



**Darwin Initiative D+ Project
Half Year Report
(due 31st October 2018)**

Project reference	DPLUS077
Project title:	Sustainable fishery management for St Helena's lobster populations
Country(ies)/territory(ies)	St Helena island
Lead organisation	Marine Section, Environment and Natural Resources Directorate, St Helena Government
Partner(s)	CEFAS
Project leader	<i>Annalea Beard</i>
Report date and number (e.g., HYR3)	<i>HYR1</i>
Project website/blog/social media etc.	http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/marine-division/

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).

Capacity building (Output 1): The recruitment process for the lobster project officer has been completed and an appointment has been made starting on the 1st October 2018. Job outline for the field work assistant has been drafted. Quotes for the acoustic receivers and tags have been obtained. No equipment has been ordered which will cause a delay of up to 3 months for the tagging and lobster pot network (output 3 & 5).

Procurement documentation for the acoustic telemetry, purchase of a pickup truck and boat hire has been drafted.

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.

Delays for the mechanical and acoustic tagging and potting are anticipated as the project officer start date is the 1st October 2018 and equipment will be purchased over the following months. There is also a waiting time of at least 2months for the purchase and shipping to St Helena. However some of the field work in particular the catching and recording of biometric data will commence in November 2018 and it is planned to make the lost time by increasing the survey and potting days with possible additional staff. Given the project is still in its early stages we will assess the budget over the next 2 months to decide whether there will be a need for any change requests for the next financial year.

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: No

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: £

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 . 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**