

Biodiversity Challenge Funds Projects Darwin Initiative, Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund, and Darwin Plus

Half Year Report

It is expected that this report will be a **maximum of 2-3 pages** in length.

If there is any confidential information within the report that you do not wish to be shared on our website, please ensure you clearly highlight this.

Submission Deadline: 31st October 2024

Please note all projects that were active before 1 October 2024 are required to complete a Half Year Report.

Submit to: BCF-Reports@niras.com including your project ref in the subject line.

Project reference	DARCC032
Project title	Capacity Building for Community-led Adaptive Coastal Resources Management
Country(ies)/territory(ies)	Indonesia
Lead Organisation	Yayasan Planet Indonesia
Partner(s)	Planet Indonesia - USA
Project leader	Adam E. Miller
Report date and number (e.g. HYR1)	31st October 2024, HYR2
Project website/blog/social media	www.planetindonesia.org FB: Planet Indonesia IG: Planetindonesia Twitter : planet_indo

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

Although we are not looking for specific reporting against your indicators, please use this opportunity to consider the appropriateness of your M&E systems (are your indicators still relevant, can you report against any Standard Indicators, do your assumptions still hold true?). The guidance can be found on the resources page of the relevant fund website.

During the past 6 months, all 7 partner villages in Kubu Raya have completed the 7 stages of developing the Adaptive Natural Resource Management Plan (ANRMP): 1) *resources/ecosystem mapping*; 2) *policies and regulation identification*; 3) *challenges identification*; 4) *identifying selected resources/key species threshold indicators*; 5) *planning the management strategies*; 6) *monitoring and surveillance* and 7) *law enforcement*. The next step is to organise a public consultation and feedback session with the communities in each village. So far this has only been conducted in Dabong village for the three commodities mudcrab, fish and shrimp. In October, the people in Dabong will have an additional consultation on coconut. For the other 6 villages, the feedback session has not yet been conducted and is scheduled for November and December 2024. The natural resources managed by the communities include non-timber forest products and resources or commodities that are familiar for the farmers such as coconut, betel nut, and rice. Additionally, the fishers planned to manage the key species commonly harvested such as mudcrab, shrimp, and fish, as well as chicken husbandry. The selected species of each village are:

1. Dabong : crabs, fishes, shrimps, coconut
2. Tanjung Harapan : crabs, rice, shrimps
3. Mengkalang : coconut, rice, betel nut
4. Mengkalang Jambu : chicken, rice
5. Seruat Dua : coconut, rice, betel nut
6. Sungai Nibung : crab, fish, shrimp, rice
7. Kuala Karang : shrimp, fish, crab

In the process of developing the ANRMPs, 17 local village governance bodies participated, consisting of 6 LPHD (Village Forest Management Institution) and 11 Conservation Cooperative (CC). Another community local stakeholder involved is *Karang Taruna*, the social youth organisation, which focuses on fostering and developing opportunities for the younger generation and the Village-owned Enterprise (BUMDes).

The established multi-village forum called “Forum 7” focused on the development of its organisational management capacity, specifically the necessary tools and guidance. 8 members as representatives of the 7 villages were trained on the preparation and development of statutes and annual work plans, administrative and financial management, as well as practising the concept of ‘radical listening’. In addition to internal capacity-building training, Forum 7 convened a public audience with the Regional Development Planning, Research, and Development Agency (Bappeda Litbang) of Kubu Raya Regency to deliberate on its organisational legal status. As a result, Bappeda Litbang recommended that Forum 7 be developed into an Inter-Village Cooperation Agency (Badan Kerjasama Antar Desa-BKAD), as this legal status would potentially enhance opportunities for securing government support for various initiatives.

Specific capacity building training of monitoring and data collection for the “Forum 7” community stakeholders has not yet occurred. We have signed the MoU with the Provincial Marine and Fishery Office (DKP) to build the capacity of the members of Pokmaswas (Community Surveillance Group) established by DKP for the monitoring and data collection training.

2. 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.

During this reporting period, several opportunities for growth and improvement emerged. These included the need for clearer role divisions between YPI and Forum 7. Due to the older age of most of the Forum 7’s management members, training and capacity building techniques need to adapt to existing skill sets so that the benefits of these knowledge exchanges are maximised. We also face the challenge of optimising time management with all individuals having busy schedules.

During the feedback session held in Dabong Village, the local community suggested implementing patrols in the village forest area to safeguard the sustainability of aquatic species,

including crabs. In fact, this is a challenge for YPI, as there is currently no formal collaboration between YPI and the LPHD of Dabong as the local authority responsible for the surveillance and protection of the village forest area.

We also learned that the recommendation from Bappeda Litbang-Kubu Raya Regency to form a legal identity of Forum 7 as recognised Inter-Village Cooperation Agency (BKAD) could open up opportunities for adaptive natural resource management in the future.

3. Have any of these issues been discussed with NIRAS and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

Discussed with NIRAS:

Yes/ **No**

Formal Change Request submitted:

Yes/ **No**

Received confirmation of change acceptance:

Yes/ **No**

Change Request reference if known: *If you submitted a financial Change Request, you can find the reference in the email from NIRAS confirming the outcome*

4a. Please confirm your actual spend in this financial year to date (i.e. from 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024)

Actual spend:

4b. Do you currently expect to have any significant (e.g. more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this financial year (ending 31 March 2025)?

Yes No

4c. If you expect and underspend, then you should 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 re-budget Change Request as soon as possible. There is no guarantee that Defra will agree a re-budget so please ensure you have enough time to make appropriate changes to your project if necessary. Please DO NOT send these in the same email as your report.

NB: if you expect an underspend, do not claim anything more than you expect to spend this financial year.

5. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to BCF management, monitoring, or financial procedures?

No, there are not.

6. Please use this section to respond to any feedback provided when your project was confirmed, or from your most recent annual report. If your project was subject to an Overseas Security and Justice Assistance assessment please use this space to comment on any changes to international human rights risks, and to address any additional mitigations outlined in your offer letters. Please provide the comment and then your response. If you have already provided a response, please confirm when.

No necessary actions to be taken into as recommended by the reviewer to be addressed in this half-yearly report.

Checklist for submission

For New Projects (i.e. starting after 1st April 2024)	
Have you responded to any additional feedback (other than caveats) received in the letter you received to say your application was successful which requested response at HYR (including safeguarding points)? You should respond in section 6, annexes other requested materials as appropriate.	N/A
If not already submitted, have you attached your risk register ?	
For Existing Projects (i.e. started before 1st April 2024)	
Have you responded to feedback from your latest Annual Report Review ? You should respond in section 6, annexes other requested materials as appropriate.	N/A
For All Projects	
Include your project reference in the subject line of submission email.	●
Submit to BCFs-Report@niras.com .	
Have you clearly highlighted any confidential information within the report that you do not wish to be shared on our website?	N/A
Have you reported against the most up to date information for your project ?	●
Please ensure claim forms and other communications for your project are not included with this report.	