

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

(due 31 October 2012)

Project Ref No	19-025
Project Title	Conservation of Ethiopia's wild coffee using participatory forest management
Country(ies)	Ethiopia
UK Organisation	University of Huddersfield
Collaborator(s)	EWNRA, IBC, SNNPRS, SLA
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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).

1.1 PFM Training Applied

PFM has been applied across all the forested areas in the 12 kebeles (multi centre villages) and 35 gots (sub-kebeles/communities) which are the project's responsibility. The PFM process involves 5 steps up to the signing of the PFM agreement. (Further steps towards applying PFM management take place beyond that.) By the end of September 2012 all gots had completed Step 1 Awareness Raising, 26 had completed Step 2 Boundary Negotiation and Demarcation (including mapping), 20 had completed Step 3 Management Planning and Bylaw Development, and 20 were close to finishing the PFM Institution Formation – which will be at the Wereda / district level. (This builds on work on-going before the DI funding was obtained to support the project.)

1.2 Forest Demarcation for PFM groups

A key step in the application of PFM is the demarcation, by the communities with project support, of the forest which is to come under each got's administration once the PFM agreements are signed. Each community's land is demarcated into 3 categories, "natural" forest, managed coffee forest, and farmland / settlement. Demarcation is Step 2 of the PFM Process and is completed with GIS maps for 26 gots.

2.1 PFM Fine Tuning

The process of fine-tuning PFM is under negotiation and discussion as the understanding forest dynamics and biodiversity develops from the work of the Biodiversity Team.

2.2 Appropriate PFM Extension Materials

PFM extension materials have been produced in draft, but these are subject to an iterative process of review and revision, in the light of the evolving knowledge of the forest and their communities.

2.3 Baseline Mapping for the application of PFM

As mentioned above with respect to the forest demarcation maps are being produced for each got / community.

3.1 Training in Participatory Processes, PFM, CBO Management, leadership, etc

Training with communities and government partner staff is an on-going process. At present the focus is on PFM training, but institutional development training will start soon as the PFM

groups become legalised.

Support Missions

The project has been supported during this period by various missions by the Advisers on PFM, Biodiversity and Forest Enterprise / Livelihood Development. The last two were in part funded by DI.

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.

Due to Ethiopia government policy towards NGOs, and the interpretation of this by the regional government where the project is located, not all local staff have been appointed to the project. This affects the disbursement of DI funds. The matter is subject to a government review in November and a revised DI budget will be prepared in the light of this. Project progress has been slightly reduced but this should be recovered in 2013.

Have any of these issues been discussed with LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement? NO

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? 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 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**