

# Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

## Half Year Report (due 31 October each year)

<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	EIDPO14
<b>Project Title</b>	Devising strategies to integrate biodiversity conservation in plantation dominated landscapes
<b>Country(ies)</b>	UK, Brazil
<b>UK Organisation</b>	University of East Anglia, UK
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	Museu Goeldi, Para, Brazil
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<b>Project website</b>	<a href="http://www.tropicalforestresearch.org">http://www.tropicalforestresearch.org</a>

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

We have made excellent progress towards achieving our 3 outputs in the last 6 months. All fieldwork was completed on schedule, all field samples have been identified, and the *in situ* training and capacity building was undertaken as proposed. Project participants have given a total of 19(!) talks at international conferences and academic institutions in the last 12 months (including 8 talks in Brazil). A first publication relating to the theme of this project has been accepted for publication in a special issue of “Biodiversity and Conservation” that addresses biodiversity conservation in plantation forests, and a second publication on the value of forest corridors for birds has been submitted to “Biological Conservation”. (These publications are additional to the 15 publications that are now in press or published, and that resulted from the initial Darwin project). Output 3 will be substantially enhanced by the meeting we are organising in Belém on “Biodiversity conservation in human dominated forest landscapes”, which involves 40 speakers from 28 Brazilian and international institutions, including national and regional government, NGOs and industry (see the project site for more details). Moreover, we have been in contact with the directorate of the newly inaugurated Institute of Forest Development for the state of Pará (IDEFLOR), who have expressed great interest in our findings, and we are engaging in discussions about how our ongoing research could help direct their forestry policy in 12 million hectares of land.

**2. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments that the project has encountered over the last 6 months. Explain what impact these could have on the project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.**

We have not experienced any notable problems in the last 18 months (since the start of the project).

**Have any of these issues been discussed with the Darwin Secretariat and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?** n/a

Discussed with the DI Secretariat:	no/yes, in..... (month/yr)
Changes to the project schedule/workplan:	no/yes, in.....(month/yr)

**3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures? No**

If you were asked to provide a response to this year's annual report review with your next half year report, please attach your response to this document.

**Please note: Any planned modifications to your project schedule/workplan or budget should not be discussed in this report but raised with the Darwin Secretariat directly.**

Please send your **completed form by 31 October each year per email** to Stefanie Halfmann, Darwin Initiative M&E Programme, [stefanie.halfmann@ed.ac.uk](mailto:stefanie.halfmann@ed.ac.uk). The report should be between 1-2 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message.**