

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report Form

Project Title	Madagascar Marine Training Project
Country	Madagascar
Organisation	Society for Environmental Exploration
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1. Outline progress over the last 6 months against the agreed baseline timetable for the project.

9 students and 7 community representatives were trained during this period meeting the target of 24 personnel trained in total. Student trainees (Institute of Marine Sciences) carried out individual research projects and completed final reports. Marine monitoring sites have been proposed in the Anakao region. The counterpart trainer completed the one-year project commitment and positive feedback has been received. A final presentation was held in September summing up the project activities and highlighting achievements, this received regional radio and television coverage.

The training manual and monitoring habitat plan report have both been prepared in draft format and will be incorporated into the Frontier-Madagascar Environmental Research report series. Conference participation is to be finalised for disseminating project outcomes to a wider audience.

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?

The original training timetable involved participants spending a consecutive time period on training activities, however, due to the nature of activities in Madagascar the training activities had to be conducted in sections. This has not impinged on the quality of training, which can be seen from the trainee feedback.

The distribution of the first newsletter was delayed as it was due to be included in another publication with a distribution of 18,000, however this was not possible. The first newsletter will be distributed as originally proposed and the second will be included with the publication mentioned above, giving it wider distribution within Madagascar.

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

No.