



Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2014)

Project Ref No	19-006
Project Title	The CUT plan for large carnivore management in Tanzania
Country(ies)	Tanzania
UK Organisation	Institute of Zoology, Zoological Society of London
Collaborator(s)	Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute, Wildlife Division, plus numerous GOs, NGOs and projects based in Tanzania
Project Leader	Sarah Durant
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1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – Sept) 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 to end September).

Project purpose is: Improved national and local capacity to reduce direct threats to leopard, lion, cheetah and wild dog by mitigating Conflict; ensuring sustainable Use; and reducing illegal Trade CUT).

Progress on activities scheduled for Q1 and Q2:

1.3 Adapt Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC) Toolkit for use in Tanzania

- The HWC Toolkit has been discussed during conflict working group meetings and a team of species experts has been identified to review the FAO HWC Toolkit for species relevant to Tanzania. A workshop for compiling the review and adoption is scheduled for 24th November 2014.
- The FAO Tanzania country Office has been officially contacted (via Tanzanian government channels) to explore funding for rolling-out of the HWC toolkit in Tanzania. FAO have expressed an interest in providing further support.
- Additional funding has been secured from the St. Louis Zoo to train wildlife stakeholders in Tanzania on the use of the HWC toolkit

1.5 Conduct field trials of agreed standardised protocol at three pilot sites

- 25 predator proof bomas have been constructed in five villages of Longido district with additional funding leveraged from the UNDP Country office in Tanzania.
- Different models of predator aversion lights have been selected for testing in the field as a mechanism to protect temporary bomas.

2.2 Carry out pilot survey at 4 sites within hunting concessions, documenting manpower and financial resources used.

- A spoor survey for estimating density of lion and leopard was completed in Maswa Game Reserve

- A plan for camera trap survey has been developed for the Selous Game Reserve in November 2014

2.3 Analyse data from sites and use to refine survey protocol

- Camera trap survey data for leopard captures in the Maswa Game Reserves have been matched and are currently being analysed and written up.

3.2 Develop training curriculum, manual and interpretive materials for customs officers at exit points

- CUT has been working closely with TRAFFIC and WD in developing materials for training of customs officers.

3.4. Established centralised database and reporting for all trafficked large carnivore products

- A centralised database for reporting trafficked large carnivore products was set at the start of this project.
- During the period under review, a total of 83 records have been entered into the database. Of these, only two were from carnivores

4.1 Provide training to establish an effective CUT carnivore threat coordinator and a minimum of 4 senior staff at TAWIRI trained as trainers in all aspects of the project.

- Training is an integral part of the CUT project. During the period under review TAWIRI staff carried out a training needs assessment. Field teams were trained on spoor surveys for large carnivores and individual identification of leopards and managing the project database. The project coordinator will be attending a two week project management skills training course at ZSL in London at the end of October.

4.5 Provide training to customs officers at priority exit ports to enable better identification of large carnivore products, improve reporting and enforce CITES legislation

- Plans for two training workshops have been finalized and training scheduled for the last week of November 2014 using additional funding secured from the Howard G Buffett Foundation. Training will involve an estimated 30 customs officers from each of two priority ports: Julius Nyerere International Airport and the Dar es Salaam harbour port.

4.6 Establish stakeholder network and issue quarterly email newsletter to deliver news, report project progress and raise awareness of CUT issues

- A stakeholder network has been established. During the report period a total of 11 new members were added to the network that makes now 48 members
- Third issues of the quarterly e-newsletter have been produced and circulated to stakeholders

It should be noted that at the end of year 2 our project was behind schedule, and our annual review requested an update. We have two major workshops planned for the end of November, at which point we will have delivered on 70% of our activities. The remaining 30% of our activities are dependent on our final objective – a CUT plan for large carnivore management. This will be delivered through a workshop process planned for February 2015.

2a. 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.

None since the annual report.

2b. Have any of these issues been discussed with LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

Discussed with LTS: Yes/No

Formal change request submitted: Yes/No

Received confirmation of change acceptance Yes/No

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

Yes No Estimated underspend: £

3b. If yes, then you need to consider your project budget needs carefully as it is unlikely that any requests to carry forward funds will be approved this year. Please remember that any funds agreed for this financial year are only available to the project in this financial year.

If you anticipate a significant underspend because of justifiable changes within the project and would like to talk to someone about the options available this year, please indicate below when you think you might be in a position to do this and what the reasons might be:

4. 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 can be discussed in this report but **should also** be raised with LTS International through a Change Request.

Please send your **completed report by email** to Eilidh Young at Darwin-Projects@ltsi.co.uk. The report should be between 2-3 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message eg Subject: 20-035 Darwin Half Year Report**