

## Darwin Initiative Main Project Half Year Report (due 31 October 2015)

<b>Project Ref No</b>	20-020
<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Madagascar Agroforestry Livelihoods Project</b>
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Madagascar
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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).

Progress has been steady working towards the outputs, especially preparing for the planting season in the second half of the year.

#### Output 1

Baseline data, monitoring systems and skills developed within COBAs/CFMs and extension workers for forest management, agroforestry and sustainable utilisation of natural resources.

##### Activity 1.3) surveys of species, vegetation, soils and land use

Research into the species at Itremo and COFAV for forest restoration. Checklist for Itremo nearing completion.

#### Output 2

30 communities engaged in the conservation and sustainable utilisation of wild species with income generating potential.

##### Activity 2.5) production and marketing of products

Development of production unit for essential oils at Tolongoina.  
Basic training in business management and marketing.

#### Output 3

30 communities engaged in agroforestry with demonstration household plots managed under agreements with the project.

##### Activity 3.2) training for technicians and householders

Agroforestry video shown to over 600 people. Additional training for 409 households.  
Composting training at Miarinarivo and Ambohimahasina.

##### Activity 3.3) selection and collection of seeds, seedlings, cuttings

3,500 seedlings of useful tree species as well as 2,500 timber/fuel species.  
Pepper, cloves, coffee, Inga, vanilla and fruit trees distributed to households.

Activity 3.4) preparation, planting and maintenance of demonstration plots

39 seed-beds and 264 planting strips prepared.

Ongoing planting and development of demonstration plots.

#### **Output 4**

30 communities engaged in forest restoration under agreements.

Activity 4.2) collection and propagation of seeds

23,300 seeds collected.

32,700 seedlings ready to plant.

2,600 seedlings planted (19 species)

Activity 4.5) post-planting management (e.g. weeding, clearing fire-breaks)

Ongoing maintenance and collection of survival data (75% so far).

**2a. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments/lessons learnt 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.**

We will not be able to produce vanilla this year and this is disappointing after a successful first year. Our buyer, Symrise AG, is not buying vanilla this year due to the high prices in Madagascar, which are a result of the impact of illegal rosewood logging in the NE (the loggers are laundering the proceeds by buying vanilla).

This will not affect the budget and timetable.

**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: No

Formal change request submitted: No

Received confirmation of change acceptance No

**3a. Do you currently expect to have any significant (e.g., 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.

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