



**Darwin Initiative Main/Post/D+ Project  
Half Year Report  
(due 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018)**

<b>Project reference</b>	25-004
<b>Project title</b>	Livelihoods Insurance from Elephants (LIFE) in Kenya and Sri Lanka
<b>Country(ies)/territory(ies)</b>	Kenya and Sri Lanka
<b>Lead organisation</b>	IIED
<b>Partner(s)</b>	KIPPRA (Kenya) Institute of Policy Studies (Sri Lanka)
<b>Project leader</b>	Paul Steele
<b>Report date and number (e.g., HYR3)</b>	HY1
<b>Project website/blog/social media etc.</b>	<a href="https://www.iied.org/livelihoods-insurance-elephants-life-kenya-sri-lanka">https://www.iied.org/livelihoods-insurance-elephants-life-kenya-sri-lanka</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 to end September).**

The project started in June 2018 when we arranged the inception workshop on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in Nairobi for the Kenya country work. Participants included IIED (Cinzia Cimmino, Dilys Roe, Holly Dublin, Paul Steele) AB Consultants (Anne Kamau, Barbara Chabbaga, Rita Kawira), ACRE Africa (Rahab Kariuki), Minet Kenya (Eric Rugo, Tobias Gitonga, Francis Maina, Kenya Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife (Erustus Kanga) and National Treasury (John Nyagena)

At the inception workshop, the key issues were discussed and the detailed workplan agreed with roles for the major stakeholders. It was agreed to focus on selected pilot locations for a crop damage insurance scheme. This would complement the national scheme to insure HWC in Kenya based on the 2013 Wildlife and Conservation and Management Act. For the national scheme issues include what kind of animals will be insured against and what kind of loss and damage to be insured. The government of Kenya has started discussions with insurance companies, including Aon Insurance (now known as Minet) and is budgeting for government to pay the cost of compensation.

For Sri Lanka, the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) has agreed its workplan with IIED and has started a national literature review and meeting with key stakeholders in order to prepare for a national workshop on 9 January 2019 with about 40 stakeholders from the Department of Wildlife Conservation, private insurance companies, IPS and IIED.

At the global level, the project flyer and project web page mock up have been developed by IIED and are waiting for final details from partners before uploading.

The communication strategy to identify and engage global practitioners from the conservation communities and insurance communities has been discussed

The global literature review of existing experiences of HWC insurance and compensation schemes and other high-risk insurance schemes is partially completed by IIED and the initial drafts have been shared with partners in Kenya and Sri Lanka.

**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.**

None to date

**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.

If you anticipate a significant underspend because of justifiable changes within the project, please submit a rebudget Change Request as soon as possible. There is no guarantee that Defra will agree a rebudget so please ensure you have enough time to make appropriate changes if necessary.

**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 R24 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](mailto: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**