

Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

Half Year Report Form

Project Title	Molecular tools for promoting biodiversity
Country	Sabah
Organisation	University of Leeds
Project Ref. No.	162/10/025
Report date	31.10.03

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).

All targets have been met or will be shortly:

DRF2 has completed training in molecular genetics and construction of DNA-based phylogenies

DRF1 has completed collection of data and biological material

DRF1 & 2 have completed all originally planned molecular genetic analyses at York

UK are scheduled to make their final visit to Sabah in December 2003 – January 2004

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?

We have taken advantage of the excellent progress that the project has made to sample some additional sites, including commercial oil palm plantations, that were not included in the original agreement. This has resulted in our obtaining additional ecological information concerning the ability of different species to disperse between forest fragments embedded in a matrix of plantations: this was not included in the original agreement and is a great bonus to the project. Sampling additional sites has also given us the opportunity to conduct molecular genetic analysis of some additional species and so extend our phylogenetic analysis beyond that originally envisaged. This additional molecular analysis is being carried out under the direction of DRF2 and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

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

None

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