of BMU membership, nature, types and mechanisms in place within each BMU on conflict Management, BMU management specifically financial management, communication mechanisms in place for each BMU, resource monitoring and patrol and impact of the BMUs on the local communities i.e. whether BMUs have initiated any project or established mechanisms such as marketing or alternative livelihood projects for their members.

During this exercise, it was noted that most of the BMUs have made tremendous progress since their establishment on most front especially Wasini, Kibuyuni, Shimoni and Jimbo while a few continue to face challenges in their overall management such as Vanga, Majoreni, Mkwiro.

Based on this M&E, the project will propose remedial measures to enable such BMUs address some of the challenges they are facing.

Awareness of the Darwin Initiative project to a wider audience within and outside the project area

Creation of awareness of the project within and outside the project area have been recognized as one of the most important activities which will enable the replication of similar initiatives along the Kenyan coast. During the reporting period once special article has appeared in the Swara Magazine highlighting Darwin Initiative support to the local communities and how the CCA concept is helping local communities address some of the resource management challenges they face.

In addition, posters indicating the relative locations of the CCAs as well as progress in the implementation of the Darwin Initiative project have been produced and disseminated to various audiences including local communities and government agencies.

Monitoring Activities

During this reporting period, a monitoring visit to the project site was conducted by the Project Leader.

In August 2011, FFI held its annual Africa Programme meeting in the south coast of Kenya. This provided an opportunity for both EAWLS and FFI to discuss project progress and strategic priorities that will contribute to the effective implementation of project activities.

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 some delays in the release of funds for the first two quarters of the 2011/12 financial year.

Consequently, this has compelled a number of activities proposed in the first two quarters to be carried forward to the 3rd and 4th quarters.

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

Yes No ✓

If yes, and you wish to request a carryforward of funds, this should be done as soon as possible. It would help Defra manage Darwin funds more efficiently if you could give an indication of how much you expect this request might be for.

Estimated carryforward request: £

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

Discussed with LTS: no/yes, in..... (month/yr)

Formal change request submitted: no/yes, in.....(month/yr)

Received confirmation of change acceptance 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?

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 directly.