



Darwin Initiative Projects Half Year Report (due 31st October 2021)

Project reference	28-009
Project title	Enabling youths to lead lemur conservation in eastern Madagascar
Country(ies)/territory(ies)	Madagascar
Lead organisation	Madagasikara Voakajy
Partner(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Association Mitsinjo (Mitsinjo) - Money for Madagascar (MfM) - Label CBD Consulting (LCBD) - Délégation de la Jeunesse Moramanga (DelJS) - Circonscription de l'Agriculture, de l'Elevage Moramanga (CIRAE) - Circonscription de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable Moramanga (CIRED)
Project leader	<i>Voahirana Claudia Randriamamonjy</i>
Report date and number (e.g. HYR1)	<i>HYR1, 31st October 2021</i>
Project website/blog/social media	www.madagasikara-voakajy.org https://www.facebook.com/madagasikaravoakajy

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).

- We received the offer letter from Darwin Initiative on 20th August 2021. We worked on completing the requested forms until 09th September.
- On 24th August, MV and Mitsinjo team held a meeting in Andasibe to review the project activities, timeline and budget.
- In September, we attended the workshops organized by the Darwin Initiative on communications, monitoring and evaluation, common issues and complementarities.
- On 08th September, we held the first full project team meeting virtually. We decided on the need to run project meeting monthly to monitor progress and take key decisions. These meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month.
- On 23rd-24th September, Youssouf from Mitsinjo Association carried out a fieldwork in Mangabe Protected Area to verify the natural regeneration of the *Tambourissa* species which is available for the project. The seed collect is therefore necessary for the production of this species.

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.	
The project start has been delayed. We are now reviewing the project timetable and budget and will submit changes as a formal request.	
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.	
NA	
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:	No
Formal change request submitted:	No
Received confirmation of change acceptance	NA

3a. Do you currently expect to have any significant (e.g. more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. 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?
None

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.**

Please send your **completed report by email** to 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: 25-001 Darwin Half Year Report**