

Darwin Initiative Main/Post/D+ Project

Half Year Report

(due 31st October 2017)

Project reference	DPLUS066
Project title	Climate change adaptation in the fisheries of Anguilla and Montserrat
Country(ies)/territory(ies)	Anguilla and Montserrat
Lead organisation	Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)
Partner(s)	Fisheries and Ocean Resources Unit, Ministry of Agriculture, Trade, Lands Housing and the Environment – Montserrat, Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources (DFMR), Ministry of Infrastructure Communication, Utilities, Housing, Fisheries and Agriculture – Anguilla, The University of the West Indies - Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (UWI-CERMES)
Project leader	<i>Terrence Phillips</i>
Report date and number (e.g., HYR3)	<i>October 30, 2017, HYR1</i>
Project website/blog/social media etc.	http://www.canari.org/climate-change-adaptation-in-the-fisheries-of-anguilla-and-montserrat

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).

Inception and project implementation

For project visibility, CANARI prepared and uploaded a project webpage [Climate Change Adaptation In The Fisheries Of Anguilla And Montserrat \(April 2017-March 2020\)](#), including a Project Brief (please see http://www.canari.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/darwin-cca-fisheries-ots_project-brief.pdf).

CANARI liaised with its projects partners about project implementation, including the establishment of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) and the holding of the first face to face project inception meeting for the Committee. A contract was also prepared for UWI-CERMES for the first year of activities under the project, which includes:

- Participation in project planning, monitoring and management
- Input into the development of agenda, session plans and presentation materials and co-facilitation of the project inception meeting
- Review of project inception meeting report
- Input into the development of agenda, session plans and presentation materials and co-facilitation the virtual biannual meeting
- Review of virtual biannual meeting report.

The Inception Workshop for the Project Steering Committee and Other Key Stakeholders was organised and convened in Montserrat on August 30 and 31, 2017. The Steering Committee is comprised of:

- fisheries experts from project partners: Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources (DFMR) in Anguilla and the Fisheries and Ocean Resources Unit in Montserrat and UWI-CERMES
- project leader and a climate change adaptation expert from CANARI
- a fisherfolk leader from Anguilla Fisherfolk Association and Montserrat Fishers and Boaters Association of Anguilla and Montserrat, respectively

The Workshop, which was opened by the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Trade, Lands, Housing and the Environment, Mr. Claude E. S. Hogan, covered such items as:

- **Project planning, management and evaluation:**
 - Overview of the Climate Change Adaptation in the Fisheries of Anguilla and Montserrat project
 - Identification of the roles and responsibilities of the Project Steering Committee
 - Review and refinement of the project logframe
 - Review and refinement of the identification of the key stakeholders in the fisheries of Anguilla and Montserrat
 - Review and revision of project work plan
 - Conduct of outcome mapping to develop indicators to assess change in stakeholders' knowledge, attitudes and practices
 - Identification of project actions for participatory monitoring and evaluation of project
- **Developing synergies with complementary projects:**
 - Overview of the Climate Change Adaptation in the Eastern Caribbean Fisheries Sector (CC4FISH) project
 - Overview of the iLand Resilience Project on Technical Assistance to Enhance Institutional Frameworks for Improved Environmental Management in OECS
 - Identification of opportunities and outlining an engagement strategy for synergies with relevant regional projects, including CC4FISH and iLand Resilience projects
- **Noting the regional policy context:**
 - Review of Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication

In terms of project delivery, it was determined at that time, that, despite the convening of the Inception Workshop two months later than planned, the remaining activities for the first year can still be implemented by the end of the first year of the project, with these being to:

- Conduct, report and communicate on assessments of institutional readiness for climate change adaptation in the fisheries sectors in Anguilla and Montserrat
- Conduct, report and communicate on vulnerability assessments of Anguilla and Montserrat using participatory three-dimensional modelling (P3DM)
- Design and implement a communication strategy to increase knowledge mobilisation and information exchange

It should be noted that the presence of the two Steering Committee members (Mr. Chavez Edwards, Fisheries Officer, Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources (DFMR), and Mr. Sherwin Richardson, President, Anguilla Fisherfolk Association) from Anguilla was treated as an opportunity for peer exchange. They shared knowledge about the fisheries sectors in Anguilla and Montserrat. **A copy of the Workshop Report is attached.**

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.

Shortly after the Inception Workshop in Montserrat, Anguilla was devastated by hurricane Irma. In telephone conversation between the Director, Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Anguilla, Ms. Kafi Gumbs, and the Project Leader some weeks after (as communication was not possible earlier), it was recognised that the damage done by Irma would affect the delivery of the project in Anguilla. Therefore, in order to proceed with project delivery, it was agreed that the focus would be on implementation in Montserrat, while remaining in touch with Ms. Gumbs or her representative on the Project Steering Committee regarding the timing of on the ground activities in Anguilla. It was also noted that to the extent possible representatives from Anguilla could take part in field activities planned for Montserrat. This will affect the timetable of activities scheduled for Year 1 as on the ground work in Anguilla will need to be delayed until stakeholders are ready to engage. CANARI will monitor and assess this situation at the end of Year 1 of the project.

CANARI recruited a Senior Technical Officer and Manager for its *Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction* programme, Dr. Ainka Granderson, who has expertise in assessing vulnerability to climate change and adaptation strategies, including community-based and ecosystem-based approaches, at the community, sectoral and national levels. She replaced Ms. Keisha Sandy as the climate change adaptation and capacity building expert assigned to this project. **Please see her CV attached.** Also, with the departure of Ms. Loïza Rauzduel to undertake PhD studies in Martinique, she was replaced by Ms. Dara-Marie Raggay as the communication and visibility support expert. **Please see her CV attached.** The **change request form** is attached. This will not affect the budget or timetable of activities.

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: Attached with this half year report.

Received confirmation of change acceptance: Now being submitted.

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.

N/A.

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

There are no other issues.

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**