

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report Form

Project Title	Establishment of Penguin Monitoring Programme
Country	Chile
Organisation	Environmental Research Unit
Project Ref. No.	162/10/007
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1. Outline progress over the last 6 months 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).

Fieldwork takes place between October and March, so the last 6 months have involved the preparation and translation of training material and reports. The results of the second season's data have been drawn up and presented to the host country along with a press release (code 12A and 15A). Discussions with CONAF have taken place to evaluate the research data, and the training manual is being translated into Spanish ready for presentation to the host country at the end of the project (code 7). Comparisons of breeding success and chick survival have been made for areas with tourists and those without, and the first two season's data show no significant impact from tourism. Production of a Spanish language web site to promote the project is underway (code 17A). New information boards for tourists have been designed using information gained from the project so far.

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 effect the budget and timetable of project activities. Have any of these issues been discussed with the Department and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?

No problems have been encountered.

3. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?

Preparation, translation and discussion of the training material has resulted in a lot more travel outside of the main fieldwork season than was envisaged. This has meant that travelling expenses for the financial year will exceed the budget. However this does not mean that the project will run over budget. As Project Leader I except full responsibility for the over-run on expenses and will take less salary to compensate for any increase in travel costs.

The Edinburgh Centre for Tropical Forests (ECTF) which comments on Darwin Projects, has requested that statistical analysis of the population total for Magdalena Island is added to the project. At this stage it is unsure how much additional work this will entail, since material from ECTF is still pending. It is likely however that this addition to the project will cause some delay in certain aspects of the project, in particular the presentation and evaluation of the training manual.

Please send your **completed form by 31 October each year per email** to Stefanie Halfmann, Darwin Initiative M&E Project Manager, Email: stefanie.halfmann@ed.ac.uk