



**Darwin Initiative/D+ Project  
Half Year Report  
(due 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019)**

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| <b>Project reference</b>                      | 25-016   |
| <b>Project title</b>                          | Promoting community-based management for secure fisheries, biodiversity and livelihoods.   |
| <b>Country(ies)/territory(ies)</b>            | Madagascar   |
| <b>Lead organisation</b>                      | SEED Madagascar  |
| <b>Partner(s)</b>                             | University College London (Department of Geography); Blue Ventures; MIHARI; Les Directions Régionales des Ressources Halieutiques et de la Pêche (DRRHP); Unité de Recherche Langoustière (URL); Madapeche; Le Martin Pecheur; L'Arrivage; University of Tulear IST.   |
| <b>Project leader</b>                         | Lisa Bass  |
| <b>Report date and number (e.g. HYR3)</b>     | HYR2   |
| <b>Project website/blog/social media etc.</b> | <a href="http://www.madagascar.co.uk">www.madagascar.co.uk</a><br><a href="https://www.facebook.com/SEEDMadagascar/">https://www.facebook.com/SEEDMadagascar/</a><br><a href="https://www.instagram.com/seedmadagascar/">https://www.instagram.com/seedmadagascar/</a><br><a href="https://twitter.com/SEEDMadagascar">https://twitter.com/SEEDMadagascar.</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).**

**1.1** A management committee in Elodrato was established in July 2019. The committee in Sainte Luce has been re-elected in August 2019, since the previous committee's term ended.

**1.2** Following establishment and re-election, training restarted in September 2019 with one session conducted in Sainte Luce.

**1.4** The Elodrato committee established a preliminary No-Take Zone (NTZ) agreement, which will be presented for community approval by October 2019.

**1.7** On track: Experienced trainers from project partner Blue Ventures trained the data collectors in mobile data collection (April and May 2019). Project staff continued the training sessions. Data has been collected throughout the reporting period.

**2.1** One session has been conducted in Itapera and Elodrato (June and July 2019). The project is one session behind schedule in Sainte Luce and two sessions behind in the other communities.

**2.2** On track: In Sainte Luce, a community meeting took place in each of the three hamlets (August 2019). In Elodrato one meeting took place (September 2019).

**2.3** Due to the female Education Specialist leaving SEED and the hiring of a male Education Specialist, the team changed its approach to achieve female engagement in fisheries management. SEED will now train women to become Marine Ambassadors, who will then facilitate women-only community meetings. As a result of this change, the project is one meeting behind schedule in each community.

**2.4** On track: a total of 20 sessions (four sessions in five schools) have been conducted.

**2.5** On track: One event took place in Sainte Luce in April 2019, for the opening of the lobster fishing season.

**2.6** In this reporting period there was no progress towards this indicator.

**2.7** Radio broadcasts started in May 2019. Messages on topics like national lobster fishing regulations are broadcast ten times per month.

**2.8** In this reporting period there was no progress towards this indicator.

**2.11** In April 2019 the national MIHARI forum took place, attended by project staff and a member of the Sainte Luce fisheries management committee. There has been no MIHARI Sud forum.

**2.12** Organisation for this forum is underway and scheduled to be held 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> of October 2019.

**2.13** On track: A first training session with *rabbateurs* and *collecteurs* (buyers at the first and second points of sale) from all target communities was conducted in Sainte Luce in August 2019.

**2.14** On track: Eight English lessons, a workshop on catch data collection and a workshop on Open Data Kit software have taken place during this reporting period.

**2.15** On Track: Two students were hosted in the previous period and two more students have been identified to be hosted from October 2019 onwards.

**2.16** In this reporting period there was no progress towards this indicator.

**2.17** On track: Four Natural Resource Management committee meetings took place (July, August, September 2019).

**3.1; 3.2; 3.3** Enforcement committees have not been formed. The project is focussing on creating strong fisheries management committees first.

**3.4** DRRHP attended the mass-mobilisation event in April 2019 and facilitated the *rabbateur* training session in August 2019 in Sainte Luce. DRRHP was to be involved in enforcement capacity building workshops, but those have not taken place yet.

**3.5** Two meetings have taken place between SEED, the private sector and other stakeholders such as DRRHP (July 2019). These are the first steps toward conducting skill-sharing workshops.

**3.6** On track: The *dina* has been accepted by all relevant stakeholders and ratified in court.

**4.1** On track: Stakeholders (with the exception of private sector) were present at the lobster fishing season opening in Sainte Luce (April 2019). Stakeholders were also present at a series of planning meetings for the lobster network forum in October 2019 where all stakeholders will be present.

**4.2** No site visits have been conducted yet.

**4.3** Workshops have been designed and participants are identified. The first sessions are planned for October 2019.

**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.**

SEED has encountered a lack of engagement with community-based fisheries management (CBFM) from the target community of Itapera. Whilst some community members and leaders are engaged with the project and perceive a need for fisheries management, the community as a whole has been unable to reach a consensus on how to proceed with CBFM, and the establishment of an NTZ in particular. This issue has been elaborated on in a change request.

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| Not having a female Education Specialist results in some implications for the activity timetable concerning women-only community meetings. The project will focus on training the Marine Ambassadors, who in time will be able to conduct the community meetings. |     |
| <b>2b. Have any of these issues been discussed with LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?</b>  |     |
| Discussed with LTS:   | Yes |
| Formal change request submitted:  | Yes |
| Received confirmation of change acceptance  | Yes |

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| <b>3a. Do you currently expect to have any significant (e.g., more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year?</b>   |  |
| Yes <input type="checkbox"/>   | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Estimated underspend: £  |  |
| <b>3b. If yes, then you need to consider your project budget needs carefully.</b> Please remember that any funds agreed for this financial year are only available to the project in this financial year.<br><br>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. |  |

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| <b>4. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?</b>  |
| In this reporting period, SEED submitted a Change Request on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> of July 2019, but did not receive a response until the 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2019, with a final resolution not being met until the 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019. The uncertainty of which made it difficult for SEED to be confident in how to progress with one of our target communities. |

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 R25 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 DO NOT send these in the same email.**

Please send your **completed report by email** to [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: 25-035 Darwin Half Year Report**