

Darwin Initiative: Half Year Report

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| Project Title | Community action for sustainable use and conservation of coral reefs |
| Country(ies) | Sabah, Malaysia |
| UK Organisation | Marine Conservation Society |
| Collaborator(s) | Sabah Parks |
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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).

- o Two additional Biodiversity Conservation Zones established. Public/press information.
The two additional Conservation Zones were agreed nearly a year ago, along with other regulations for the site, but the document is still awaiting input from Sabah Parks lawyers and signing off by the Attorney General. Until this happens (which is out of the Project's control), enforcement cannot begin.
- o Final EMIPS training/trouble shooting workshop completed.
Data input continuing; workshop pending
- o Second phase of reef biodiversity and socio-economic field monitoring surveys completed and data entered into databases.
Completed
- o School activity days: Semporna area. Public/press information.
Completed
- o Sea ranching units fully operational.
Seaweed farming has been successfully launched. Approximately 40 families have been trained in the techniques and supplied with seedlings and necessary equipment.
- o Newsletter produced. **Completed**
- o Village publicity event/roadshow carried out. Public/press information.
Extended Roadshow successfully completed involving Park communities + those on the mainland. Further educational work carried out during the seaweed farming programme.
- o Seminar/workshop to discuss results/success of the resource use strategy and the surveillance and enforcement programme for the 'at risk' species & habitats.
- o Recommendations for future action. Public/press information.
- o All Biodiversity Conservation Zones established, patrols operating. Activity logs in use. Public/press information.
The activities above have been deferred because of delays beyond project control in introducing the regulations (see above) which means that the resource use

