

# Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species

## Half Year Report Form

<b>Project Title</b>	Biodiversity conservation in ancient church and moanstery yards in Ethiopia
<b>Country</b>	Ethiopia
<b>Organisation</b>	University of Wales (Bangor)
<b>Project Ref. No.</b>	10-031
<b>Report date</b>	30/10/03

**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).**

Participatory Biodiversity Appraisal in the seven focus sites has now been completed.

Training on techniques of in-situ and ex-situ biodiversity conservation has given to Ethiopian field research team.

Accounts for the 38 church and monastery sites have now been completed and are now placed on the project website for public access.

<http://members.lycos.co.uk/ethiopianplants/sacredgrove/woodland.html>

These accounts are based on data collected during the first phase fieldwork of the project.

A paper entitled "Conservation of Ethiopian sacred groves" has been published in ETFRN News Letter 38, 37-38. and this is now available as a pdf file

<http://www.etfrn.org/etfrn/newsletter/pdf/etfrnnews38.pdf>

**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?**

Although the project is progressing very well, as a result of several logistical, financial and administrative problems reported in the last annual report, there have been some delays in achieving some of the planned activities of the project. Thus, it may be difficult to complete all the activities before the end of the project period in March 2004. This has been reported to the Department by e-mail recently and I am looking forward to receiving the reaction from the Department.

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

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](mailto:stefanie.halfmann@ed.ac.uk)