



Darwin Initiative Post Project Half Year Report (due 31 October 2016)

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Project Title	NBSAPs 2.0 From Policy to Practice
Country(ies)	Botswana, Ghana, Namibia, Malawi, Seychelles, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Lead Organisation	IIED
Collaborator(s)	UNEP-WCMC; Ministries of Environment in the project countries
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Project website/Twitter/Blog/Instagram etc	http://www.iied.org/mainstreaming-biodiversity-development
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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).

Activity 1.1: Convene a (virtual) meeting of the African Leadership Group to review key elements of each revised NBSAP and each national development plan and agree overall project approach

As previously reported, this activity has been completed.

Activity 1.2: Country teams convene stakeholder workshops/meetings in each country to map out development planning processes and timetables and identify key entry points and indicators of success

At the end of the last reporting period Botswana was the only country not to have held its scoping workshop as it was delaying in order to ensure coordination with district development planning processes. Botswana eventually held a series of three workshops in May 2016 in three different districts - Tutume in Tutume Sub District, Francistown and Letlhakane in Boteti Sub District - given their focus on mainstreaming in district development plans.

Activity 1.3: Country teams document (with support of IIED and WCMC) development planning processes and mainstreaming entry points and strategies

Reports from the national workshops which document development planning processes and mainstreaming entry points have now all been uploaded to the project website. Most countries have focused on formal national development planning processes, and some have a sectoral focus in addition or instead. In Uganda, the workshop identified the second National Development Plan as a target policy. In Zambia, the priority is the country's seventh National Development Plan. In Zimbabwe, the report identifies the imminent implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals as an opportunity to integrate biodiversity across a comprehensive development agenda. In Malawi, the report identifies the revision of the country's Growth and Development Strategy, but also revision of the National Land Policy and the revision of the Environmental Impact Assessment guidelines. Ghana also has a sectoral focus – agriculture, fisheries and forestry in the National Development Agenda. In the Seychelles, the workshop focused on marine and coastal issues – the Blue Economy Road Map and the Tourism Strategic Action Plan. Namibia's report looks at progress made by the country's working group implementing the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), and highlights the need for an integrated Communication Education and Public Awareness Strategy on environmental issues. Finally, Botswana looks at local issues, focussing on district development plans as a key biodiversity mainstreaming entry point.

Activity 1.4: IIED and WCMC produce a report summarising country processes and mainstreaming strategies and post on project website

This activity has not yet been completed and will be a priority for the next quarter following the November 2016 workshop when discussion among countries will bring the main themes out.

Activity 2.1: Based on mainstreaming entry points and outline mainstreaming strategies, country teams identify capacity development needs

This activity was completed in the previous reporting period.

Activity 2.2: Virtual meeting of African Leadership Group to share results of development planning processes and capacity needs assessment and agree tools/guidance needed

This activity was completed in the previous reporting period. The workshop report is available at: <http://pubs.iied.org/G04009.html> and the Harare Statement at: <http://pubs.iied.org/G04010.html>

Activity 2.3: IIED and UNEP-WCMC develop and publish tools and guidance

The [diagnostic tool for selecting strategic development targets](#), developed by IIED and UNEP-WCMC to help to each country structure their national workshops, has been revised following feedback from the country partners, and will be published in time for the next partners workshop in November 2016. A new tool was developed on [writing for policymakers and the media](#). A further tool on mainstreaming indicators is under development and will be discussed at the project partners workshop in November. The workshop will also provide an opportunity to provide support and guidance to the country partners on issues they have identified as priorities including, communication skills; use of spatial data, and budgeting and finance issues.

Activity 2.4: Country teams employ and adapt tools and guidance to address mainstreaming opportunities identified in Output 1

Countries have already used the diagnostic tool to assist them in structuring their scoping workshops. Information on update of the other tools and guidance will be collected at the November workshop.

Activity 3.1: Country teams draw out lessons learned on success of mainstreaming approaches

Country teams will be presenting initial lessons learned at the November workshop

Activity 3.2: Project workshop convened to share lessons learned, compare mainstreaming success and adapt approaches where needed

The workshop is planned for November 1 – 3 and will be hosted by the Ghana team in Accra.

Activity 3.3: IIED and UNEP-WCMC develop project report documenting mainstreaming targets, process, tools and experiences

This activity will start towards the end of year 2.

Activity 3.4: Side event held at CBD CoP 13 to disseminate experience

IIED and UNEP-WCMC have negotiated with the CBD Secretariat to run a day long session on mainstreaming during the middle weekend of the CoP. Plans for the country teams' participation will be discussed at the November workshop.

Activity 3.5: Wide dissemination of tools, guidance and lessons learned

Dissemination activities in the last 6 months have included:

- A joint side event, "Mainstreaming biodiversity in sectors: a governance perspective", SBI, Montreal, Canada, on 3 May 2016.
- Learning workshop on biodiversity mainstreaming held on the sidelines of a GIZ conference on Biodiversity, Forests and Climate Change, Bonn, Germany, on 16 August 2016

The Learning and Leadership Group (LLG) approach has also been shared with (a) those working in the artisanal mining sector to improve its social and environmental impact, and (b) Cancer Research UK in relation to going about tobacco control in developing countries. In the ASM case, it has been adopted in a new IIED programme in Ghana and Tanzania. In the CRUK, it is being factored into programme design

In terms of 'virtual' dissemination, we started a [@biomainstream](#) Twitter account in June (over 100 followers to date) and between June and September we shared links to most of our recent publications including each country scoping workshop report, the peer review tool, the stories of change (as a booklet and each story individually) and the writing for policy and the media booklet. The Stories of Change booklet was promoted in [an article written for the May 2016 issue of 'Square Brackets'](#) the CBD newsletter and also in the IIED newsletter (about 8,000 circulation). On International Biodiversity Day (22 May) the project, twitter account, workshop reports and recent tools were all promoted via [a story on the IIED website](#), which was tweeted to IIED's 37,000 Twitter followers.

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.

We have experienced significant delays with activities in Botswana and poor communications with the team. To date we have not offered Botswana any further funding for year 2 of the project since we are yet to receive a report on spending in Year 1. IIED and WCMC will take a final decision on Botswana's ongoing participation in the project following the November workshop.

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 as it is unlikely that any requests to carry forward funds will be approved this year. 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 and would like to talk to someone about the options available this year, please indicate below when you think you might be in a position to do this and what the reasons might be:

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

Not at this stage thank you

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 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: 20-035 Darwin Half Year Report**