

# Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

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<b>Project Title</b>	Consolidating Peccary Pelt Certification in Peru
<b>Country(ies)</b>	Peru
<b>UK Organisation</b>	Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology. (DICE), University of Kent
<b>Collaborator(s)</b>	WCS (Wildlife Conservation Society), INRENA (Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales), CITES, UNAP (Universidad Nacional de la Amazonia Peruana), UPI (Universidad Privada de Peru), FundAmazonia
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<b>Project website</b>	<a href="http://www.kent.ac.uk/anthropology/dice/research/peccary">http://www.kent.ac.uk/anthropology/dice/research/peccary</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).

### Project start up: 1 July 2009

1. A meeting with a middleman in Iquitos was held in August, 2009. The objective of this meeting was: 1) to coordinate the best way that middlemen in Iquitos can work with the economic incentives provided to the certified communities, 2) to determine the competitive prices paid for peccary pelts by middlemen, 3) to find out if the quality of the peccary pelts are improving after the workshop given to the certified communities in March 2009. The conclusions of the middleman was that he is very satisfied with the certification programme, because he is currently obtaining first quality peccary pelts that come from the certified communities, and his intention is to keep collaborating with the certification programme.
2. A workshop with 3 middlemen was held in Iquitos on 16th September, 2009. The objective of the workshop was to inform the middlemen about the advances in the peccary pelt certification programme and also to invite them to collaborate with the certified communities. The results of the workshop were: 1) many peccary pelts come from isolated communities, therefore minor middlemen are necessary to incorporate in the chain of custody, 2) the market for the peccary pelts is stable and there are 5 middlemen who deal with the pelt business in Iquitos, 3) the peccary pelt quality should increase as a result of the certification programme and this is very positive for the middlemen, 4) the middlemen are interested in working together as collaborators for a more effective chain of custody of the certified peccary pelts.
3. A workshop was held in the community of Nuevo Jerusalem of the Tahuayo river in September of 2009 who are requesting help to enter the peccary pelt certification programme. The workshop presented the peccary pelt certification programme to the community and invited them to join the programme if they agree. The workshop introduced 1) the wildlife management guidelines of the certification programme, 2) the advantages of the certification programme for the conservation and the sustainable use of their natural resources and 3) the long term benefits of the certified communities if they establish wildlife management in their community. The response of the community was positive and they agreed to begin the process of setting up more sustainable wildlife management.

4. Two visits were made to the four certified communities of the Tahuayo Blanco. The objectives of this visits were to verify the wildlife management programmes and ensure that they were in accordance with certification guidelines and make suggestions of re-adjustments if necessary. As a result of the monitoring the staff found that in general the attitude of the local people towards the certification programme is positive, they respect their hunting quotas, they set up the certified pelt registry and they want to continue being certified communities, because they see the economical benefits of the certified pelts over non-certified peccary pelts. The visits also verified that the communities have set up a system to maintain the chain of custody via registers and tagging of the pelts and that they are receiving economic benefits for the certified pelts.
5. A meeting with the Director of Forestry and Wildlife and Rosario Acero, a partner in INRENA took place in Lima in August, 2009. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the inclusion of the certification programme and as a model for wildlife management within the new wildlife laws (Reglamento de la Ley Forestal y de Fauna Silvestre). The meeting was very positive and showed the dedication of the National Government of Peru to the certification programme.
6. Claudia Rios, who has been working for the past three years with the certification programme is helping the Regional Government of Loreto set up a wildlife management strategy that incorporates the peccary pelt certification as one of its main focuses. This will help develop strong links with the region and help promote the certification programme in the Peruvian Amazon.

**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.**

There were no notable problems or unexpected developments since the start up 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?**

no

**Discussed with the DI Secretariat:** no

**Changes to the project schedule/workplan:** no

**3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures? None**

**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.**

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