

Darwin Initiative Main/Post/D+ Project Half Year Report (due 31st October 2017)

Project reference	23019
Project title	Achieving No Net Loss for communities and biodiversity in Uganda
Country(ies)/territory(ies)	Uganda
Lead organisation	University of Oxford
Partner(s)	National Environment Management Authority Uganda (NEMA), Nature Uganda, International Institute of Environment & Development (IIED), Wild Business Ltd & Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Uganda
Project leader	E.J. Milner-Gulland
Report date and number (e.g., HYR3)	October 2017, HYR2
Project website/blog/social media etc.	http://www.iccs.org.uk/achieving-no-net-loss-for-communities-and-biodiversity-in-uganda/

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).

The following activities were originally scheduled for the previous six months of the project (year 2, Q1/2):

Continue analysing social and ecological datasets (final write-up due February 2018): This is continuing as planned. The focus for the social datasets has been on the Choice Experiments. Victoria Griffiths (Oxford) has been collaborating with economists at St Andrews university with expertise on the analysis of Choice Experiments, and a draft manuscript will be circulated to the project team for comments at the end of October 2017. The next analysis will be on local perceptions of cultural heritage and the impact of development and the associated offset on their cultural values. The ecological data analyses are also nearly completed, and a draft report will be circulated by Dianah Nalwanga (Nature Uganda) by the end of October 2017.

Half-yearly project meeting: This is scheduled as a skype conference call, for Friday 20th October 2017. There have been numerous individual and group meetings between team members in the interim, including IIED (Julia Baker) and WCS (Beatrice Kyasimire and Simon Nampindo) hosting a roundtable for business and other stakeholders on our proposed Uganda Natural Capital Forum in Kampala in August 2017.

At our inception meeting, and again at our annual meeting in April 2017, we produced a more detailed list of project outputs with an associated timetable and responsible person. Progress against this list is explained in the table at the end of this report:

We have also started planning for our next Annual Project Meeting, which will be held at some point in the period 6th-9th March 2018, at Jinja.

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.

The project has not encountered any unexpected developments or problems. Michael Opige, who was one of the leads on the ecological research, has left Nature Uganda. Judith Mirembe is continuing to work on the ecological research, however, and Dianah Nalwanga has joined the project as Nature Uganda's Director of Programmes. These staff changes have not impinged on the smooth running of the project.

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 (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. Please remember that any funds agreed for this financial year are only available to the project in this financial year.

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

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. Additionally, if you were funded under R23 and asked to provide further information by your first half year report, please attach your response as a separate 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 e.g. Subject: 22-035 Darwin Half Year Report**