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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
CAR	Coordinated Avifaunal Road counts
CWAC	Coordinated Waterbird Counts
DALA	Department of Agriculture and Land Administration
DMC	Delta Mining Cooperation
DWAF	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
ESKOM	Electricity Supply Commission
EWT	Endangered Wildlife Trust
IEC	Indwe Environment Club
MTPA	Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Authority
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
PKSLM	Pixley ka Seme Local Municipality
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
SACWG	South African Crane Working Group
SANBI	South African National Biodiversity Institute
SAPS	South African Police Services
SMME	Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises
UTDA	Uthaka Tourism Development Association
WLEPA	Wakkerstroom – Luneburg Environmental Protection Association
WFU	Wakkerstroom Farmers Union
WOW	Wings over Wetlands
WMBD	World Migratory Birds Day
WNHA	Wakkerstroom Natural Heritage Association
WTA	Wakkerstroom Tourism Association
WWFSA	World Wide Fund for Nature, South Africa
WWRMC	Wakkerstroom Wetland Reserve Management Committee
ULOA	Uthaka Livestock Owners Association

1. Executive Summary

The project is in its final stage. This has been a busy and successful period for the project in many respects. Firstly, the final WOW PCU Steering Committee meeting took place at the BirdLife South Africa Wakkerstroom Centre from 7-12 March 2010. Much time in the two months leading up to the meeting was spent on its organisation. This meeting was a huge success and enjoyed by all. The meeting was then followed with the BirdLife Wakkerstroom Centre hosting the BirdLife South Africa Annual General Meeting, hosting some 120 guests. Both these events have contributed to marketing the BirdLife centre and Wakkerstroom on the whole, as well as financial support to the centre and the community businesses (IGA included).

The project has also managed to successfully complete many of the demo project activities. This was thanks to hard work by the site and project managers. The biggest achievements are the renovations to the BirdLife centre, improved visitor facilities, better support to community projects and co-ordinated tourism marketing for Wakkerstroom. There is also improved waterbird monitoring in the area and habitat management around the BirdLife centre. Wetland management of the entire catchment is not as advanced yet (even though the structures and proposed management plan exist) mainly due to poor support from the local municipality.

The period after the above mentioned meetings was spent on providing environmental education to local schools, bird counts and stakeholder meetings. The WOW evaluation consultant also spent 4 additional days at the demo site evaluating the project. The remaining couple of months will be spent wrapping up project activities.

Support from the WOW PCU has been very good and a huge help towards achieving this WOW project's goals.

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	<p>There are plans to erect a coal fired power station on Kangra land, 3 km east of Driefontein, 40km east of Piet Retief, on the banks on the Heyshope Dam on the farm Driefontein, to supply electricity to the national grid.</p> <p>In response to this development and from the previous mining battle, the following actions have been taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional route, section 49 of Act 28 of 2002 from the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, is presently being pursued to effectively sterilize mineral rights in a broader area. This is still in its early stages. • The Protected Environment proclamation is almost complete. This proclamation is for the original area threatened by mining and the MEC has signed off for it to be advertised, effectively it is 2 - 3 months away from being gazetted before it is proclaimed. After the proclamation, approximately 24000 hectares of land will be safe from mining for now. • Concerns and objections regarding the erection of the coal fired power station were lodged last year. The letter received from GCS (PTY) LTD is to inform us that the project is on hold pending a contract/letter from Eskom and NERSA which has not been forthcoming. • Recommendation has been made for all to lodge any further objections with the consultancy and to ensure that the objections are based on sound arguments about the negative impacts such a coal powered station would have on the area and environment. Although the proposed station is located far from Wakkerstroom, it will certainly have an impact on the Heyshope Dam water supply and increase the demand for local coal supplies thus threatening more land that might be mined to extract it.
2	<p>Environmental education / water bird monitoring system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2nd of February 2010 brought 125 learners and 12 educators to the centre to celebrate World Wetlands Day. Foundation phase learners (grade R-3) have produced bird cut outs that carried environmental messages particularly focussed on wetlands. Intermediate phase learners (grade 4-6) went out with Lucky, Andre and Mandla to complete a basic biodiversity audit on the BirdLife South Africa property, wetland and grassland included. Senior phase learners (grade 7-9) presented posters reflecting the services we receive and use from wetlands. The FET phase (grade 10-12) gave oral presentations on wetland biodiversity and wetlands as a resource. The afternoon brought community members and resource users to the centre where three presentations were given by Andre and Kristi covering the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wetlands as a resource and sustainable use thereof 2. Climate change and sustainable living 3. Biodiversity in Wetlands

- On the 6th February 2010 the first Mpumalanga Environmental Education Learners Forum was held at the centre with 25 learners and 5 educators. The aim of the forum was:
 1. For the learners to have a positive experience in the natural environment that is so integral in our lives
 2. To gain environmental knowledge and skills that are intertwined with the National Curriculum Statements
 3. For the learners to investigate processes which allow and value the learner’s own descriptions and hypothesis of what has been learnt or has taken place
 4. To allow exploration and interest in the natural environment through activities which assist in gaining a better understanding of the environment, acquiring lifelong skills, encouraging outdoor lessons and opening new avenues of the natural environment itself.

A committee of learners was elected. This committee will meet on a quarterly basis to discuss environmental issues relating to their communities and to brain storm solutions or actions to take to minimise our impact on our natural environment. This information will then be disseminated to the broader school body and local community on their return. The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 2010.

- The Indwe Environmental Club will be involved in the first South African Butterfly census on the 24th April 2010 on the BirdLife South Africa property. The aim of the census is to identify and count the butterflies found in our area which will feed into a national database. Not only will this information assist in understanding the impacts of land use but also the affect of climate change on this particular group of insects.
- World Migratory Bird Day will be celebrated in Wakkerstroom over the weekend of the 7th – 9th May 2010. The event will be opened with a Migratory Masquerade Dinner where attendees will make a mask depicting a migratory bird. The 8th May has been set aside for learners to participate in a basic bird identification course as well as a Global Journeys Game. This game has been adapted from the Migration Game developed last year by Renske den Exter to include more information and activities surrounding the migration of birds across our globe. .

3 Centre up grade

- Since the last report, the following facilities have been upgraded:
 1. Painting of the training centre and kitchen block
 2. Painting of the guest suites and veranda
 3. Repair to the Flufftail Hide

4 IGAs

- Involvement in the Wakkerstroom Tourism Association’s Easter Market (3rd April 2010).
- Ubunye Beading Project will be moving into their workshop at the Bee-Hive during the week of 26th – 30th April 2010.

5 Veld fire management procedure and control equipment are now in place and we are planning to start the fire-breaks for the 2010 winter within the month of June.

6. Environmental Education and outreach programmes

- Development of a Bird working schedule (interlinked curriculum based lesson plans)
- Formalization of outreach programme with four schools to include action taking projects within their school premises. A workshop is planned for the 28th April to report back on the implemented programmes.
- Mandla, Thuli and Lucky will be attending an Environmental Educators Course from the

24th – 28th May at the WESSA Twinstreams Education Centre in Mtunzini, KZN. This is an accredited course that covers:

- Networking in order to source information and support around a key environmental issue
- Review a variety of approaches to learning, teaching and evaluation
- Demonstrate knowledge of environmental education goals, principles and methods and their approaches in different contexts.

1.2 Key issues & proposed solutions

#	Issue	Proposed Solution	Deadline	Party Responsible
1	Future funding for BirdLife Wakkerstroom Centre needs to be secured. BirdLife needs to maintain a presence in Wakkerstroom, and especially needs to continue providing support to the community IGAs for at least another 12 months.	Funding proposals are being submitted to continue the education, centre development and IGA work BirdLife is currently involved with. Thus far proposals have been sent to National Lotteries and we are working on a proposal for the Mohammed Bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund.	Ongoing	Daniel Marnewick, Andre Steenkamp, Kristi Garland
2	Language barrier with community groups	Mandla Tidwell has continued working with community groups to ensure the message given is not lost in translation.	Ongoing	Andre Steenkamp and Kristi Garland
3	Overgrazing issue in the grazing camps on and next to the wetland.	A grazing management plan has been drawn up but is still awaiting the approval from Pixley kaSeme Municipal Office. Once this is signed off, awareness and education activities are necessary to engage the livestock owners about the ecological impact of overgrazing and species utilisation of the wetland area. There has been an increase in the number of goats being grazed in the Wetland.	Ongoing	BLSA, DALA, WWRMC, ULOA and PKLM
4	Lack of Municipal buy in and communications	At present our local municipality is under administration and hence continued communication with municipal and provincial offices and departments is necessary to ensure that documents and strategies are reviewed and signed off on.	Ongoing	BLSA, WWRMC, WNHA, WTA, Wakkerstroom Task Team

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	Andre Steenkamp and Kristi Garland's work descriptions encompass project management of the WOW project. No problems to report.	NA		
Finance & administration	Finance and administration are managed through BLSA structures. No issues related to this.	NA		
Logistics & operations	The project site coordinators and site assistant all operate from the BLSA premises in Wakkerstroom. Community members are mainly employed to work on tasks that need manual labour e.g. invasive alien plants eradication, hides maintenance etc.	NA		
Reporting & communication	The project coordinators reports to the Division Manager. Monthly objectives are set and used to evaluated outcomes against the annual objectives. Day to day issues is dealt with through weekly telephonic communications. The site coordinators and site assistant work together on a daily basis. The site coordinators develop and monitor the	NA		

	assistant's monthly objectives.			
Coordination with project partners	<p>BLSA successfully catalysed the Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee in September 2007. The biggest challenge for this committee is integrating the concerns of all stakeholders into wetland management plans, especially those concerns of the previously marginalised black community.</p> <p>The mining issue has catalysed the three large conservation NGOs namely BLSA, WWF-SA and Botanical Society of South Africa (BotSoc), to form a tri-partied alliance to ensure the conservation of the eastern grasslands.</p> <p>BirdLife SA is also developing a joint crane monitoring programme with Endangered Wildlife Trust.</p>			
External issues (e.g. difficult access to the project site for political/social/environmental reasons, etc.)	None			
Other	None			

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	5 th May, 4 th Aug, 3 rd Nov 2010
QUESTION	ANSWER
This Report was reviewed and approved by the Project SC	Yes
The workplan & budget for next two months was reviewed & approved by the Project SC	No. The committee did not submit comments in time or meet in time to review the report. However it was reviewed and approved by the implementation staff in Wakkerstroom.
The SC is meeting periodically and providing effective direction/inputs?	Yes

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

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3. Progress / Issues / Proposed Solutions

OUTCOMES & ACTIVITIES Output/Service (as listed in Annex A of Memorandum of Agreement)	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS NA: Not scheduled for current reporting period IP: In progress (state % completed) C: Completed	PROGRESS Description of progress & achievements during the reporting period	ISSUES & PROPOSED SOLUTIONS Description of problems encountered; issues that need to be addressed; decisions / actions to be taken	PARTY RESPONSIBLE
Outcome 1 More income from eco-tourism to local communities.			The number of beds for tourists has increased dramatically over the last 7 years. In 2009 there were 310 beds and at present there are 346, an increase of 36 beds in a year and a half. The community of Wakkerstroom consists mainly of retirees who are greatly interested in making Wakkerstroom the holiday destination of South Africa without compromising the quaint aesthetic feel of the village. Marketing of the village as a whole has fallen to the WTA since local municipality has failed to initiate anything.	The recently elected chairperson of the WTA has taken it upon himself to meet with the black community members who theoretically should have representation on the WTA and attend meetings. Previously there was concern, from the black community, regarding the constitution of the WTA not being sufficiently inclusive. These issues are being addressed in the fore mentioned meetings. The recently elected marketing committee of WTA is currently assessing the effectiveness of the marketing strategy and will improve and streamline it accordingly.	BLSA Community Based Conservation Division, Wakkerstroom Tourism Association.
<i>Activity 1.1 Development of infrastructure to provide an improved and more extensive visitor experience</i>	January 2010	IP 100% (90%)	The WOW hide was completed in August 2009. The walkway leading to the hide was completed in February / March 2010. Maintenance and improvements to all the	In March 2009 the walkway of the Flufftail hide was damaged by the gale force wind and a hail storm. The following repairs were made to the hide: a new walkway was	Kristi Garland, Andre Steenkamp, Wakkerstroom

			<p>hides are ongoing. Repairs are complete on the Flufftail Hide. An informative walking trail has been designed between the hides on the BirdLife property.</p>	<p>installed with a small deck at the entrance to the hide as well as the entire floor of the hide was replaced. Previously the Ian Drummond and Flufftail hide were not birder friendly due to the extensive vegetation that blocked the water ways for the birds. The waterways in front of the hides have been cleared.</p>	<p>Wetland Reserve Management Committee.</p>
<p><i>Activity 1.2 Marketing of the Wakkerstroom site to potential visitors</i></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>IP 95% (📍90%)</p>	<p>The site is currently being marketed through both the Wakkerstroom Tourism Association (www.wakkerstroomtourism.co.za) and the BirdLife South www.birdlife.org.za websites. BirdLife South Africa has developed a marketing plan for the Wakkerstroom Centre that will guide the efforts of marketing and public relations. This includes mention of facilities and birding information in the local newsletter, Op en Wakker, on a monthly basis.</p>	<p>WTA continuing with its marketing plan which includes printed and electronic media. A quick reference guide has been developed for the birds of Wakkerstroom and was released during the WOW visit in March 2010.</p>	<p>Kristi Garland, WTA, Andre Steenkamp.</p>
<p><i>Activity 1.3 Training of local people as guides.</i></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>IP 95% (📍80%)</p>	<p>Currently the guides are undergoing mentoring and accreditation processes. The mentoring included workshops and practicals on geology, ecology, guest expectations and basic rehash of information gained on their training. Further sessions have been planned for the remainder of the project. Two of the local guides (Lucky and Thuli), as well as the centre assistant (Mandla) will also be attending an Environmental Education teachers course in June 2010.</p>	<p>There has been a lack of interest from some of the trained guides in attending the mentoring sessions. The selection process for the guide training needs to be stricter as many of the candidates do not follow through with their training. A draft selection programme has been sent to the Avitourism Division for review.</p>	<p>Andre Steenkamp</p>

<p><i>Activity 1.4 Creation of jobs and businesses for local people.</i></p>	<p>February 2010</p>	<p>IP 95% (📈85%)</p>	<p>Currently there are 6 Income Generating small community owned businesses, supporting 36 direct beneficiaries and 197 indirect beneficiaries. The businesses on average are reporting an increase in monthly income of 4% in the last year. The current arts and crafts businesses are displaying goods at the BLSA tourist shop and the town market. These goods will also be sold at the shops in town.</p> <p>The IGA's are being marketed through the Wakkerstroom Tourism Association website.</p> <p>The following workshops have been re-run with the IGA's:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marketing (supply add on products) <p>The crane feeding site was operational during the 2009 winter and four Grey Crowned Cranes decoys were installed, carved by the Indalo Carving Project.</p>	<p>Kristi Garland has re-initiated negotiations with the municipality for the IGAs to use the Bee-Hive premises. Thus far one of the IGA's has applied for a garage and received the go ahead to move in.</p> <p>BLSA has taken a decision to display the products of the IGA's at the BirdLife South Africa Centre shop and town shops.</p> <p>This project is ongoing as much information still needs to be collected regarding the behavioural patterns to both the placement of the feed and the decoys.</p>	<p>Kristi Garland, Arts and Crafts Council, Pixley ka Seme Local Municipality.</p>
<p>Outcome 2 Significant increases in education and awareness of the local community and tourists.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>		<p>BirdLife South Africa's main thrust here is awareness work with farm schools, environmental education with local school learners and awareness material available at key locations for tourists.</p>	<p>The biggest problem encountered has been the lack of attendance for school workshops. We have consulted with the education circuit office and for the future all invitations will pass through the</p>	<p>Kristi Garland, Andre Steenkamp, Indwe Environmental</p>

		<p>Birdlife has progressed well with the environmental education activities which include wetland and bird conservation issues. Learners, educators and youth have been involved. The farm schools have also been visited regularly to deliver environmental education. Wakkerstroom celebrated the World Migratory Bird Day successfully incorporating wetland education, bird conservation and importance of Avi-tourism.</p> <p>Mpumalanga Environmental Education Learners Forum's aims are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *For learners to have a positive experience in the natural environment that is so integral in our lives *To gain environmental knowledge and skills that are intertwined with the National Curriculum Statements *For the learners to investigate processes which allow and value the learner's own descriptions and hypothesis of what has been learnt or has taken place *To allow exploration and interest in the natural environment through activities which assist in gaining a better understanding of the environment, acquiring lifelong skills, encouraging outdoor lessons and opening new avenues of the natural environment itself. <p>The committee will meet on a quarterly basis to discuss environmental issues relating to their communities and to brainstorm solutions or actions to</p>	<p>circuit office manager.</p> <p>The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 2010.</p>	<p>Club, SACWG</p>
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			take to minimise our impact on our natural environment. This information will then be disseminated to the broader school body and local community on their return.		
<i>Activity 2.1 Improve availability of education material in bird hides, interpretive centre and information centre.</i>	January 2010	IP 98% (📈90%)	Posters and other resource materials have been placed in the hides. The BirdLife South Africa resource centre is complete and is open for use by local youth and the IGA's.	Outstanding items for the resource centre are five (5) computers. A request is being written to Telkom for the donation of these items.	Kristi Garland, Andre Steenkamp, WNHA, IEC, PKSLM
<i>Activity 2.2 Implement a Crane Outreach Programme for local school children and farm-workers.</i>	Complete	C	The local farmer outreach programme has been successfully implemented in Wakkerstroom by the Endangered Wildlife Trust's (EWT) South African Crane Working Group (SACWG). BirdLife SA (BLSA) and EWT partnered taking an outreach programme in the Zulu language to farm schools. The farm school outreach programme recommenced in May 2009 and was successfully concluded in May 2010.		Mandla Tidwell, Kristi Garland, Glen Ramke (EWT),
<i>Activity 2.3 Run local schools wetland and education programmes.</i>	Ongoing	C (📈95%)	130 school youth have visited the BirdLife centre (in reporting period) and received education in wetland and water conservation.	Educators workshop to be held on the 28 th April 2010	Joe Peu, Kristi Garland, Andre Steenkamp
Outcome 3 The numbers and diversity of waterbirds, including AEWA listed species, and other grassland birds, including blue and crowned cranes,			Data collected during the CAR, CWAC and general birding is reported through to the centre and recorded.		Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee

<p>occurring on and breeding at Wakkerstroom is stable or increases.</p>					
<p><i>Activity 3.1 Establish a waterbird monitoring system to enable evaluation of the success of habitat improvement measures.</i></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>IP 98% (📈85%)</p>	<p>Next CWAC to be done in July 2010; general monitoring of wetland occurs every second weekend and the line monitoring once a month in various areas of Wakkerstroom.</p>		<p>Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee IEC, WBC and Local bird guides</p>
<p><i>Activity 3.2 Management of habitats to maximize biodiversity.</i></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>IP 98% (📈90%)</p>	<p>The Mpumalanga Parks and Tourism Agency's (MTPA) Wakkerstroom wetland management plan is still waiting to be passed by Pixley ka Seme Municipality. The entire catchment, including the wetland and BirdLife's property will fall under this plan.</p> <p>BirdLife has created open water in front of the bird hides to enhance bird watching and this process will be repeated as the need arises.</p> <p>The Centre now has its own fire fighting equipment and Andre Steenkamp will shortly complete a fire fighting training course. This will allow BirdLife to burn its own fire breaks every winter (weather dependent starting in June each year) on the wetland.</p> <p>BirdLife also allows grass bailing every</p>	<p>Andre and Kristi will organise a meeting between the cattle owners and MTPA to encourage open discussion and resolution.</p>	<p>Andre Steenkamp, MTPA, Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee.</p>

			year, in accordance with a bailing programme, which brings in additional money for the centre. This also created a mosaic of long and short grass for bird species to utilise. The bailing starts each year in March and is completed before we start burning the fire breaks.		
<i>Activity 3.3 Creation of island and floating platforms as waterbird breeding site.</i>	Complete	c (100%)	A permanent structure will not be built, however with the removal of reeds in front of the Flufftail and Iain Hides, the cut reeds will be placed to the side of the open water to create a reed bed for wading birds to roost and nest. See previous point.		Andre Steenkamp
<i>Activity 3.4 Develop a secure wintering feeding site for Blue and Grey Crowned Cranes.</i>	Complete. Annually	c (180%)	A collaborative project has been established with the EWT to monitor and analyze how cranes respond to the wooden decoys. Monitoring will occur in 2009 to 2011. If this response is positive for the Grey Crowned Crane, then similar feeding sites will be rolled out to neighbouring farm lands where crane occur.	Historically cranes did not frequent this feeding site, however no decoys were used. In the winter of 2008 this site was be re-established, and in 2009 we are using crane decoys on the site, which will be carefully monitored.	Andre Steenkamp
<i>Activity 3.5 Maintenance of site character and value for ecotourism</i>	Ongoing	IP 95% (185%)	The Wakkerstroom Wetland Reserve Management Committee is responsible for the overall management decisions. Implementation is a joint effort by the multiple stakeholders. A walking trial from the training centre via the Flufftail hide to the Crane hide and back to the training centre is complete. This trail also includes a new picnic site.	Currently there is no money to address the damp problem in the dormitories. This is delaying the painting of these buildings. BirdLife is currently trying to source additional funds to pay for damp-proofing of this building.	Wakkerstroom Wetland Reserve Management Committee, Indwe Environment Club,

			The BirdLife centre continues to be renovated to increase its eco-tourism value for birders and alike. The final phase currently underway is painting out the dormitories and guest suits.		
Outcome 4 Effective dissemination of project findings and lessons learnt.					
<i>Activity 4.1 Document and make available information on projects</i>	Ongoing	c	The project has produced a brochure for the centre. Project information is regularly updated on BirdLife SA's website www.birdlife.org.za		
Outcome 5 Smooth project execution and evaluation of success.			The project was evaluated by the WOW consultant during March 2010. The consultant spent 8 days on site (2 days dedicated to the sites evaluation), and interviewed Andre Steenkamp, Kristi Garland and Daniel Marnewick.		
<i>Activity 5.1 Creation of project team and steering committee.</i>		c	The project steering committee is essentially the Wakkerstroom Wetland Management Committee, established in October 2007.		
<i>Activity 5.2 Supervision and financial administration of implementation.</i>		c	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.		

<p>Activity 5.3 Reporting.</p>		<p>c</p>	<p>The project management tiers are as follows:</p> <p>Mark Anderson: BLSA Director</p> <p>Daniel Marnewick: Community Based Conservation Division Manager</p> <p>Kristi Garland/Andre Steenkamp: Project site managers: Wakkerstroom Community Based Conservation.</p> <p>Mandla Tidwell: Project site assistant: Wakkerstroom.</p> <p>Kristi Garland: Wakkerstroom Centre Operations Manager</p> <p>Andre Steenkamp: Wakkerstroom Centre Maintenance and Wetland manager.</p> <p>The project site assistant reports to the project site manager who in turn, with the centre managers, 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.</p>		
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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\$+52,200\$+54,340\$+\$40,000 = 239,039\$

Opening balance this reporting period: 24,064\$

Total expenditure this reporting period: 51,454\$

Funds requested (as per 'revised' disbursement schedule): 8,961\$

Balance (if applicable): 0\$

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 April 2010
Personnel	90000	92039	-2039	29	18 000	20872	-2843
Equipment	49000	53874	-4874	194	8 000	15794	-7600
Subcontracts	0	0	0	0		0	0
Workshops and training	39000	20251	18749	12975	5 000	2679	15296
Travel	30000	15505	14495	12131	3 100	2447	12784
Executing agency support overhead	12000	11445	555	-492	1 500	1476	-468
Monitoring and Evaluation	2000	321	1679	1541	400	321	1620
Miscellaneous	26000	30850	-4850	-2314	4 000	7866	-6180
Total	248000	224284	23716	24064	40 000	51454	12610

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) US\$	Total in-kind contribution US\$	Total co-financing (cash + in-kind) US\$	Total received to date US\$	Balance US\$
BirdLife SA		2006-2009: 85,000	2006-2009: 85,000	2006-2009: 85,000	0
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	2006-2009: 82,345	0
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	51,288	0
Inwent/NABU	2009-2010: 30,000		2009-2010: 30,000	2009-2010: 30,000	0
Totals	163,633	300,950	464,583	464,583	0
List any additional sources of co-financing mobilized during project implementation					
None					
TOTAL	US\$163,633	US\$300,950	US\$464,583	US\$464,583	US\$0

5. Performance Evaluation

5.1 Logical framework

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of.... December 2009 – April 2010	Risks and assumptions
Development objective: Conservation and sustainable use of the Wakkerstroom Wetland critical site for migratory waterbirds.					
Immediate Objective					
1 - improved and community-managed tourism facilities	Evidence of direct economic benefits flowing to all sections of the local community with an increasing trend during project implementation.	Financial and other statements of community members benefiting. Jobs created.	Only the government run “Bee-Hive” and “Grass & Reeds” projects run from central workshops.	BirdLife South Africa, through WOW, has established 6x community projects, including Reed Fences, Wood Crafts, Wire Crafts, Beading, Bird Guiding and a community vegetable garden. The original 10x Bee-Hive projects managed by the municipality were eventually reduced to 2x due to poor management from government. The BirdLife SA Beading project now has residents in one of the workshops.	Economic and political sustainability in South Africa. Economic recession worldwide has a negative impact in South Africa and also the political sustainability of RSA.
2 – improved and community-managed educational facilities			Originally no community-managed or otherwise educational facilities.	BirdLife South Africa has developed a resource/environmental education centre at its centre. This centre is open to all learners and community members. BirdLife is busy training up three community members in environmental education who are assisting to provide environmental education to local schools and centre visitors.	
3 – Improved habitats for AEWA and other waterbirds/improved habitat and protection status for	A 10% improvement in the	Wakkerstroom wetland waterbird survey reports (current existing	The Wakkerstroom Wetland was managed by WNHA and BLSA on behalf	The Wakkerstroom Wetland is currently managed day-to-day by WNHA and BLSA on behalf of MTPA. The larger catchment (including the	BirdLife South Africa’s Wakkerstroom Programme

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Blue and Crowned cranes.	biodiversity (numbers of waterbirds, species diversity) of the Wakkerstroom Wetland by project end.	ongoing monitoring project).	of MTPA. No formal management plan existed for the wetland or catchment. Only infrequent monitoring of waterbirds took place at Wakkerstroom. These were not organised or frequent enough to provide significant monitoring data.	wetland) is managed by the Wakkerstroom Wetland Reserve Management Committee, a multi-stakeholder interest group representing local land owners, government, community representatives and resource users. BirdLife SA has initiated a bird monitoring programme, using the Indwe Eco-Club members. These surveys are conducted once a month and the data is being managed by BirdLife South Africa and fed into national monitoring programmes such as CWAC, CAR and SABAP2. The latest count as part of World Migratory Bird Day in May 2010 counted 83 different species and a total of 1280 birds.	remains viable.
4 – lessons learnt are disseminated		Progress Reports	Lessons previously not disseminated.	Lessons learnt are disseminated through the WTA, WHNA, WWRMC and IEC. The WOW Evaluator spent 9 days on site, and 2 days evaluating the Wakkerstroom Demo site and speaking to the site managers.	
Outcomes					
1. More income from eco-tourism to local communities.	Evidence of an increasing trend in the number of tourists to the wetland, over the project period. Development of four new locally run ecotourism enterprises as a result of this project.	Records of Wakkerstroom Centre. Tourism authority reports. Wakkerstroom financial and written reports.	2003: 167 beds for tourists. Start of 2007: 270 beds for tourists. 3 bird guides trained	Start of 2010: 346 beds for tourists = 107% increase from 2003 and 51% increase since 2007 (beginning of this project). 3 bird guides from local community trained totalling=6. In 2009 a total of 93 guided bird tours were booked through the BirdLife Centre. The number of guided bird tours for January-May 2010 has gone up by	South Africa has been affected by the current economic recession and that is having a negative impact with regard to international tourists who visits the

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of.... December 2009 – April 2010	Risks and assumptions
	An increase of 25% in the local income derived from tourism flowing to local communities compared to pre-project situation.	Local business registry. 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.	None. No direct income flowing to communities linked to resource conservation.	150% compared to the same period in 2009. This represents a positive growth for local bird guides to whom these tours are referred. Since the inception of this project site, 6 Income Generating Activities have been formed, with 36 direct and 197 indirect beneficiaries, earning an average increase in household income of 4% since 2007. All 36 members were previously unemployed. This community has a 70% unemployment rate and therefore creating permanent employ for 36 members and casual employment for 60 members in significant. There was also previously little income flow to the poorer community from tourism. Therefore 197 livelihoods now dependant on tourism and conservation income is significant. BLSA have employed 60 casual labourers from the community members for work around the tourism centre, bird hides and habitat management.	country. External environmental (i.e. fire, floods, etc.) factors do not negatively affect the wetlands. The bird hides had been affected by storms accompanied by gale force wind Political and racial concerns have not been integrated into greater Wakkerstroom development plan due to racial tensions.
2. Significant increases in education and awareness of the local community and tourists.	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.	Records of Wakkerstroom centre, hides and interpretative center visitor reports. Tourism authority reports. WOW Demo project progress reports.	No visitor records kept. No education of tourists or schools children. Only SACWG conducting crane awareness with	Records and interpretive materials have been designed for the bird hides, interpretive centre and BirdLife wetland centre. The interpretative centre is complete. Interpretative signs and information for the walking trail installed along the walking trail. Information about the birds has been installed at the Crane hide.	

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of.... December 2009 – April 2010	Risks and assumptions
			local farmers.	<p>A new bird list for the area was printed and launched in March 2010.</p> <p>In 2009 a total of 93 guided bird tours were booked through the BirdLife Centre. The number of guided bird tours for January-May 2010 has gone up by 150% compared to the same period in 2009.</p> <p>Visitor records were kept for the visitors centre: in 2009 4483 bed nights were filled by 255 people. This represents 31% occupancy. In 2010 (January-May) the centre has had 52% occupancy so far.</p> <p>The WTA is also slowly beginning to collect tourist numbers for the town.</p> <p>Environmental education in schools is ongoing. In 2009 170 teachers and 2711 learners attended environmental education through the BirdLife Wakkerstroom centre. In 2010 (January-May) 35 teachers and 378 learners have so far attended environmental education through the BirdLife Wakkerstroom centre. Indwe Environmental Club is active and continues to assist BirdLife South Africa to collect bird count data.</p>	
<p>3. The numbers and diversity of waterbirds, including AEWA listed species, and other grassland birds, including blue and crowned cranes,</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 waterbird counts in Wakkerstroom.</p> <p>Breeding records.</p> <p>Reports on</p>	<p>An old wetland management plan from 1997 was being used. This plan was implemented by Wakkerstroom</p>	<p>A new wetland management plan has been developed and is awaiting approval from PKSLM. The Terms of Reference for the WWRMC has been completed and awaiting the endorsement for PKSLM.</p>	<p>Behavioural or ecological factors do not prevent cranes from using the site.</p>

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<p>occurring on and breeding at Wakkerstroom is stable or increases.</p>		<p>biodiversity.</p> <p>Crane counts from BLSA centre.</p> <p>SACWAG crane programme reports.</p>	<p>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>The Crane Working Group has been managing a project aimed at increasing crane numbers in the area, through education, farmer outreach, and monitoring. BLSA has partnered with this project to deliver crane awareness to farm schools in their local language.</p> <p>The crane winter feeding site has been functional in 2008 and 2009 and will continue into the future. Cranes have been attracted to this site during winter in both instances. The site was monitored once a week during these periods, and the same three Grey Crowned Cranes were seen during each sighting feed at the site. A monitoring programme has been established with the South African Crane Working Group to monitor the effects of the Wood Crane Decoys on the behaviour patterns of these visiting cranes.</p> <p>The IBA monitoring programme, CWAC, SABAP2 and CAR have been used to monitor water bird numbers. CWAC, SABAP2 and CAR are web based programmes and will be able to be fed into the WOW porthole.</p>	<p>Ongoing good relations with South African Crane Working Group.</p>
<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>Records of Wakkerstroom centre. Tourism Authority reports. Web-site statistics, copies of publication</p>	<p>Information not properly sourced, organized or disseminated.</p>	<p>The WOW Evaluator spent 9 days on site, and 2 days evaluating the Wakkerstroom Demo site and speaking to the site managers.</p> <p>The WOW project and the BirdLife SA Centre have been publicized through</p>	<p>Wakkerstroom Tourism Association is not able to resolve racial differences and represent all</p>

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of.... December 2009 – April 2010	Risks and assumptions
	Visitors to the demo project website.	distributed/sold. Surveys of opinions before and after. Web-site statistics and/or printed materials.		15 articles (during 2009-2010) in the Wakkerstroom Town Newsletter “Open Wakker” and the national magazine “Country Life”. The WOW project and the BirdLife SA centre are marketed on the BirdLife South Africa Websites (www.birdlife.org.za / www.blsacommunityconservation.org.za / www.birdingroutes.co.za) and on the Wakkerstroom town website www.wakkerstroomtourism.co.za . Project information and lessons being published through the projects newsletters and articles in the local newspaper and African Birds & Birding.	races in community.

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	6
# of Government Staff involved in this project	80
# of Volunteers involved in this project	90
# of Government staff involved in Flyways issues (AEWA in particular)	4
TARGET BENEFICIARIES	
# of beneficiaries involved in this project	600
# of people involved in project workshops	200
# of people trained under this project	200
COMMUNICATION ISSUES	
# of press articles featuring the project and/or related issues	2
# of TV/radio programmes featuring the project and/or related issues	0
# of publications produced under this project	0
Estimated # of people reached by project communication efforts	3,500,000

6. Key Lessons Learnt

- a. Work more closely with Municipal and Local Government stakeholders.
- b. Take into account religious and cultural holidays when working with the community.
- c. Selection process for IGA members and training must be very strict in order to ensure the members own sustainability.
- d. Ensure that community members are able to sustain themselves after the project.
- e. Rather develop fewer but larger Income Generating Activities, as opposed to many smaller IGAs.

7. Workplan for the Next Semi-annual Period

7.1 Updated overall project workplan

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

PLANNED ACTIVITY	Period December 2009 – May 2010					
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6
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 hides 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 (use existing shops, negotiate with government for Bee-Hive)).						
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						

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.	Training Workshop	EE in the curriculum	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre	2 nd December 2009	BLSA	BLSA	8			
2.	Prize Giving	Etsheni Primary School Annual Awards	Etsheni Primary School	3 rd December 2009	Etsheni Primary	Etsheni Primary	650			
3.	Meeting	IGA's follow ups	Varied according to IGA's	8 th December 2009	BLSA	BLSA	15			
4.	Meeting	Wakkerstroom Tourism Association	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre	10 th December 2009	WTA	WTA	12			
5.	Market	Wakkerstroom Christmas Market	NG Church Grounds	12 th December 2009	WTA	WTA	1500			
6.	Training Workshop	Guide Training	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre	15th December	BLSA	BLSA	4			
7.	Meeting	MTPA, WNHA and BLSA	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre	30 th December 2009	MTPA	BLSA	3			
8.	AGM	BLSA and our work	Wakkerstroom Bird Club, Mucky Duck	12 th January 2010	BLSA	Wakkerstroom Bird Club	40			

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

9.	Meeting	Uthaka Livestock Owners Association	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre	15 th January 2010	BLSA	BLSA	4			
10.	Training Workshop	Curriculum and the Environment	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre	20 th January 2010	BLSA	BLSA	8			
11.	Training Workshop	IGA's : Marketing, products and supply	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre	22 nd January 2010	BLSA	BLSA	10			
12.	Monitoring Programme	CAR	Wakkerstroom Magisterial District	30 th January 2010	Animal Demographic Unit (ADU)	ADU	9			
13.	School visits	Outreach Schools	Mabula Primary, Njabulo Combined, Edelsteen Combined and Inkukhunda Primary	1 st – 5 th February 2010	BLSA	BLSA	625 total			
14.	Environmental Day Celebration	World Wetlands Day	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre	2 nd February 2010	BLSA	BLSA	137 total			
15.	Meeting	WWRMC	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre	3 rd February 2010	BLSA	BLSA	7			
16.	Meeting	WTA	Dana Tehuis Retirement Centre	4 th February 2010	WTA	WTA	13			
17.	Meeting	WNHA	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre	5 th February 2010	BLSA	WNHA	8			

18.	Environmental Education	Mpumalanga Environmental Education Learners Forum	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre	6 th February 2010	BLSA	BLSA	30			
19.	Inter-governmental meeting	Mpumalanga Wetland Forum	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre	17 th February 2010	Mpumalanga Wetland Forum (MWF)	MWF	13			
20.	School visits	Outreach School	Mabula Primary, Njabulo Combined, Edelsteen Combined and Inkukhunda Primary	25 th February 2010	BLSA	BLSA	625 total			
21.	Meeting	WOW SA visit	BLSA Wakkerstroom and surrounds	8 th – 12 th March 2010	BLSA and WOW	BLSA and WOW	26			
22.	AGM	WTA	Country Inn	4 th March 2010	WTA	WTA	22			
23.	Meeting	InWent / NABU visit	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre	13 th – 14 th March 2010	BLSA and NABU	BLSA and NABU	3			
24.	AGM	BLSA AGM 2010	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre and surrounds	19 th – 21 st March 2010	BLSA	BLSA	+/- 200 total			
25.	Market	WTA Easter Market	NG Church Grounds	3 rd April	WTA	WTA	+/-1000 persons			
26.	AGM	WNHA AGM	BLSA Wakkerstroom Centre	10 th April 2010	BLSA and WHNA	BLSA and WNHA	7			
27.	AGM	Indwe Eco-Club	ESizameleni Sports Grounds	17 th April 2010	Indwe Eco-Club	Indwe Eco-Club	13			
28.	Monitoring	Butterfly	BLSA property	24 th April 2010	BLSA	BLSA	20			

29.	Programme Training workshop	Census Project Progress with Outreach Schools	BLSA	28 th April	BLSA	BLSA	8 (Mabula Primary, Njabulo Combined, Edelsteen Combined and Inkukhunda Primary)			
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b) Printed Materials

No	Type ⁵	Title	Author(s)/Editor(s)	Publisher	Symbol	Publication Date	Distribution List Attached Yes/No
1.	Other	Wakkerstrom Quick Bird Guide	Warwick Tarboton	Graphic Touch Guides, P.O. Box 28943, Kensington 2102, South Africa		March 2010	No
2.							
3.							

c) Media coverage

No	Description	Date

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

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.	Staff Mission	IBA Training	Cambridge, UK & Nairobi, Kenya	9 days			

e) Other Outputs/Services (e.g. Networking, Query-response, Participation in meetings etc.)

No	Description	Date
1.	WTA Meeting	10 th December 2009
2.	WWRMC Meeting	3 rd February 2010
3.	WNHA Meeting	5 th February 2010
4.	Mpumalanga Wetland Forum Meeting	17 th February 2010
5.	WNHA AGM	10 th April 2010

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