

# Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2013)

<b>Project Ref No</b>	19-023
<b>Project Title</b>	NBSAPS 2.0: Mainstreaming Biodiversity and Development
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Botswana, Namibia, The Seychelles, Uganda,
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	IIED
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	UNEP-WCMC, CBD Secretariat, UNDP, UNEP, PEI
<b>Project Leader</b>	Steve Bass
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<b>Project website</b>	<a href="http://povertyandconservation.info/nbsaps">http://povertyandconservation.info/nbsaps</a>

## 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).

**Dissemination of Review of State of Knowledge on Biodiversity Mainstreaming:** As reported in our first annual report a desk review was undertaken. This was published in Discussion Paper format in April 2013 and published online via the project website ([http://povertyandconservation.info/sites/default/files/Mainstreaming\\_SoK\\_Review.pdf](http://povertyandconservation.info/sites/default/files/Mainstreaming_SoK_Review.pdf)).

The review was subsequently launched at the May 2013 meeting of the Poverty Environment Partnership (a group of bilateral and multilateral development assistance organisations and environmental INGOs) in Berlin. A working session on biodiversity mainstreaming was convened as part of the PEP meeting and co-organised between the NBSAPs 2.0 project, the CBD Secretariat and the European Commission. Further evidence of the uptake of the review was provided by Dilys Roe being invited to present the findings from the review in a GEF STAP expert workshop on biodiversity mainstreaming held in Cape Town from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, and the review being disseminated by GEF as a background document for the meeting. The review will now be further developed building on discussions at the PEP and GEF meetings.

**Building a Peer to Peer Learning Group on Biodiversity Mainstreaming:** Over the last six months we have invested considerable resources in internal communications between international and national project partners – encouraging the country teams to share experiences, to offer peer review, and to organise learning with each other as their NBSAP revision processes have progressed. This has been slow to make progress. We started with regular conference calls which proved difficult to organise at times that were convenient to all African teams. We have since progressed to a LinkedIn discussion group which is gaining momentum and even attracting participants from outside of the project teams. At our Entebbe meeting, Namibia's draft NBSAP benefited from a dedicated session of peer review by participants from other countries.

**Developing a “biodiversity business case” tool:** Our first project workshop in November 2012 focussed on helping countries to develop a business case for biodiversity. As part of our efforts to build capacity here we produced a short video in the model of the Dragons Den TV programme. The video shows the team from Botswana making a business “pitch” for investing in biodiversity to a panel of would-be investors and policy-makers. The video has been posted on the project website and was used as resource material for a similar exercise in the second project workshop: <http://povertyandconservation.info/en/making-business-case-biodiversity>. Work is ongoing to use experience of the project teams to date to produce a written guide to

making a business case which will be published as one of the project outputs later this year.

**Convening the second project workshop:** Following the success of the first annual workshop in Botswana in November 2012, the second annual workshop was hosted by the Uganda National Environmental Management Authority and held in Entebbe in July. The workshop was organised back to back with the UNDP Biodiversity Financing (BioFin) project which involves a number of the same countries as the NBSAPs project and also brought additional countries (Zimbabwe, South Africa) to engage the project partners. The workshop focussed both on reviewing progress in mainstreaming development issues in the project countries' revised NBSAPs and on the obverse i.e. exploring the extent to which biodiversity had been mainstreamed in their National Development Plans (NDPs). Namibia had completed a first draft of its revised NBSAP in time for the workshop and one session was specifically devoted to peer review of this. The peer review comments have subsequently been incorporated into a final version of Namibia's new NBSAP. The workshop produced the Entebbe Statement on Biodiversity in Development Planning which includes a set of principles for mainstreaming biodiversity into NDPs: <http://povertyandconservation.info/en/entebbe-statement-biodiversity-development-planning-1>.

**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.**

No unexpected developments or problems.

**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: N/A

Formal change request submitted: N/A

Received confirmation of change acceptance N/A

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

Yes  No

**3b. If yes, and you wish to request a carryforward of funds, this should be done as soon as possible through the formal Change Request process.** However, it would help Defra manage Darwin funds more efficiently if you could give an indication now of how much you expect this request might be for.

Estimated carryforward request: N/A

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

No issues to raise.

**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 through a Change Request.**

Please send your **completed report 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**