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Acronyms

AECID	Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development
BLSA	BirdLife South Africa
BotSoc	Botanical Society of South Africa
CBCD	Community Based Conservation Division of BLSA
CBO	Community Based Organization
DALA	Department of Agriculture and Land Administration
DEAT	Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism
DMC	Delta Mining Cooperation
E.E.	Environmental Education
ESKOM	Electricity Supply Commission
EWT	Endangered Wildlife Trust
GSDM	Gert Sibande District Municipality
IGA	Income Generating Activity
MTPA	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Authority
MGH-EHS	Mpumalanga Department of Health – Environmental Health Section
NCR	Newcastle Community Radio
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
PKSLM	Pixley ka Seme Local Municipality
PaAD	Policy and Advocacy Division
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
SACWG	South African Crane Working Group
SANBI	South African National Biodiversity Institute
SAHRC	South African Human Rights Commission
UTDA	Uthaka Tourism Development Association
SSG	Site Support Group
USS	Uthaka Secondary School
WLEPA	Wakkerstroom – Luneburg Environmental Protection Association
WOW	Wings Over Wetlands
WNHA	Wakkerstroom Natural Heritage Association
WTA	Wakkerstroom Tourism Association
WWFSA	World Wide Fund for Nature, South Africa
WWRMC	Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee

1. Executive Summary

After 20 months, the project has progressed very well in terms of contributing to tourism development, wetland management, environmental education, income generating activities and policy and advocacy support in Wakkerstroom.

The project has made significant contributions to the economic upliftment of the larger community, with 56 direct beneficiaries earning in excess of US\$7,000 over 2008. Most of these community members were formerly earning less than \$1/day. The project is also contributing positively in terms of uplifting the socio-economic status of the community members, noted by the fact that all the members linked to this project have now opened their own bank accounts.

The WOW project has made some inroads in terms of the local and international media, most notably through Newcastle Community Radio (NCR) and Africa Magic – a continental TV Channel. Through the WOW project and during this reporting period, the Wakkerstroom demonstration site has been able to workshop 170 learners in wetland education and bird conservation; established seven community based income generating activities; celebrated National Arbor Week with community members; organized a wetland clean up campaign with grade 10 learners; and used electronic media to inform the public about the WOW project. The Wakkerstroom demonstration site is responsible for ensuring that the Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee (WWMC) is functioning effectively.

The main site issues are community politics, non-cooperation of the local municipality (PKSLM), proposed mining, littering in the wetland, illegal harvesting of medicinal plants, the status of Wakkerstroom BLSA Training Centre and the illegal harvesting of trees. The constraints and challenges facing the site are the fast tracking of the RAMSAR application process and the issue of monitoring the migratory waterbirds.

The main risk facing the Wakkerstroom site is from the proposed mining which could cause the destruction of the wetland and grassland habitats and negatively impact the tourism potential of the area. The mitigating measure is to involve all the affected parties in fighting the proposed mining at various lobbying levels.

1.1 Key project achievements during the reporting period

Fill-in this table with what you consider to be the most important 5 project achievements in the reporting period.

#	Key Project Achievements
1	Established 7 Income Generating Activities – most of the IGA's have constitutions, business plans and bank accounts and are earning income.
2	Cultural integration through the bird walking trail– a picnic spot is under construction along the trail to accommodate both the dominating racial groups in Wakkerstroom.
3	School groups – 170 learners were workshoped in wetland education and bird conservation issues.
4	Policy & advocacy workshops – two community based workshops were organized by Community Based Conservation Division (CBCD) to support the Policy and Advocacy Division (PaAD) of BLSA.
5	Media – Africa Media Channel and Newcastle Community Radio Station have been used to disseminate information to the public about the mission of the WOW project.

1.2 Key issues & proposed solutions

Please identify up to a maximum of 10 important project issues, i.e. those issues that you feel require the focused attention of the WOW Project Coordination Unit and/or UNOPS. These issues should be selected and extracted from sections 2 & 3 of this report. **Therefore you may want to first complete sections 2 & 3 of the report, and then cut-and paste up to 10 most important issues into this section of the Executive Summary.**

#	Issue	Proposed Solution	Deadline	Party Responsible
1	Lack of co-operation from the Local municipality	To engage the Gert Sibande District Municipality and to communicate directly with the Municipal Manager for Pixley Ka Seme Municipality (PKSLM).	Ongoing	WWRMC and BLSA's CBCD
2	Community riots in protest of poor government service delivery	The community has to be educated about their human rights and the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) has been involved.	Ongoing	CBCD and SAHRC
3	Community level politics trying to undermine project outputs	The site personnel have managed to remain neutral in terms of local politics and to focus on the stipulated site objectives	Ongoing	CBCD personnel
4	BirdLife Centre financial deficit and loss of center manager	Additional funds are being sourced from AECID and WOW to employ qualified centre	15/12/2008	BLSA Management Structure

		managers and begin structural upgrade on buildings.		including the council members.
5	Proposed mining for coal and torbonite around Wakkerstroom	The community has to be continuously empowered about their environmental rights and obligations, to continuously fight the proposed mining in court and to source legal support from sister organizations like BirdLife Africa Secretariat, BirdLife International and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	Ongoing	CBCD and PaAD
6	Illegal harvesting of medicinal plants from wetland	All conservation NGO's, CBO's and affected government departments have to address this issue jointly. The involved community members have to be taught correct methods of harvesting and a medicinal plants garden project can be started as an IGA.	30/01/2009	NGO, CBO's, MPTA, DEAT, GSDM, PKLM and medicinal plants harvesters
7	Wetland littering	The Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee (WWMC) has to address this issue in consultation with PKSLM and Mpumalanga Department of Health - Environmental Health Section	30/01/2009	WWRMC and PKLM
8	Illegal harvesting of trees	The community has to be educated about the importance of trees, more trees have to be planted, invasive trees can be used as firewood and the by-laws need to be enforced	Ongoing	DWAF, DEAT, MDH-EHS, WWRMC

2. Project Management

Project management is a critical cross-cutting issue that affects all project components. Please use this section to highlight issues that affect project performance and achievement of expected outcomes, and describe proposed next steps. Please fill-in the following table:

CATEGORY	ISSUES Description of issues affecting project performance during the reporting period	PROPOSED SOLUTIONS Description of decisions / actions to be taken	DEADLINE	PARTY RESPONSIBLE
Recruitment & management of staff and consultants	BLSA's Wakkerstroom Centre manager has resigned as of 1 January 09. This is a critical position; however the above person did not have the skills to manage this centre effectively. He will need to be replaced with the appropriate person/s as soon as possible.	<p>BirdLife South Africa Wakkerstroom Training centre can be used to run Environmental Education Courses, Business Skills Development Courses, Life Skills Training Workshops, accommodation for Bird watchers and other tourists and day visitors.</p> <p>However, up until now the past two centre managers have lacked the skills and capacity to improve the centre to a level of a self sustaining business. This has been partly due to lack of skills and also lack of funds to make structural improvements. Co-funding from AECID has been made available to fund a skilled centre manager/s until June 09, after which it is hoped either more funding is secured or the centre is generating enough funds to support its costs.</p>	30/01/2009	BLSA Management and Council members.
	Hansco Banda is now working closely	Currently the Wakkerstroom demo site		

	<p>with Xolani Ngebenza (funded through AECID) to meet project activities. However, the current work load is still too much for two people and it is necessary to employ a third assistant on a part-time basis to implement specific activities.</p>	<p>is under spent and BLSA therefore proposes that funds under the budget line '<i>Personnel</i>' be made available to employ the current volunteer on a part-time, contractual basis to assist with implementing some of the activities. It is proposed this person spend 10 days a month on the project, at a cost of \$225/month, or \$1125 until end June 2009. By way of the above motivation we request the approval from the PCU for this allocation.</p>		
Finance & administration	None			
Logistics & operations	<p>The BirdLife SA Wakkerstroom centre is structurally run down due to management and funding problems. This has reflected badly on BirdLife's image in Wakkerstroom and with visiting birders. The centre is in need of a serious make over (as described in the annexure 2).</p>	<p>The centre is in need of approximately \$50,000 to renovate the entire centre. However, it is felt that a lot of cosmetic work can be done in the mean time to improve the centre's image and provide a pleasant experience for visitors, and for it to begin earning income. It is estimated that this cosmetic work will cost \$8,000.</p> <p>We believe that with the right manager in place and the beginnings of structural upgrading and renovations, the centre will attract more visitors, contribute towards the tourism potential of Wakkerstroom, and take a real step towards securing further funding to pay for the full structural upgrade needed.</p>	May 09	BLSA, WOW PCU

This will contribute to the WOW objectives in terms of increasing tourism in the area and becoming the tourism hub, creating educational facilities, and a market place for community arts & crafts.

In light of this project's under spend until now, and the urgent need of the Wakkerstroom centre, which is an integral part of this demo project, to operate effectively, by way of this motivation we request permission from the WOW PCU to allow this project to use \$8,000 towards the structural upgrading of the centre. This will be costed to the *'Miscellaneous'* budget line, under *'Activity 1.3. Build, fit & run interpretive centre'* – as these are one in the same, i.e. the interpretive centre would be a part of the larger centre, and *'Activity 3.4. Rub local schools wetland and education programme'* – as the centre would be used for this purpose. Both these budget lines are currently under spent.

We are expecting co-funding (90% confirmed) from the BirdLife German partner NABU of \$35,000 for intensive structural upgrading of the centre.

Reporting & communication	None			
Coordination with project partners	None			
External issues (e.g. difficult access to the project site for political/social/environmental reasons, etc.)	Riots by the local eSizamaleni community over poor service delivery from local government	Continue to try foster constructive relations with the local municipality.	Ongoing	Hansco Banda
Other				

2.2 Project Steering Committee (SC)

Use this section to illustrate whether or not the SC is working effectively to support project implementation. Please fill in the following table:

Date of last SC Meeting	
Proposed Date for next SC Meeting	9 th December 2008
QUESTION	ANSWER
This Report was reviewed and approved by the Project SC	No, this report needed to be handed in to PCU before next SC meeting took place.
The workplan & budget for next six months was reviewed & approved by the Project SC	Yes.
The SC is meeting periodically and providing effective direction/inputs?	Partially. It seems many of the tasks delegated to certain SC members is not being completed and is continually carried forward to the next meeting. BLSA will raise this matter with the chair of the SC.

Please provide updated list of SC Members (list the SC Chairperson first):

Name	Title	Email	Phone
Mpumalanga Parks & Tourism Authority (Jannie Coetzee)	Chairperson	jannie@MTPA.co.za	+27 13 282 8671
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3. Progress / Issues / Proposed Solutions

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Outcome 1 More income from eco-tourism to local communities.			Tourism in Wakkerstroom has increased substantially since 2003 (beds for tourists have increased from 167 to over 310=54% in 5 years). The town has organized its tourism industry through the establishment of a Wakkerstroom Tourism Association (WTA), which currently is functioning efficiently. Wakkerstroom is an Important Bird Area (IBA ZA016) and is recognized as one of South Africa's top birding destinations. BirdLife South Africa's Avi-Tourism Division is developing the Mpumalanga Birding Route where Wakkerstroom features as the southern gate-way.	Previously there were no black members of the WTA. Hansco Banda assisted the WTA to reconstitute itself and ensure membership of all stakeholders. Currently WTA has 10 black members and it is gradually becoming a non racial tourism association. Hansco is working on recruiting more black members to WTA. Currently the WTA is struggling in terms of marketing its activities and products. BLSA has to assist in marketing Wakkerstroom by linking it to its Mpumalanga Birding Route.	
Activity 1.1 Development of infrastructure to provide an improved and more extensive visitor	Ongoing	IP 60% (⬆ 50%)	The BirdLife SA bird hides have been renovated and fitted with information posters. BirdLife is currently applying for permission to create open water in front of the	In order to prevent future fires such as those in 2007 threatening the hides and wetland, fires breaks are now being burnt at the beginning of every winter.	BLSA.

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<i>experience</i>			Flufftail hide to improve the bird watching experience. Birdlife is also busy completing the development of the birding trail along the wetland. This is an informative trail running between the hides, with a picnic site in between. The trail is named after the local tribal chieftain and the picnic site dedicated to a late & prominent farmer.	The degradation and uncertainty around the BLSA Wakkerstroom centre has delayed the development of a proper tourism office and market place there. The centre has been hampered by unskilled management, lack of funds and other resources, and decaying building structures. Even though the WOW funds are available for the tourism office, the rest of the building will detract from the professionalism of this office. BLSA therefore requests that \$8000 of the WOW funds be used to upgrade the centre structures. There is a \$35,000 proposal sitting with NABU (BirdLife German partner) that has been 90% approved. These funds would be co-funding for the renovation of the BLSA centre.	
Activity 1.2 <i>Marketing of the Wakkerstroom site to potential visitors</i>	Ongoing	IP 70% (⬆ 50%)	The site is currently being marketed through the Wakkerstroom Tourism Association's website (www.wakkerstroomt.co.za), BirdLife SA's Travel Division. BirdLife's Avi-Tourism Division is	The WTA has met with BLSA to coordinate marketing efforts for the area.	WTA, Hansco Banda, BLSA Avitourism

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			currently developing a marketing plan for the Mpumalanga Province which will include Wakkerstroom as its gateway to the province. The WTA is in constant contact with BLSA to coordinate the efforts to market Wakkerstroom. The site is also being marketed through www.blsacommunityconservation.org.za		
Activity 1.3 <i>Training of local people as guides.</i>	2009	IP 80% (↑70%)	Thus far six bird guides from the local black community have been trained and are working in the Wakkerstroom area. Three of these guides were trained and funded by the WOW funds, one of which was trained during this reporting period.	It is felt that 6 guides are sufficient for the area at present. This situation will be reassessed at the next training cycle in May 2009.	Hansco Banda, Guide development officer
Activity 1.4 <i>Creation of jobs and businesses for local people.</i>	2009	IP 60% (↑40%)	The local municipality has established a cooperative of small, black owned businesses. BLSA was in the process of negotiating a partnership with the municipality to assist with the development of these businesses but this was derailed due to government politics and the mining issue.	The negotiations with the local municipality have taken longer than expected due to political shuffling and uncertainty around mining in the area. The project has decided to begin working with local interest groups nonetheless so as not to delay the	Hansco Banda, Fair Trade and Tourism, Arts and Crafts Council, Pixley Ka Seme

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			<p>BLSA has employed 20 local people on a temporal basis to eradicate alien invasive plants and the project is ongoing.</p> <p>BLSA has established the Reed & Grass Cutters Ass., which is making and selling reed fences from the wetland, they have generated US\$ 4,000 in the past 6 months.</p> <p>The following IGA's are fully functional with the help of WOW project: (see appendix 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Poultry project (R5,000) ❖ Medicinal plants harvesters ❖ Community Vegetable garden project (R5,000) ❖ Beadwork project (R2,000) ❖ Community Bird Guides ❖ Ubuntu Cultural Dance Group (R10,000) ❖ Grass and reeds project and (R45,000) ❖ Bird carving project (R3,500) <p>The crafts and arts businesses will</p>	<p>activity any longer.</p> <p>Birdlife is in the process of negotiating with the municipality for it to donate a site / land where the tourist shop can be built.</p> <p>In the mean time stalls are being erected at the BirdLife centre for community members to sell their goods. However this will be reliant on attracting large numbers of tourists through the centre, which is reliant on refurbishing and fixing up the buildings and appearance of the centre.</p> <p>BLSA is in the process of negotiating with PKSLM and GSDM for them to donate a site/land where the market stalls can be built in town.</p>	Local Municipality.

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			<p>be displaying goods at the BLSA tourist shop and the town market. This is also currently being negotiated with the local municipality.</p> <p>The crane feeding site has been re-established and the crane carvers have begun producing crane models. These models were successfully used to attract a breeding pair of crowned cranes to the winter feeding site this year. These models will also be sold at the arts & crafts stalls.</p> <p>The vegetable growers are in the process of being trained by the Department of Agriculture and Land Administration. The irrigation system of the community vegetable garden project is being developed by BLSA, ESKOM and DALA</p>		
Outcome 2 Significant increases in education and awareness of the local community and		Ongoing	BirdLife's main thrust here is awareness work with farm labourers, environmental education	.	Hansco Banda, Indwe

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tourists.			with local school learners, and awareness material available at key locations for tourists. Birdlife has started with the environmental activities which include wetland and bird conservation issues. Learners, educators and youth in general have been involved. Soon the farm workers will be the part of the process. Wakkerstroom celebrated the World Migratory Birds Day successfully incorporating wetland education, bird conservation and importance of avi-tourism.		environmental club, SACWG and Wakkerstroom Agricultural Union
Activity 2.1 <i>Improve availability of education material in bird hides, interpretive centre and information centre.</i>	April 2008	IP 60% (-60%)	Posters and other resource materials have been placed in the hides and further information material shall be fitted. Some of the posters have been stolen from the hides shortly after school visits. This however is seen as a good indication as it means children are interested in the material and most likely taking these posters home, where they will be used for further education. Permanent frames have to be mounted to secure the		Hansco Banda, WNHA, WBC, PKSLM

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			posters. Hansco has also secured a corner in the Wakkerstroom library to display information about the wings over wetland programme. The interpretive centre is currently being designed and constructed in the previous front office at the BLSA centre.		
Activity 2.2 <i>Implement a Crane Outreach Programme for local school children and farm-workers.</i>	Ongoing	IP 70% (-70%)	The local farmer outreach programme has been successfully implemented in Wakkerstroom by the Endangered Wildlife Trust's (EWT) South African Crane Working Group (SACWG). This group targets farm owners. BirdLife SA (BLSA) and EWT have now partnered to take an outreach programme in the Zulu language to farm workers and farm schools. This programme began in July 2007 and ended in December 2007. The farmers outreach programme in partnership with E.W.T. shall recommence in February 2009 dependant on	Hansco will use Xolani and a volunteer to assist with this activity.	Hansco Banda and Glen Ramke (EWT), Wakkerstroom Farmers Union

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			whether more human capacity can be secured in the project team (see section 2.)		
<i>Activity 2.3 Run local schools wetland and education programmes.</i>	Ongoing	IP80% (⬆60%)	<p>Hansco Banda and BLSA's Environmental Education manager Joe Peu conducted a training workshop in April 2008 with local teachers to train them in the Wildlife and Environmental Society of SA's Eco-Schools programme, to be implemented EE in local schools.</p> <p>Hansco also established BirdLife Members and eco-clubs in the local schools.</p> <p>Hansco has formed a partnership with TLT Environmental Project which educates communities about the importance of wetlands. Hansco will be doing schools wetland education programmes with them from August 2008.</p> <p>Hansco has run two school workshops for learners and teachers at the BLSA Wakkerstroom centre. The</p>	Hansco will use Xolani and Madla (volunteer) for extra capacity in the education activities.	Hansco Banda & Joe Peu, TLT Environmental Project

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			workshop covered practical and theoretical aspects of wetland ecosystems.		
Outcome 3 The numbers and diversity of waterbirds, including AEWA listed species, and other grassland birds, including blue and crowned cranes, occurring on and breeding at Wakkerstroom is stable or increases.			The newly established Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee will be responsible for implementing this monitoring.		Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee. e. Hansco Banda
Activity 3.1 <i>Establish a waterbirds monitoring system to enable evaluation of the success of habitat improvement measures.</i>	Ongoing	IP 40% (↑30%)	Not initiated yet due to delays from the conservation division. Neil Smith, who is BLSA's conservation manager, and Hansco will train the locals in January 2009.	The monitoring system is to be incorporated into Mpumalanga Parks and Tourism Agency's (MTPA) Wakkerstroom wetland management plan, being implemented by the Wakkerstroom Wetlands Management Committee. Wakkerstroom will establish a	Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee.

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				monitoring programme using the IBA monitoring structure and standardise it with WOW requirements.	
Activity 3.2 <i>Management of habitats to maximize biodiversity.</i>	Ongoing	IP 60% (↑40%)	<p>The Mpumalanga Parks and Tourism Agency's (MTPA) Wakkerstroom wetland management plan is being implemented as the management plan for the Wakkerstroom wetland.</p> <p>BLSA successfully catalysed the Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee in September 2007. This committee consists of 11 stakeholder groups representing local government, local government conservation agency, conservation NGOs, local tourism and conservation associations and resource user groups.</p> <p>Currently the Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee has finalized its Terms of Reference and MTPA is leading</p>		MTPA, Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee.

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			<p>that process. The ToR clearly explains the mandate of the committee.</p> <p>The Wakkerstroom Wetland Resource Users shall submit their resource management plans by February 2009 so that they will be accommodated in the broader Wakkerstroom Wetland Reserve Management Plan and to mitigate their impact on the wetland's ecosystem functioning.</p> <p>BLSA is busy applying for permission to create open water in front of one of the bird hides, which will attract more bird species to the area.</p>		
Activity 3.3 <i>Creation of island and floating platforms as waterbird breeding site.</i>		NA	The practical and conservation legitimacy of this activity is currently being evaluated by the wetland management committee. The main thought is that a breeding island may not enhance the numbers of key bird species, and may require intensive management into the		

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Activity 3.4 <i>Develop a secure wintering feeding site for Blue and Grey Crowned Cranes.</i>	July 2008	IP 80% (↑40%)	future. In 2006 a winter feeding site for cranes was developed in front of the 'Crane Bird Hide'. Reportedly not many cranes frequented the site, however many other seed eating birds did use the site. Hansco has commissioned a local sculpture to make 4 crane decoys. Hansco and Indwe Environment Club set up a crane feeding site next the Crane Hide. Two pairs of Crowned Cranes and two chicks used the site next to the Crane Hide during the 2008 winter season.	Historically cranes did not frequent this feeding site, however no decoys were used. In the winter of 2008 this site was re-established, using crane decoys, and carefully monitored. The site was successful and will be used again in 2009.	Hansco Banda, local sculptor.
Activity 3.5 <i>Maintenance of site character and value for ecotourism</i>	Ongoing	IP 70% (↑60%)	Currently the Working for Wetlands programme, run by the South African National Biodiversity Institute, is removing alien invasive plants from the wetland and reclaiming and controlling erosion. The Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee is		Working for Wetlands, Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee, Indwe Environment Club, AmaDlangampi

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			responsible for the overall management decisions. Implementation is a joint effort by the multiple stakeholders. Hansco and Xolani have completed erecting 5 information pillars along the walking trail from the training centre via the Fluff tail hide to the Crane hide and back to the training centre. Hansco has reached an agreement about the naming of the walking trail with the local Swazi chief. Mr. Chris Smit – a local historian shall be engaged in collecting the information about the history of the village including the wetland in Wakkerstroom.		si Tribal Authority
Outcome 4 Effective dissemination of project findings and lessons learnt.					
Activity 4.1 Document and make available information on projects	Ongoing	IP 85% (↑70%)	The WOW technical team visited the site in April 2007, during which time they presented the project to		

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			the Wakkerstroom community. The project coordinator is also constantly meeting with community members and is an active member of all the local associations. The project site is also generating its newsletter in English and Zulu every two months. The project has developed a new interactive website that is busy being finalized www.blsacommunityconservation.org.za . The project was presented at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WOW project team meeting – February 2008 via presentation. • The Convention on Biological Diversity conference in Germany – May 2008 via presentation & poster • The WWF Community Based Enterprises workshop in Namibia – June 2008 via presentation • The BirdLife International World Conference in Argentina – October 2008 via poster 		

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Outcome 5 Smooth project execution and evaluation of success.					
Activity 5.1 <i>Creation of project team and steering committee.</i>		100%	The project steering committee is essentially the Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee, est. in October 2007.		
Activity 5.2 <i>Supervision and financial administration of implementation.</i>		100%	The project is implemented and administered by BirdLife SA, a BirdLife International Partner. BLSA is a registered Not for Profit organisation, audited by independent auditors.		
Activity 5.3 <i>Reporting.</i>		100%	The project management tiers are as follows: Mark Anderson: BLSA Director Daniel Marnewick: Community Based Conservation Division Manager Hansco Banda: Project site manager: Wakkerstroom.		

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			Xolani Ngobeza: Project site assistant: Wakkerstroom. The project site assistant reports to the project site manager who in turn reports to the Division/programme manager who in turn reports to the Director, who in turn reports to the BLSA Council. Project and Division reports are written every two months for the council meeting. These reports along with the newsletters are sent to the WOW technical team.		

4. Funds Disbursement

4.1 Disbursement of GEF Funds

Report on the status of GEF Funds managed under this Agreement with UNOPS.

Total Budget approved for the provision of technical services: 248,000\$

Funds advanced by UNOPS to date: 31,708\$ + 60,791\$ = 92,499\$

Opening balance this reporting period: \$52,587

Total expenditure this reporting period: \$39,042 (June-October 2008) *Note: November 2008 will be reported on in the next report. It is expected that ±\$4000 will be spent in November 08.*

Funds requested (as per disbursement schedule): \$52,200

Balance (if applicable):

Certified by (Project Manager: _____)

General Category of Expenditure	Total budget	Total expenditure to date	Total budget balance	Opening balance this reporting period	Last payment received	Expenditure in reporting period	Balance at end of reporting period Oct 08
Personnel	90000	40170	49830	11909	0	18482	-6573
Equipment	49000	5329	43671	14483	0	1536	12947
Subcontracts	0	0	0	0	0		0
Workshops and training	39000	13278	25722	8996	0	7726	1270
Travel	30000	6626	23374	7237	0	2673	4564
Executing agency support overhead	12000	5805	6195	1071	0	2399	-1328
Monitoring and Evaluation	2000	0	2000	741	0		741
Miscellaneous	26000	7746	18254	8150	0	6226	1924
Total	248000	78954	169046	52587	0	39042	13545

4.2 Status of co-financing

Please report on the status of funds received by other donors and partners as co-financing for this project using the following table.

Sources of co-financing	Total funds committed (cash)	Total in-kind contribution	Total co-financing (cash + in-kind)	Total received to date	Balance
BirdLife SA		2006-2009: 85,000	2006-2009: 85,000	2006-2008: 50,000	2009:35,000
Ekgangala Grasslands Trust		200,000	200,000	200,000	0
SA Crane Working Group		15,950	15,950	15,950	0
Darwin Initiative, UK DEFRA	2006-2009: 82,345		2006-2009: 82,345	2006-2008: 56,863	2008/09: 25,482
totals	82,345	300,950	383,295	322,813	60,482
List any additional sources of co-financing mobilized during project implementation					
Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AECID), “Improving livelihoods and policy making through sustainable use of biodiversity resources”	2008-2009: 51,288		2008-2009: 51,288	17,756	33,532
totals	51,288		51,288	17,756	33,532
TOTAL	US\$133,633	US\$300,950	US\$434,583	US\$340,569	US\$94,014

5. Performance Evaluation

5.1 Logical framework

When preparing the first progress report, please review the logical framework table below, and fill in the description of “Baseline situation”. In subsequent reports you may just update the column: “status as of..”. The Baseline situation should be described making reference to the indicators selected during project design.

Intervention logic.	Indicators of performance and targets	Means of verification.	Baseline	Status as of November 2008	Risks and assumptions.
Development objective: Conservation and sustainable use of the Wakkerstroom Wetland critical site for migratory waterbirds					

<p>Immediate Objective:</p> <p>1 - improved and community-managed tourism facilities</p> <p>2 – improved and community-managed educational facilities</p> <p>3 – improved habitats for AEWA and other waterbirds/improved habitat and protection status for Blue and Crowned cranes.</p> <p>4 – lessons learnt are disseminated</p>	<p>A 10% improvement in the biodiversity (numbers of waterbirds, species diversity) of the Wakkerstroom Wetland by project end.</p> <p>Evidence of direct economic benefits flowing to all sections of the local community with an increasing trend during project implementation.</p>	<p>Revised wetland management guidelines and management reports.</p> <p>Wakkerstroom wetland waterbirds survey reports (current existing ongoing monitoring project).</p> <p>Financial and other statements of community members benefiting. Jobs created.</p> <p>Progress Reports</p>	<p>Currently only the Bee-Hive and Grass & Reeds projects run by the local municipality.</p> <p>Originally no community-managed educational facilities.</p> <p>Habitat was managed by WNHA and BLSA on behalf of MTPA.</p> <p>Lessons previously not disseminated.</p>	<p>BLSA brokering a partnership with local municipality to co-manage the Bee-Hive and Grass & Reeds projects.</p> <p>Seven (7) small community-owned businesses have been established, earning \$7000 in 2008.</p> <p>Two local schools became members of BLSA. Indwe environmental club established by community youth.</p> <p>Three resource user groups are organized and constituted, and through membership to the wetland management committee, reducing their impact on their wetland.</p> <p>Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee established consisting of multiple stakeholders.</p> <p>Lessons and experience disseminated through local and CBCD newsletters, local newspaper and articles in African Birds & Birding.</p>	<p>Economic and political sustainability in South Africa.</p> <p>BirdLife South Africa's Wakkerstroom Programme remains viable.</p>
<p>Outcomes:</p>					

<p>1. More income from eco-tourism to local communities.</p>	<p>Evidence of an increasing trend in the number of tourists to the wetland, over the project period.</p> <p>Development of four new, locally run ecotourism enterprises as a result of this project.</p> <p>An increase of 25% in the local income derived from tourism flowing to local communities compared to pre-project situation.</p>	<p>Records of Wakkerstroom centre. Tourism authority reports.</p> <p>Wakkerstroom financial and written reports.</p> <p>Local business registry (chamber of commerce?).</p> <p>Financial reports of local community enterprises. WOW demo project progress reports. Project reports of other projects in the area, i.e.: Working for Wetlands, SACWAG, and Guide-training.</p>	<p>Start of 2007: 270 beds for tourists.</p> <p>3 bird guides trained</p> <p>None.</p> <p>No income flow to communities.</p>	<p>End of 2008: 310 beds for tourists =54% increase in 5 years.</p> <p>3 bird guides trained total=6</p> <p>Currently Grass & Reed Cutters earned US\$4500 in 6 months. In total seven (7) small community owned businesses have been established, earning \$7000 in 2008.</p> <p>BLSA have employed 20 casual laborers from the community members for work around the tourism center and bird hides.</p>	<p>The current global recession has caused a slight slump in the number of tourists visiting South Africa. Local tourism has also declined due to increased living costs. If South Africa is further affected by the global recession it may seriously hamper local tourism.</p> <p>External environmental (i.e. fire, floods, etc.) factors do not negatively affect the wetlands and its visitor infrastructure.</p> <p>Black racial concerns are Gradually integrated into greater Wakkerstroom development plan due to racial tensions.</p>
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<p>2. Significant increases in education and awareness of the local community and tourists.</p>	<p>Numbers of tourists and educational groups visiting the hides and interpretive center increases by 50% compared to visits by the same in the year prior to completion, with a subsequent increasing trend.</p>	<p>Records of Wakkerstroom centre, hides and interpretative center visitor reports. Tourism authority reports. WOW Demo project progress reports.</p>	<p>No visitor records kept. No education of tourists or schools children. Only SACWG conducting crane awareness with local farmers.</p>	<p>Records and interpretive materials have been designed for the bird hides, interpretive center and Birdlife wetland center. At this stage BLSA know how many visitors have stayed at the centre over night, but not how many day visitors we have had. We are still developing the method for keeping these visitor numbers. Our main stumbling block has been poor centre management and lack of resources. The current centre manager has now resigned and we plan to bring in a management couple with the proper experience, including visitor management. The Wakkerstroom Tourism Assoc. has also gone through a restructuring phase and only middle of this year have they started up again and managing their membership. BLSA is assisting them to manage tourism data. Environmental education in schools began. Indwe youth environmental group established.</p>	
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<p>3. The numbers and diversity of waterbirds, including AEWA listed species, and other grassland birds, including blue and crowned cranes, occurring on and breeding at Wakkerstroom is stable or increases.</p>	<p>Stable (or increasing) numbers of waterbirds.</p> <p>At least 80 cranes regularly use the feeding site by the end of the project (currently 4 cranes).</p>	<p>Annual waterbirds counts in Wakkerstroom.</p> <p>Breeding records.</p> <p>Reports on biodiversity.</p> <p>Crane counts from BLSA centre.</p> <p>SACWAG crane programme reports.</p>	<p>An old wetland management plan from 1997 was being used. This plan was implemented by Wakkerstroom Natural Heritage Association and BLSA.</p> <p>No wetland water bird monitoring programme in place.</p> <p>Crane numbers at wetland not recorded.</p>	<p>A new wetland management plan has been developed and approved and is implemented by the Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee.</p> <p>The Crane Working Group has been increasing crane numbers in the area, through education, farmer outreach, and monitoring. BLSA has partnered with this project to deliver crane awareness to farm laborers in their mother tongue.</p> <p>The crane winter feeding site was developed in May 08 and is being frequented by a pair of Crowned cranes and their chicks.</p> <p>A formal Wakkerstroom waterbird monitoring programme has been delayed due to BLSA's conservation manager not delivering the required training, and the Wakkerstroom bird club not supporting the process. This training will now take place in February 2009. The Waterbirds in the area have however been monitored via other processes such as the Bird Atlas and other bird counts.</p>	<p>Behavioral or ecological factors do not prevent cranes from using the site.</p> <p>Ongoing good relations with South African Crane Working Group.</p>
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<p>4. Effective dissemination of project findings and lessons learnt</p>	<p>Number of requests for relevant information / publication(s) increases by 20% compared to the year before project implementation.</p> <p>Visitors to the demo project website.</p>	<p>Records of Wakkerstroom centre. Tourism Authority reports. Web-site statistics, copies of publication distributed/sold.</p> <p>Surveys of opinions before and after.</p> <p>Web-site statistics and/or printed materials.</p>	<p>Information not properly sourced, organized or disseminated.</p>	<p>Tourism information to be gathered and disseminated through Wakkerstroom Tourism Authority.</p> <p>Project information and lessons being published through the projects newsletters and articles in the local newspaper and African Birds & Birding.</p>	<p>Wakkerstroom Tourism Authority is not able to resolve racial differences and represent all races in community.</p>
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5.2 Protected Areas Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool

QUESTION	ANSWER
Was the PAMETT performed for the Wakkerstroom protected area?	Yes
Date of first PAMETT:	25 th April 2007
PAMETT performed by:	Daniel Marnewick (BLSA), and Anton Lindstrom & Jannie Coetzee (MTPA)

5.3 Project Impact

QUESTION	ANSWER
STAKEHOLDERS	
# of NGO staff involved in this project	3
# of Government Staff involved in this project	20
# of Volunteers involved in this project	32
# of Government staff involved in Flyways issues (AEWA in particular)	5
TARGET BENEFICIARIES	
# of beneficiaries involved in this project	Local youth = 40 Educators = 10 Schools Eco-Clubs = 260 learners Temporal employment = 50 TOTAL = 413
# of people involved in project workshops	50 IGA members + 170 learners + 20 educators = 240
# of people trained under this project	240
COMMUNICATION ISSUES	

# of press articles featuring the project and/or related issues	2
# of TV/radio programmes featuring the project and/or related issues	2
# of publications produced under this project	4
Estimated # of people reached by project communication efforts	4,500,000

6. Key Lessons Learned

Please report on any lessons learned during project preparation and implementation. Please focus on issues that may (a) help in the design of future projects, and/or (b) help in improving performance of the WOW project, and (c) contribute to best practice in wetlands management and conservation of migratory waterbirds.

6. Key Lessons Learned

- ❖ Media is critical in terms of informing the people about policy and advocacy matters.
- ❖ Written media, publicity and information brochures need to be produced in the local language, especially in circumstances of low literacy.
- ❖ Involving communities in biodiversity monitoring is a useful tool for gaining they buy into conservation.
- ❖ Sustainability of IGA's depends on proper selection of its members, market research, project planning, capacity building and implementation.
- ❖ Partnerships and collaboration with NGO's, CBO's and government departments in all levels is crucial.
- ❖ Capacity building is important in linking biodiversity to livelihoods.
- ❖ Youth and woman involvement is vital in ensuring project sustainability.
- ❖ Managing peoples' expectations is key to the success of a project.
- ❖ Awareness raising should be focused on ecosystem services that are provided by the environment.
- ❖ Need to be pro-active in policy processes.

7. Workplan for the Next Semi-annual Period

7.1 Updated overall project workplan

Please update the overall project workplan, to reflect the actual start date and status of project activities.

ACTIVITY	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4
	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7
Activity 1.1.1. Develop an interpretive trail between the hides							
Activity 1.1.2. Development artificial wetland & photographic hide							
Activity 1.1.3. Enhance existing hide with displays and features							
Activity 1.1.4. Build, fit and run interpretative centre.							
Activity 1.2.1. Develop and implement marketing plan.							
Activity 1.2.2. Develop regional birding map.							
Activity 1.3. Train 10 local guides in birding and wetlands.							
Activity 1.4.1. Build and run shop for local arts and crafts.							
Activity 1.4.2. Develop arts and crafts industry to supply shop.							
Activity 1.4.3. Develop crane-carving industry.							
Activity 1.4.4. Develop vegetable garden.							
Activity 2.1. Improve availability of education material in bird hides, interpretive centre and information centre.							
Activity 2.2. Implement crane outreach programme for local farm workers.							
Activity 2.3. Run local schools wetland and education programmes.							
Activity 3.1. Develop waterbird monitoring system.							
Activity 3.2. Management of habitats to maximize biodiversity							

Activity 3.3. Creation of island and floating platforms as waterbird breeding site.							
Activity 3.4.1. Develop crane feeding site to attract wintering cranes.							
Activity 3.4.2. Produce wooden decoy cranes to attract cranes							
Activity 3.5. Rehabilitate erosion damage.							
Activity 4.1. Document and make available information on projects							
Activity 5.1. Creation of project team and steering committee.							
Activity 5.2. Supervision and financial administration of implementation.							
Activity 5.3. Reporting							

7.2 Workplan for next six months

Please provide a detailed workplan for the coming six months period. You may add rows under each planned activity, do reflect any sub-activity that may be envisaged.

PLANNED ACTIVITY	Period <insert dates of next reporting period>					
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6
Activity 1.1.1. Develop an interpretive trail between the hides						
Activity 1.1.2. Develop artificial wetland & photographic hide						
Activity 1.1.3. Enhance existing hide with displays and features						
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Activity 4.1. Document and make available information on projects						
Activity 5.1. Creation of project team and steering committee.						
Activity 5.2. Supervision and financial administration of implementation.						
Activity 5.3. Reporting						

ANNEXES

In each report, please include the following information in the annexes:

- ✓ List of workshops (title, date, location, # of participants) held in the period covered by this report
- ✓ List of technical reports produced in the period covered by this report
- ✓ List of media communication (TV/radio/press) released in the period covered by this report
- ✓ List of publications produced in the period covered by this report
- ✓ Updated inventory of equipment purchased with project funds (please use the table provided – double-click on the file icon below, insert items, and then “save” the file)



inventory

Please send by email to the PCU:

- ✓ 1 photograph of the project team as a group, and passport size photo of project manager (if not already submitted)
- ✓ Photographs representing main aspects of project work, and illustrating project impact (i.e. of workshops, field research, education and awareness, ecotourism, volunteer groups. Please take pictures illustrating the impact of the project, i.e. of the situation “before”, “during” and “after” the project)
- ✓ general photographs illustrating the environment of the site
- ✓ Soft copy of technical reports produced by project
- ✓ Soft copy of workshop reports

Please keep records of (for later review/consultation by the PCU)

- ✓ Financial records (invoices, receipts) of all expenditure incurred with project funds
- ✓ Hard copy of press articles and publications produced by the project
- ✓ Copy of TV/radio programs

Annex 1: Inventory of Outputs/Services

a) Meetings

No	Meeting Type ⁴	Title	Venue	Dates	Convened by	Organized by	# of Participants	Report issued as doc no	Language	Dated
1.	Open	Wetland management	BirdLife S.A. Centre	03/06/2008, 05/08/2008, 07/10/2008/ and 09/12/2008	CBCD of BLSA	Hansco Banda	20	Refer to the minutes of the meetings	English	Refer to the dates reflected on the minutes of the meetings
2.	Close	Tourism development	Wakkerstroom Country Inn	12/06/2008, 10/07/2008, 14/08/2008, 11/09/2008, 13/11/2008	WTA	Lynn Warner	22	Refer to the minutes of the WTA meetings	English	Refer to the dates as reflected on the minutes of the

⁴ Meeting types (Inter-governmental Meeting, Expert Group Meeting, Training Workshop/Seminar, Other)

				and 14/12/ 2008						meetings
3.	Close	Discussing environmental health matters affecting Wakkers troom area Department of Health – Environmental Health Practitioner.	Volksrust and Wakkerstroom BLSA centre	13/11/2008 and 18/11/2008	CBCD of BLSA	Hansco Banda, Xolani Ngobese and Mandla Dladla	7	Refer to the minutes of the meeting.	Zulu and English	Refer to the dates as reflected on the minutes

b) Printed Materials

No	Type ⁵	Title	Author(s)/Editor(s)	Publisher	Symbol	Publication Date	Distribution List Attached Yes/No
1.							

⁵ Material types (Report to Inter-governmental Meeting, Technical Publication, Technical Report, Other)

2.							
3.							

c) Media coverage

No	Description	Date
1.	CBCD website - introducing Chief Shabalala who is supporting the local conservation initiatives. www.blsacommunityconservation.org.za	September 2008
2.	Africa Magic Channel – Hansco was broadcasted informing the public about the WOW project and the importance of Wakkerstroom as an IBA.	18/08/2008
3.	NCR – Hansco was featured on a phone-in programme where he was introducing bird conservation issues to the public.	11/10/2008

d) Technical Cooperation with relevant parallel initiatives

No	Type ⁶	Purpose	Venue	Duration	Additional information for Grants and Fellowships ONLY		
					Beneficiaries	Countries/Nationalities	Cost (in US\$)
1.	Forum	Sharing of lessons learnt on SwedBio Projects	Kenya - Nairobi	5 days	BLSA, Nature Kenya, BirdLife Africa Secretariat, BirdLife Botswana, European Union	South Africa, Botswana, Kenya, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Sweden, Zimbabwe and Malawi	20 000
2.	Forum	WOW exchange programme	Tanzania – Dar Es Salaam	6 days	BLSA, Nature Tanzania and Nigeria Wildlife Society, Africa Secretariat,	South Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, Nigeria, England and Holland	30 000

⁶ Technical Cooperation Type (Grants and Fellowships, Advisory Services, Staff Mission, Others)

					BirdLife International and WOW P.S.C.		
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e) Other Outputs/Services (e.g. Networking, Query-response, Participation in meetings etc.)

No	Description	Date
1.	Department of Safety and Security – plannery about the tourism safety	11/09/2008
2.	Meeting with a Beehive Manager discussing about marketing IGA’s products in Wakkerstroom	03/11/2008
3.	Meeting with WWF – Enkangala Grassland Project and DALA to discuss involvement of Community Property Associations’ on grazing issues.	27/10/2008