

# Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2010)

<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	17019
<b>Project Title</b>	Developing Wildlife Forensic Capacity for ASEAN biodiversity conservation
<b>Country(ies)</b>	UK (host), Malaysia, Thailand.
<b>UK Organisation</b>	TRACE Wildlife Forensics Network
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	TRAFFIC South East Asia; ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network.
<b>Project Leader</b>	<i>Dr Ross McEwing, TRACE WFN</i>
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<b>Project website:</b>	www.asean-wfn.org

## 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).

The key deliverable for April to September 2010 was Activities 2.1 and 2.1: Provision of specialist training in collection and identification of evidence, and Provision of specialist training in laboratory methods. Both activities were delivered on time and within budget, receiving excellent feedback from participants. 29 individuals were trained on a 1 week Training Workshop, held in Kuala Lumpur from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2010. Ten scientists and 19 enforcement personnel attended the Workshop, with scientists trained in laboratory techniques and enforcement officers trained in sample collection and storage, as well as issues relating to writing reports and giving evidence in court.

In addition, a regional Needs Analysis was completed to direct project activities from September 2010 onwards.

## 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.

No significant unexpected changes or risks have been encountered. The project manager is leaving after completion of her 1 year contract as expected. In response to feedback from the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Report the project manager's CV is attached. The second year of the project consists mainly of activities relating to laboratories, such as developing protocols and mentoring scientists as they develop new genetic tests. Therefore as experienced scientists the Directors of TRACE are best placed to realise these activities.

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

**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.**

Please send your **completed form by email** to Eilidh Young at [Darwin-Projects@ltsi.co.uk](mailto: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: 14-075 Darwin Half Year Report**