



**Darwin Initiative/Darwin Plus Projects
Half Year Report
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Project title	Strengthening fisheries resource co-management in PiSiSi MPA, Simeulue Island
Country(ies)/territory(ies)	Indonesia
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Report date and number (e.g. HYR3)	HYR2
Project website/blog/social media	N/A

1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – Sept) against the agreed project implementation timetable (if your project has started less than 6 months ago, please report on the period since start up to end September).

Activity 1.2 Delivery of training and outreach in target communities to socialise LMMA concept.

- The training module to support improved socialisation of the LMMA concept in partner villages has been completed and registered with an ISBN from [National Library of Republic Indonesia](#). ([Appendix 1. Draft training modules](#))

Activity 1.7 Train and support community members to undertake SMART patrol activities, including both independently-led and collaborative patrols

- Panglima Laot and communities from 5 villages have significantly increased their participation in independent LMMA patrols, thereby increasing the area of patrol coverage within the MPA. Through voluntary data submitted between January to August 2020, they have covered $\pm 70.3\%$ of PISISI MPA-wide area or reached $\pm 31,205.73$ ha. That figure has improved 110% ($\pm 16,340,61$ ha) compared with year 2019 ([Appendix 2. Patrol report](#)). So far, the quarterly reports have been submitted to DKP Simeulue (district fisheries authority) ([Appendix 3. Quarterly report](#)).
- Panglima Laot and communities in three villages have implemented routine patrols in their respective LMMAs between April-September. The other two villages conducted patrols in late October 2020, the results of which are still pending and will be communicated in the Year 2 annual report. ([Appendix 2. Patrol report and Appendix 4. Routine patrol report](#)).

Activity 2.2 Conduct participatory market mapping & action planning workshops.

- The participatory market mapping & action planning workshops that were previously delayed due to COVID-19 have been held during this period. Namely: market mapping workshop in Pulau Bengkalak; and also action planning workshops in Kuala Baru, Sambay, and Pulau Bengkalak. So far, the constraints and opportunities for improving market access have been identified. Furthermore, the creation and implementation of market chain action-plan document have been resumed after COVID restrictions were lessened ([Appendix 5. participatory market mapping & action planning workshops report](#))

Activity 2.5. Hold quarterly monitoring meetings with market actors. This activity will be implemented in Year 2.

- At this time of reporting, we are still conducting quarterly monitoring with market actors and this will be reported at the end of Year-2.

Activity 4.3 Facilitate initial meetings and arising activities for LMMA Networks Working Group.

- This activity has been implemented in Year-1, and FFI is continuing to support the working group throughout this reporting period. ([Appendix 7. News Event of LMMA Networks](#))

Activity 0.1 Monitor fisheries catch data through surveys of fish landing sites and fish traders in LMMA communities (outcome level monitoring activity).

- At this time of reporting the survey is still being implemented for a further 2 months and will be reported at the end of Year-2.

2a. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments/lessons learnt that the project has encountered over the last 6 months (for Covid-19 specific delays/problems, please use 2b). Explain what impact these could have on the project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.

Activity 1.8 Facilitate the participation of government and enforcement agency personnel in LMMA co-management patrols which also involve communities.

- During this reporting period, collaborative patrols involving government personnel are not implemented due to DKP Simeulue still being focused on handling the MPA violation case that was reported to them by the Panglima Laot, with FFI support, in December 2019. This case is the first illegal fishing case that has been handled by DKP Simeulue, and the District Court recently decided the punishment to the violators on July 13th, 2020 (chronology of the trial and the judge's decision with *Case Number 19 / Pid.Sus / 2020 / PN Snb* can be seen here).
- As the follow up from the case above, DKP Simeulue and law authorities have decided to re-conduct socializations to local people in acknowledged illegal fishing hotspots, in order to increase compliance and reduce the prevalence of destructive fishing practices. So far, the schedule of further collaborative patrols has been allocated for December 2020 as part of a commitment from the local government to continue reducing the destructive fishing activities in Simeulue.

2b. Please outline any specific issues which your project has encountered as a result of Covid-19. Where you have adapted your project activities in response to the pandemic, please briefly outline how you have done so here. Explain what residual impact there may be on your project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.

Activity 1.6 Support, with technical advice and data, the creation of LMMA action plans based on results of 1.4.

- So far, the LMMA Management Plan and supporting customary law framework in the two remaining villages (Pulau Bengkalak and Sambay) had been formulated as a draft when the necessary meetings and consultations were suspended due to COVID-19. FFI will conduct meetings with limited numbers of participants, according to health protocols, and continue to finalize the documents with the approval of village government, prominent figures, and communities ([Appendix 8. Lhok Management Plan and Customary Law](#)). An important recommendation from the community, to improve management plan effectiveness, is to integrate the LMMA management plan with the regional medium-term development plan and the village development work plan.

Activity 2.3 Organise and support exposure visits for fishers and traders to mainland seafood markets.

- This was planned for March 2020, but this is delayed due to COVID-19 and is planned to be implemented by February 2021, if the strict regulations currently preventing travel between Simeulue and North Sumatra have been lifted. Since North Sumatra is a key seafood market for Simeulue fishers, these exposure visits are considered critical to improving relationships between the geographically distant market actors.

Activity 2.4 Provide training in quality control, cold chain maintenance & financial management, and provide on-going mentoring to trainees.

- Quality control and cold chain maintenance trainings cannot be implemented because COVID-19 restrictions are preventing trainers from travelling to Simeulue. Virtual training in December is being considered as a temporary solution. Meanwhile, ongoing informal mentoring is being implemented during this reporting period.

Activity 2.6 Hold an annual progress evaluation workshop.

- This activity is not possible while COVID-19 restrictions remain, due to the large number of required participants, and is planned to be implemented in Year 3.

Activity 3.4 Upload (annually) data to the 'PiSiSi Atlas of Coastal Resources' online database.

- This activity will be implemented in Year-3, the required government approvals are delayed due to government resources being focused on COVID-19 response during this reporting period.

Activity 4.4 Found the MPA management body and facilitate initial meeting and workplan creation with support from a provincial-level Governor's decree

- The establishment of the MPA management body is underway but delayed due to redirection of government resources to COVID-19 relief (a government decree is required to formulate this new entity). However, the Aceh Government has committed to approve the formation of MPA Management Body by the end of Year-2

For more detail on the impacts of COVID, and actions proposed by FFI to address these impacts, please see the recently submitted change request.

2c. 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

Formal change request submitted: Yes

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: £ (see change request)

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. Please DO NOT send these in the same email as your report.**

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

N/A

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 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.**

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