

# Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2010)

<b>Project Ref No</b>	17028
<b>Project Title</b>	Conserving the Ruipa corridor: facilitating cohesive management between diverse stakeholders.
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Tanzania
<b>UK Organisation</b>	Society for Environmental Exploration / Frontier
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	University of Dar-es-Salaam
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<b>Project website</b>	

## **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).**

Land management plans have been completed for the four villages identified as most central to the corridor (activity 1.2). These were developed in a series of village council meetings and village assemblies. The final documents have been signed by both the village councils and the district council, making them legally binding. As part of these plans, two wildlife corridors have been created, allowing passage of large mammals between the forest bordering the Selous Game Reserve and forests on the other side of the Ifakara-Mahenge road. Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) have also been agreed in all four villages. This is an important step in developing buffer zones for the Selous Game Reserve.

Monitoring of large mammal movements and anthropogenic disturbance levels has also continued (activity 2.3) via large mammal transects (LMTs). This will continue in the future to monitor the progress of both the land management plans and the wildlife corridors.

## **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.**

In developing the village management plans it has become apparent that the Tanzanian Ministry in charge of management plans has a large backlog of management plans to process. Whilst this will delay the final ratification of the plans, the fact that they are signed by the district council and the village makes them legally binding so this is not expected to interfere with the project activities.

**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. 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](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: 17-075 Darwin Half Year Report**