



## The GEF Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project Project Progress Report

Reporting Period                      From:    1st July 2016    To:    31st December 2016

### 1. PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>National Project Code &amp; Title:</b>	LK6 - 2132 <b>Increasing knowledge on sea grass habitats and dugong distribution at selected sites in North Western Sri Lanka</b>		
<b>Project Partner(s):</b>	Ocean Resources Conservation Association - ORCA		
<b>Location (country, region/ district and commune/ city/ village/ region etc.)</b>	Sri Lanka, North western and Northern Provinces, coast and sea areas from Kalpitiya Northward to Jaffna.		
<b>Of which areas under protection (please indicate the name and size of protected areas or locally managed marine areas, if applicable)</b>	Kalpitiya Bar-reef Marine Sanctuary. (307,7km <sup>2</sup> ) Adams Bridge Marine National Park Vankalai sanctuary (RAMSAR site) Villpatthu National Park (RAMSAR site) Delft National Park North Western fishery Management area.		
<b>Project start date</b>	1st June 2015	<b>Project intended completion date</b>	31 July 2017

## 2. PROJECT PROGRESS

### 2.1. Narrative of project progress during the past semester by Project Activity<sup>1</sup>

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### 2.2. Project implementation progress<sup>2</sup>

Outputs & Activities <sup>3</sup>	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of end of reporting period expressed in %	Describe any problems in delivery and any changes/mitigation action required.
<b>Output 1 Purchasing of Equipment</b>	Feb 2017	90%	Additional sonar equipment consisting of one unit Garmin Panoptix transducer and Chirp sonar setup. with locally manufactured boat mount and travel kit accessories and sonar image processing software.
<b>Activity 1:</b>			
<b>Output 2: surveys</b>			
<b>Activity 2:</b> Conducting of community interviews based field surveys	Dec 2016	100%	completed

<sup>1</sup> Briefly describe progress made during the previous six months highlighting major outcomes/benchmarks achieved during the period.

<sup>2</sup> Information provided in “Quarterly Expenditure Report” should be in line with output/activity progress reported in this table.

<sup>3</sup> Outputs and activities as described in the project proposal or in any updated project revision. Expand table as necessary.

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**2.3. Risk and risk management**

Please describe internal and external risks (examples included in brackets) that could affect successful implementation of project activities and the proposed risk mitigation measures.

Risk group	Description	Risk level (Low/ Medium/ High)	Mitigation measures
<b>Project Management</b> (team capacity, internal communication, co-financing, budget, financial management, reporting, etc.)	Team training needs, need for Tamil translators etc.	low	Changes to program plans and team composition.
<b>Socio-cultural issues</b> (external communications, capacity of and work with stakeholders, cultural aspects)	The reservations of the local communities in providing information about Dugong encounters due to legal problems if linked with captures restrict gathering location information.	medium	Need to spend extra time in the field to let them get familiar with the crews before information becomes forthcoming, efficiency of data gathering reduced. making local contacts
<b>Political risks</b> (Political stability in country, political impacts on the project)	Local safety issues. Possible political instabilities.	medium	Political instability and possible racial tensions.
<b>Environmental risks</b> (severe weather events/ disasters, natural causes negatively affecting project areas, habitats and species)	Climatic conditions. the unpredictable environmental factor as the year is influenced by El-nino conditions. risk of severe weather events and bad sea conditions. Severe weather could hamper sea bourn operations as well as travelling through some of the land access areas as they are prone to inundation	medium	Rescheduling of disrupted activities to when weather stabilizes
<b>Equipment and Methodology</b>	Inadequacy of available technology which hampers efficiency of surveys.	low	Possible securing additional equipment to fix problems

### 3. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

#### 3.1. Please describe activities for monitoring and evaluation carried out during the reporting period.

Examples include: baseline data collection, stakeholder surveys, field surveys, steering committee meetings to assess project progress, peer review of documentation to ensure quality, mid-term review, etc.

Do not include routine project reporting.

- 42 days of field surveys were carried out on 31 coastal locations with personal interviews conducted with over 95+ community members. - Data sets collected. Information of Dugong records were provided by 35 individuals.
- Equipment and items secured. invoices, outfitting of equipment for surveys.
- Administrative activities including securing of needed permits and clearances. purchasing and construction of equipment
- Communication of data to project partners for use in their activities of planning future management and conservation activities.

#### 4. OTHER INFORMATION

##### 4.1. Meetings<sup>4</sup>

Meeting type <sup>5</sup>	Title	Venue	Dates	Convened by	Organised by	No. of participants	Report issued Y/N	Language	Dated
The field surveys carried out was in a informal setting on a individual basis at many locations		31 Beaches and coastal locations along the survey area	42 field days	NA	NA	95+			

##### 4.2. List(s) of meeting participants<sup>6</sup>

No.	Name of participant	Nationality
	NA	

##### 4.3. Documents, other printed materials, videos, and soft products (such as CDs or websites)

No	Type <sup>7</sup>	Title	Author(s) Editor(s)	Publisher	ISBN	Publication date
	NA					

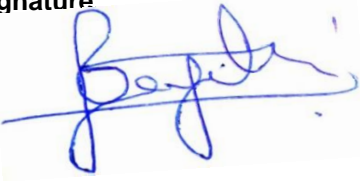

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<sup>4</sup> Expand table as necessary

<sup>5</sup> Meeting types: e.g. expert group meeting, project inception workshop, training workshop/seminar, partners consultation workshop, project Steering Committee meeting etc.

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<sup>7</sup> Documents and printed material types: e.g. technical publication, meeting report, technical/substantive report, brochures, media releases, etc.

<b>Signature:</b> 	<b>Date:</b> 08 Jan 2015	<b>Signature:</b> 	<b>Date:</b> 08 Jan 2015
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