

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2010)

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Project Title	Conserving the Ruipa corridor: facilitating cohesive management between diverse stakeholders.
Country(ies)	Tanzania
UK Organisation	Society for Environmental Exploration / Frontier
Collaborator(s)	University of Dar-es-Salaam
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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).

Ground surveys and socio-economic data collection (activities 1.1 and 3.1 in the work plan) have been completed after 18 months, as expected in the baseline timetable. All the information collected has been written up in a report which we are distributing to stakeholders.

Workshops have been planned with all stakeholders for November 2010 to report on our findings and to discuss land management issues, in order to inform development of land management plans and to provide stakeholders with results before development of land management plans (activity 2.2). Capacity building workshops on sustainable resource use and human-wildlife conflict (activity 1.3) will be held in early 2011 in collaboration with WCST, after a reconnaissance trip by WCST staff in early December 2010. This activity is proceeding as expected in the baseline timetable.

We have begun the process of developing land management plans (activity 1.2). We are discussing desired outcomes of the process with the District Council and village councils, and the formal process of implementing new management plans will be carried out in collaboration with the District Council starting in January 2011. This activity is also proceeding as expected in the baseline timetable.

Stakeholder training for village representatives and District officials (activity 2.1) will be carried out in November 2010. In the baseline timetable it was anticipated that this would be an ongoing process throughout the project. It has proven simpler to train all stakeholders together; despite this change, the activity will be completed as expected in the baseline timetable.

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 ground surveys and socio-economic data we have collected have revealed that the corridor route is far more degraded than was anticipated in the original project proposal. The corridor is no longer functioning as a migration route for large mammals due to high levels of farming activity. Despite this bleak conclusion, there are areas of high quality habitat remaining in the corridor area, some of which support notable populations of large mammals. The immediate focus of workshops and land management plans has thus shifted to securing these

remaining areas and encouraging the repopulation of large mammals into those areas where they do not occur. Once this stage has been reached, it is hoped that a migration route through the corridor area will become feasible once again.

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

Not yet discussed.

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. 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: £

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

None.

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 . 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**