

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report Form

Project Title	Project BioMap
Country	Colombia
Organisation	The Natural History Museum
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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).

The project commenced in November 2001 and made excellent progress in the major targets assigned to date. Successes in the past 6 months include:

June-July 2003: 8,286 specimens from La Salle, Bogotá data-based.

June-Sept.: 400 specimens from Warsaw Museum, Poland data-based.

July: 325 specimens from Distrital University in Bogotá data-based.

July: data gathered at the Genoa, Turin and Milan Museums in Italy: c.200 specimens in Genoa, 300 hummingbird specimens (mounted) in Turin and 230 in Milan.

July-Nov.: 1300 specimens from Bonn Museum, Germany data-based.

August 7-12: IV **Field Course** on Techniques for Monitoring Terrestrial Birds held in Jardin, Antioquia. 50 participants graduated with BioMap support.

Aug: 549 specimens from Antioquia University, Medellín data-based.

Aug: **Conference on BioMap**, collections importance and management given at the Antioquia University.

Aug: 1,362 specimens from Michigan University Museum data-based.

Aug: systematization of Swiss museums: 2,800 specimens in Genoa, 160 in Bern and 260 in Neuchatel.

Aug-Sept.: 495 specimens from State of Michigan Museum data-based

Sept: 3,436 specimens from San José Museum in Medellín data-based.

Sept.: 158 specimens from Yarumos EcoPark, Manizales data-based.

Sept.: 30,000 Colombian bird specimens held at the Smithsonian in Washington DC, commenced.

Sept. 29-30 - Oct. 1: BioMap participation in the **National Ecology Meeting** at the Javeriana University in Bogotá.

Sept.-Oct: 2,600 specimens from the Paris Museum, France data-based.

Oct-Nov: 5,000 specimens from Valle University in Cali data-based.

Oct. 5-11: BioMap participation at the **VII Neotropical Ornithological Congress** held in Chile

Oct. 10-12: BioMap participated in the **3rd European Bird Collections Conference** held in Leiden, Holland

Nov.: BioMap participation at the **XVIII National Ornithological Meeting** in Jardín, Antioquia, Colombia, with BioMap poster and presentation provided.

Nov.: 100 specimens at the Cleveland Museum data-based.

Nov.: 3,500 specimens from California Uni Mus., Berkeley data-based.

Nov.: 90 specimens at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, USA data-based.

Nov.: 5,500 specimens from Los Angeles County Museum data-based.

Nov: 1500 specimens from Munich Museum, Germany data-based.

To date: 192,164 Colombian specimens data-based.

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?

All goes extremely well. The only notable problem was securing permission to database the Smithsonian and Carnegie Museum collections – but that was solved and now have been data-based.

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

No

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