Engaging Communities in Combatting Poaching and Illegal Wildlife Trade

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This is the comprehensive template. The following questions are intended to provide a comprehensive portrayal of your project. If you wish to submit a shorter overview of your project, please use the People Not Poaching\_Overview.docx. Contact the People Not Poaching coordinator at peoplenotpoaching@gmail.com if you have any questions.

1. Background Information

1.1. What is the name of your project?

1.2. Please write a short summary that describes your project.

1.3. Country(ies) where your project is taking place.

1.4. Where is the project taking place?

For example, a description of the location or name of the protected area(s) where the project is taking place.

1.5. Who is leading the project?

Please include details in the box provided, and if possible include a website link if available. There is room to include additional partners and donors at the end.

1.6. Has the project finished?

Yes, No, or Unknown

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2. The Poaching and Illegal Wildlife Trade Problem

2.1. What species are affected by IWT in your area that the project is focussing on?

Please give their common, scientific and local name (if known))

2.2. Which products are in trade?

E.g. live animals, rhino horn, ivory, timber, skin, fur, feathers, seeds, nuts, whole plants.

2.3. Please give an overview of the kind of poaching that is (or was) occurring in the case study area.

Consider the following when answering:

- Who is poaching and why? For instance, are local people involved, or are poachers coming in from outside the community, or both? Are particular groups involved?

- If communities are (or were) involved, could you summarise what is known about their motivations (e.g. revenge for human-wildlife conflict, lack of alternative income, conflict with conservation authorities, cultural reasons).

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3. The Anti-IWT Project

3.1. Please introduce the project for tackling poaching.

Consider the following when answering:

- Who is leading it, what are their motivations?

- The strategies and approaches your project use (or have used) to reduce poaching. Please explain how these approaches and strategies are intended to reduce poaching or to promote related social objectives.

- Where relevant, explain how the strategies/approaches have developed over time.

- Were the communities involved in designing and developing the project? How were they involved?

3.2. Please select all the option(s) that apply to your project's strategy by putting an ‘x’ the relevant boxes.

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|  | **Strengthening disincentives for illegal behaviour** |
|  | a. Paid in money community scouts |
|  | b. Performance-based payments/incentives for patrolling or guarding, (i.e. on top of salaries, such as bonuses for number of arrests...) |
|  | c. Un-paid (voluntary) community scouts |
|  | d. Paid in kind community scouts (e.g. uniforms and equipment) |
|  | e. Monetary incentives for community intelligence |
|  | f. Non-monetary/ in kind incentives for community intelligence |
|  | g. Raising community awareness about wildlife crime penalties and sanctions |
|  | h. Strengthening and supporting traditional norms and sanctions against IWT |
|  | i. Other |

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|  | **Increasing incentives for wildlife stewardship** |
|  | a. Tourism |
|  | b. Trophy hunting |
|  | c. Subsistence resource access/ use |
|  | d. Lease payments |
|  | e. Payments for ecosystem services |
|  | f. Legal trade |
|  | g. Policy/regulatory change to enable communities to benefit (national/international) |
|  | h. Other |

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|  | **Decreasing the costs of living with wildlife** |
|  | a. Preventive measures to deter wildlife (e.g. fences, lion lights, whistles...) |
|  | b. Reactive measures to deal with problem animals (i.e. removal, culling...) |
|  | c. Financial mitigation measures (i.e. compensation, insurance…) |
|  | d. Physical separation of people/livestock and wildlife (e.g. Land use zoning) |
|  | e. Other |

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|  | **Increasing livelihoods that are not related to wildlife** |
|  | a. (Non-wildlife-based) enterprise development/support |
|  | b. Provision of community-level benefits (e.g. infrastructure, clinics, schools...) |
|  | c. Other |

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|  | **Build and/or support sense of community ownership or stewardship** |

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|  | **Improving education and awareness** |

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3.3. Please discuss how your project tackles inclusivity of gender/age/ethnic groups

Consider the following when answering:

- Does your approach target or exclude men/women/both?

- Does your approach target or exclude the old/young/both?

- Does your approach target or exclude specific ethnic groups?

- For each please explain why these groups are specifically targeted or why they are specifically excluded

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4. Has the Project Made a Difference?

4.1. Has it been effective? Could you summarise the evidence of impact and effectiveness?

Consider the following:

• Have poaching rates decreased and what evidence is available that demonstrates this?

• Has it been effective in other ways? For example, decreasing habitat loss, or improving attitudes toward conservation, or meeting socio-economic needs?

4.3. Lessons Learned (successes): what worked (or is working) and why?

Please share lessons from your experience on what has worked and why. You may want to highlight specific strategies you used (e.g. decreasing the costs of living with wildlife), broader aspects of your approach (e.g. building trust, working with traditional leaders), or wider factors (e.g. supportive national policy environment).

4.3.1. Please select up to three of the most important factors that you think helped your project to succeed, by ticking the relevant box. [OPTIONAL]

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|  | 1. **Supportive national policy/legislation for devolved governance of natural resources**
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|  | 1. **Supportive national policy/legislation on sustainable use of natural resources**
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|  | 1. **Coordinated and coherent sectoral policies/legislation (e.g. land use planning, agricultural etc.)**
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|  | 1. **Long-term donor support that is flexible, adaptive and/or based on realistic time goals**
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|  | 1. **Supportive, multi-stakeholder partnerships with a shared vision**
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|  | 1. **Sufficient time investment in building relationships and trust between the project and local communities**
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|  | 1. **Devolved decision-making power so local communities have a voice in creating or co-creating solutions (as part of the project)**
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|  | 1. **Effective and accountable community-based natural resources management institutions**
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|  | 1. **Effective and trusted community leaders**
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|  | 1. **Transparent and accountable distribution of benefits to local communities**
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|  | 1. **Clearly defined tenure or resource use rights**
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|  | 1. **Clear and tangible benefits to local communities from wildlife (financial and/or non-financial)**
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|  | 1. **Other**
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4.4. Lessons Learned (failures and challenges): What didn't work (or isn't working) and why?

Please share lessons from your experience on what has not worked and why. We encourage you to share approaches or strategies that didn't work as well as you wanted or expected, or even failed: we can learn as much or more from failures as from successes. You may want to highlight specific strategies you used (e.g. decreasing the costs of living with wildlife), broader aspects of your approach (e.g. building trust, working with traditional leaders), or wider factors (e.g. unsupportive policy environment).

4.4.1. Please select up to three of the most important factors that you think limited, or hindered, your project's success, by ticking the relevant box. Please consider adding a brief explanation to help us understand how these factors influenced your project. [OPTIONAL]

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|  | 1. **Lack of supportive national policy/legislation for devolved governance of natural resources**
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|  | 1. **Lack of supportive national policy/legislation on sustainable use of natural resources**
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|  | 1. **Lack of coordinated and coherent sectoral policies/legislation (e.g. land use planning, agricultural etc.)**
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|  | 1. **Lack of long-term donor support that is flexible, adaptive and/or based on realistic time goals**
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|  | 1. **Lack of supportive, multi-stakeholder partnerships with a shared vision**
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|  | 1. **Insufficient time investment in building relationships and trust between the project and local communities**
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|  | 1. **Lack of devolved decision-making power so local communities have a voice in creating or co-creating solutions (as part of the project)**
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|  | 1. **Ineffective and accountable community-based natural resources management institutions**
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|  | 1. **Ineffective and trusted community leaders**
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|  | 1. **Lack of transparent and accountable distribution of benefits to local communities**
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|  | 1. **Lack of clearly defined tenure or resource use rights**
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|  | 1. **Unclear and intangible benefits to local communities from wildlife (financial and/or non-financial)**
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|  | 1. **Other**
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5. Organisers, Donors & Partners

5.1. Please list the name of the partners and funding organisations (donors) supporting this project.

5.2. Who is filling out this template? What is your role or relationship with the project?

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6. Supporting information

Please provide any supporting information that helps to describe your project in more detail. For example, documents, videos and web links that can be posted on the People not Poaching learning platform.

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Please add supporting information as links – including a link to the project’s website if it has one. Alternatively, you can send documents etc. to peoplenotpoaching@gmail.com

Videos

Documents

Links

Photos – We would like to illustrate your project with photos, particularly of the species of focus and communities engaging in the project. Please email photos to peoplenotpoaching@gmail.com - these can attached to the email or sent via other means such as WeTransfer (<https://wetransfer.com/>). Please ensure that you include a caption and who to credit (add more rows as needed).

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7. Permissions

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| **1. I acknowledge that I have permission to share information from those named in this project.** |  |
| **2. I give permission to edit, publish and re-use the information provided.** |  |
| **3. I give permission for the supplied contact name and email address to be made public.** |  |

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**Thank you for providing us with critical information to develop case studies for the People Not Poaching: the Communities and IWT Learning Platform. If you have any questions or need help completing this form please contact the People Not Poaching coordinator (details below).**

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